

HIGHLAND VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA



PARENT GUIDE

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*RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY
STAY INFORMED AND INVOLVED AT HVES!*

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Welcome

August 28, 2009

Dear Parents:

We are so happy to have you be a part of our HVES family as we begin the 2009-2010 school year. We have a dedicated staff, great facilities, a challenging and enriching program, terrific families and wonderful kids!

Please attend our first PTA meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 1st from 7:15 – 8:45pm in the All Purpose Room. Free babysitting (for potty-trained children) and snacks will be provided.

Our agenda will include a review of our program, budget and ways to get involved for the year. Our monthly **meetings take place on the first Tuesday** of the month. Attending PTA meetings is also a great way for you to keep up with the **latest school news** and to have input into our plans and priorities.

Our PTA is very active throughout the year and with the support of enthusiastic volunteers, we host a number of exciting and enriching activities for our community.

There are many ways you can get involved:

- **Join the PTA**– membership is \$10 per family and helps fund PTA activities
- **Volunteer** – at the PTA Meeting on Sept 1st learn about opportunities for service
- **Stay Informed** – sign up at www.hvespta.com for the PTA list serve

Your involvement makes a difference to our school but most importantly to your child. Volunteering requires no special skills and the hours are flexible for parents who different work demands. This year we are encouraging every parent/guardian to make a pledge to **volunteer at least three hours during the entire school year.**

Getting to know one another is an important part of building our community spirit. Enclosed you will find information and resources to help you get involved, stay informed and advocate for your child.

Please contact me directly at 301-758-7275 or anyone on the PTA board during the year if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amber Khan
HVES PTA President

Programs and Activities

Building A Spirit of Community

- Host Free Fall and Spring Ice Cream Socials
- Coordinate Community Service Projects
- Offer Official HVES School Spritwear
- Organize Friday Family Nights – Bingo, Movie and Dances
- Support Neighborhood Restaurant Nights at El Golfo and McGinty's Pub in Silver Spring
- Host the HVES Spring Carnival
- Welcoming Activities – KG Orientation and 5th Grade Promotion

Promote Health and Wellness for Our School and Community

- Host and Run a Red Cross Blood Drive
- Coordinate Walk to School Days
- Build Pedestrian Safety Awareness
- Organize a Fall Flu Clinic
- Be Good to Your Heart Valentines Dance

Support and Appreciate Our Dedicated Staff

- Organize Welcome Back Activities – Luncheon, Greetings and Sweet Treats
- Coordinate Staff Appreciation Activities Throughout the Year
- Encourage Donations for Classrooms with our "Wednesday Wishes" Donations

Create Opportunities to Advance and Enrich Student Learning

- Sponsor Cultural Arts Assemblies for Students
- Support the Art to Remember Program in Partnership with Ms. Gearin
- Provide Financial Assistance for Field Trips
- Organize and Host After-school Clubs and Activities
- Support 5th Grade Safety Patrol Activities
- Provided Over 6K in Scholarships for Students to Participate in After-school Clubs

Promoting Communications and Outreach

- Convene Monthly Meetings Offering Free Babysitting, Coffee and Raffle Prizes
- Publish a Free PTA Directory for All Families -- Released in October
- Coordinate Hoom Room Parent and Volunteer Training
- Provide Liaison and Outreach Opportunities to Encourage Information Sharing
- Organizing a Bilingual Buddy Program to Increase Participation

Advocacy

- Educate and Inform Elected Leaders on the Needs of Our Students and School
- Provide Parents with Advocacy Resources to Assist in their Outreach to Elected Officials

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 31st at 9 AM Parent's Kiss and Cry – Coffee, Donuts and Tissue

What: Parent Support for the First Day of School – coffee, donuts and tissues
Who: Any parents or guardians not quite ready to leave
When: Anytime after drop-off between 9:15 - 9:45 AM
Where: Upstairs in the Media Center of Highland View Elementary School

Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 7PM – Bilingual Buddy “Meet and Match” in Lobby

What: Meet in the school lobby to be “paired” with a buddy who needs assist. for the PTA mtg.
Who: If you are bilingual or need translation assistance
When: 7pm on September 1st
Where: HVES School Lobby – Meet at Bilingual Buddy Sign
Info: Jaime or Ester Merlos at 240-461-2676 or MRJ2410@yahoo.com

Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 7:15 PM -- First PTA Meeting of the Year!

What: Parent Teacher Association – Orientation and First Meeting of the Year
Who: All parents and guardians of Highland View students are encouraged to attend
When: Tuesday, September 1st from 7:15- 8:45 pm
Where: All Purpose Room – Highland View Elementary School
Info: Holly Rothrock, PTA Secretary

Note: PTA meetings are held every month on the First Tuesday of the month.

Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 7PM -- Back to School Night and Classroom Orientation

What: Presentation by school leadership introducing staff and priorities for the year
Who: Parents Only
When: Wednesday, September 9th from 7-9pm
Where: Highland View – Assembly in Gym followed by classroom visits
Info: Contact Ms. Hyder at 301-650-6426

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7PM -- PTA Leadership and Project Coordinators Meeting

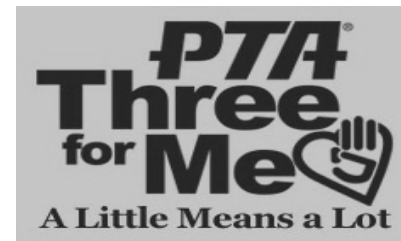
What: PTA Board Meeting with Officers and Leadership Team
Who: PTA Officers, Committee chairs and Project coordinators
When: Tuesday, September 15th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: Office Conference Room – Highland View Elementary School
Info: Holly Rothrock, PTA Secretary

Friday, Sept. 18th at 7pm -- Back to School Ice Cream Social “Free”

What: Enjoy ice cream and music at HVES while meeting parents and families
Who: Whole family is invited
When: Friday, September 18th from 7-9pm
Where: Get your ice cream or non-dairy treat in the All Purpose Room

Can You Give Three Hours in 9 months?

Thankfully, many people are now beginning to understand the vital role family involvement plays in the success of students.



But did you know that the more families are involved in their children's education, the more teachers, school administrators, and the community also benefit? And the benefits of family involvement in children's education occur regardless of family background.

There are challenges, however, that hinder family involvement. One big challenge is time. Other challenges include lack of transportation, language barriers, not feeling welcomed, and feelings of inadequacy.

To help address these challenges, the Highland View the PTA started the 3 for Me program last year to help our parent community overcome the obstacles. The participation has been great but we want even more families to get involved and give 3 hours over 9 months.

Where to Start?

Throughout the year we have volunteer needs – things that you can do from home or at school depending on your schedule. This can include activities from helping to make copies to organizing a class party, going on a field trip or cutting out materials for teachers from home.

Step 1: Find a Volunteer Job / Opening

Volunteers Wanted announcements will be posted in the main foyer, announced at meetings and included in monthly PTA newsletters and online via the website and list serve

Step 2: Let the Project Coordinator Know You Can Volunteer

Let the coordinator know you can volunteer and get additional details

Step 3: Volunteer and Log Your Hours

After you volunteer, fill out the Volunteer Log Book in the main office of the school

Need More Information?

**Please contact our volunteer coordinator Heather Powers Sauter
at hpowers@realia.com or at 301-704-0907.**

After School Enrichment Activities

Soccer (Tuesdays 3:30-4:30, grades K-5, 8 weeks, \$80, starts 9/29 ends 11/17)

Coached by American Soccer Academy www.americansocceracademy.net

Grades K-2- “First Touches to Success” Curriculum: Students will learn introductory soccer skills through an adventure soccer curriculum which will emphasize the basics of the game in a SAFE and FUN environment conducive to learning. American Soccer Academy's professionally licensed and screened staff coaches will dynamically present the arts of dribbling, passing, and shooting while allowing the students to be challenged at every moment.

Grades 3-5- “Essentials to Advancement” Curriculum: Students will experience a strong emphasis on fun and learning but will begin to explore the more advanced aspects of the beautiful game. American Soccer Academy's professionally licensed coaches will go over developing first touch, dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending skills as well as playing small sided games which will allow players of all levels and abilities to be introduced to the more tactical facet of the game.

Karate (Fridays 3:30-4:30, grades K-5, 8 weeks, \$80, starts 9/25 ends 12/4)

Kaizen Karate school of martial arts; www.kaizenkaratemd.com

Kaizen Karate offers instruction and training in Tang Soo Do & Ju-Jitsu. Through intense study of the martial arts for over 22yrs, Coach V has created a unique blend that develops each student to their potential physically, mentally and spiritually.

Girls on the Run (Tuesdays 7:45-9:00 am, Wednesdays 3:45-5:00. grades 3-5, \$153, starts 9/15 ends 11/22)

Organized by Susan Wilson; www.girlsontherun.org

Girls on the Run® programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development.

Creative Adventures (Tuesdays 3:30-5:00, grades 1-5, 6 weeks, \$110, starts 10/6 ends 11/10)

For more information visit www.artinyou.com

In each class children create visual art projects, exploring a variety of materials and techniques.

Roundhouse Theatre (Mondays 3:45-4:45, grades K-1, starts 10/5 ends 11/30; Thursdays 3:45-4:45, grades 2-5, starts 10/1 ends 12/3; 8 weeks, \$80). www.roundhousetheatre.org

Grades K-1: Animal Tales Explore the wild side of the animal kingdom from the safety and warmth of a classroom. Each week, students will discover new creatures—from the smallest mouse to the most magnificent dragon—through creative play, song, movement, and visual arts. *Animal Tales* concludes with an open class showing for family members.

Grades 2-5: Fractured Fairytales What if the Big Bad Wolf blew down the Little Pig's house of bricks? Or if Cinderella was evil and her step sisters were nice? What would happen if your favorite fairy tales took place today? In this workshop, students can take control of classic stories and characters, and re-imagine them through improvisation and playmaking. *Fractured Fairytales* culminates in an informal showing of short scenes for family members.

Spanish (Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 grades K-1, starts 9/30 ends 12/9; Mondays 3:30-4:30 grades 2-3, starts 10/5 ends 12/14, 10 weeks, \$110): for more information contact Ms. Jackie Carvajal at jackiecarvajal@hotmail.com.

Hands on Science (Wednesdays 3:35-4:35 grades 2-3, starts 10/14 ends 12/9; Thursdays 3:35-4:35 grades K-1, starts 10/15 ends 12/17, 8 weeks, \$70) www.hosprograms.org

Children use scientific processes including observation, comparison, prediction and measurement to ask questions, conduct experiments and learn how science is involved in their daily lives.

Highland View Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Membership Form

The Highland View PTA is an organization of parents and teachers:

- ◆ Who work together to create a community focused on supporting and speaking on behalf of the students at Highland View.
- ◆ Who bring into closer relation the home and the school, so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of our children.
- ◆ Who develop between Highland View educators, parent and the general community such united efforts as will secure for all children the highest advantages in physical, mental, and social education.

La PTA de Highland View es una asociación para padres y maestros:

- ◆ *que trabaja conjuntamente para crear una comunidad enfocada en apoyar y hablar en nombre de los estudiantes de Highland View.*
- ◆ *que desarrolla una relación más cercana entre la casa y la escuela para que padres y maestros puedan cooperar inteligentemente en la educación de nuestros niños.*
- ◆ *que desarrolla entre los educadores de Highland View, padres, y la comunidad en general esfuerzos unido para asegurar las condiciones máximas en la educación física, mental y social.*

Join the HVES-PTA Listserv / Ensemblar Listserv de HVES PTA

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hves-pta> and then click "Join This Group!" Follow the instructions to create a yahoo profile. If you have any questions, e-mail the listserv moderator, Joe Baremore at baremore@yahoo.com. / Vaya a <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hves-pta> y entonces chasque "Join this Group!" Siga las instrucciones. Si usted tiene preguntas, e-mail Joe Baremore en baremore@yahoo.com.

OR, send an e-mail to the following/o E-mail:

Subscribe: hves-pta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
 Post messages: hves-pta@yahoogroups.com
 Unsubscribe: hves-pta-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Cut here and return the completed form below with your membership dues to HVES/ Corte aquí y mande

Your Name (Tu nombre): _____

Address (Direccion): _____

Phone (Telefono): _____

Email (Direccion electronica): _____

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3
Name			
Grade			

- **\$10 Membership Fee (Cuota de membresía)** \$ _____
- **Donation for PTA activities (Donacion)** \$ _____

Make You Groceries Count!

- Please clip “**Box Tops**” from General Mills products and save them for the fall class competition!
- Register for **Giant BonusBuck**, go to www.giantfood.com/aplus to designate HVES using ID **00843** or call 1-877-366-2668.
- Register for **Safeway’s** program, go online to www.escrip.com. HVES’ group number is **6656693**.
- Save your **Snider’s** receipts and send them to school.
- Shop online by registering at **schoolpop.com**. Our school I.D. is **122985**—just fill out the form and a portion of the sales from your purchases from the 500+ merchants will go to Highland View. If you have questions, call 1-678-405-9259

These funds were used for buying paper to replacing damaged carpeting in the music room. These undesignated funds assist our school in meeting unexpected needs, and purchasing materials and resources which strengthen Highland View.

- *Corte los logos “**Box Tops**” de productos de General Mills, y guárdelos para el concurso que se organiza por clase en el otoño.*
- *Para “**Giant BonusBuck**,” usando su computadora, valla a www.giantfood.com/aplus y designe HVES usando código **00843**, o llame a 1-877-366-2668.*
- *Para “Safeway,” usando su computadora, valla a www.escrip.com. El número del grupo de HVES’ es **6656693**.*
- *Guarde sus recibos de **Snider’s** y mándelos a la escuela.*
- *Si usted hace compras “on-line” usando el internet, regístrase a **schoolpop.com**. El número de identificación para HVES es **122985**. Cuando usted llene el formulario, una porción de sus compras de más que 500 vendedores vuelve a HVES. Preguntas: llame a 1-678-405-9259.*

Estos fondos ayudan a nuestra escuela con gastos inesperadas, compra de materias les y recursos que refuerzan a Highland View.

Bilingual Buddies/ Amigos bilingües

Bilingual Buddies is a new program that will ensure our non-English speaking parents will be able to easily participate in all our PTA activities and meetings. Through this program, our student population will be fully represented and active. *Estamos introduciendo el programa de amigos bilingües que asegura que los padres que no hablen Ingles puedan participar en las actividades y reuniones de la PTA. Esperamos que con este programa la diversa población estudiantil de la escuela este correctamente representada y activa en la PTA.*

Es usted un padre que no habla ingles y quiere participar en este programa? _____ si _____ no

We need bilingual members willing to help our program get started.

Are you bilingual? _____ yes _____ no If yes, what language(s)? _____

Are you willing to translate/work with a non-English speaking PTA member? _____

If you have any questions, contact Jaime or Ester Merlos at 240-461-2676 or MRJ2410@yahoo.com. Si usted tiene preguntas, llame o email Jaime o Ester Merlos en 240-461-2676 o MRJ2410@yahoo.com.