

PAW PRINTS

HICKORY CENTER PTO NEWSLETTER



President's Message



Thank you everyone for all your participation in the November PTO events! Keep up the participation in PTO events so we can meet our big goal for this year to cover partial field trips costs and cover improvements to the playground grounds. Remember our monthly PTO meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Enter via door 2. Our next meeting is Tuesday January 9th, 2024.

The second graders are leading in the participation in the most PTO events attended for the month of November. They had a total of 28 friends participate in the November Movie Night and Dessert Dash! Way to go second graders! Remember students are competing for a grade level movie and popcorn party at the end of the year provided by the PTO!

Have a great month!
Amanda Fudge
PTO President

PTO Board

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Amanda Fudge

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Chaylee Anderson

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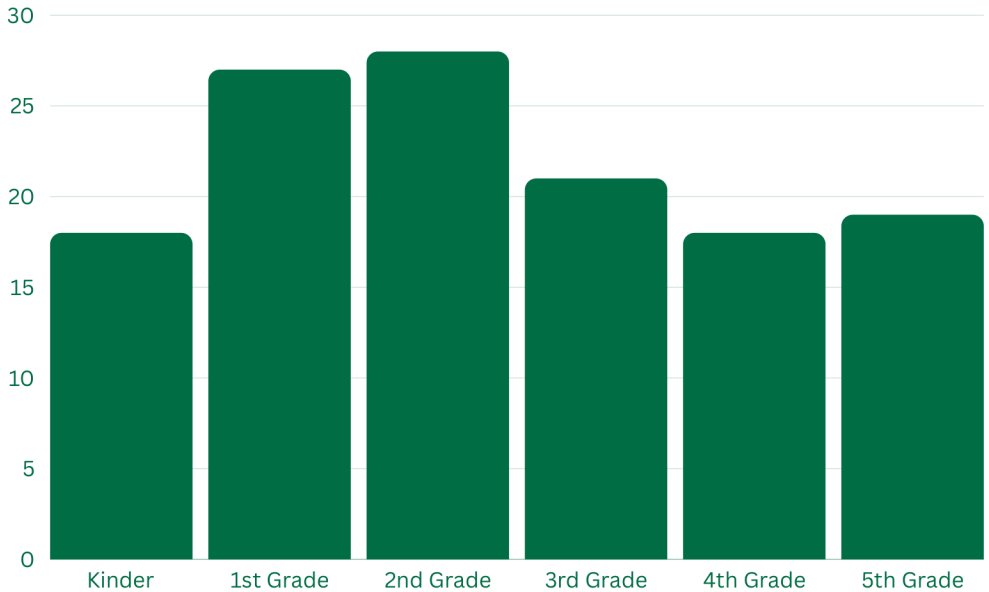
Sarah Beth Shaffer

Teacher

Representatives:

Jenn Fitch & Kaylin Nichols

PTO Participation Grade Wars



Upcoming Events & for more information keep scrolling!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 PTO Meeting 6:30p | 6 PTO Provided Teacher & Staff Treats | 7 | 8 | 9 | |
| 10 | 11 Panda Express Dine to Donate 10a-10p Lima Rd | 12 Holiday Shop Dec 11th thru Dec 15th | | | 14 | 15 Popcorn Friday | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 No School | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

Enjoy and have a safe break and we will see you January 8, 2024!



Check out our Cheddar UP website for all PTO Fundraising Event Sign Ups!

<https://hickorycenterpto.mycheddarup.com> or scan the QR codes on the event flyers!

The Holiday Treasures Shop Opens from 12/11/23 and runs thru 12/15/23

Kids can buy special gifts for Mom, Dad, family, and friends! This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special gifts for family and friends.

This year you can send a Gift Voucher instead of cash.

Children can shop with a prepaid voucher instead of cash or check.

You can preview gifts and purchase prepaid vouchers to use at the shop online at: www.3718580.holidaytreasures.com

We will need adult volunteers to help during the shop.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8A62EA3FFCE9-46189114-holiday>.

Thank you for your help!

Katie Fultz



Calling all elves!

**Volunteers needed
at our Holiday Shop!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8A62EA3FFCE9-46189114-holidaytle>



Fundraiser for

Hickory Center Elementary PTO

20% of event sales will be donated

Please help support the Hickory Center Elementary School PTO.



When

Monday, December 11, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:

**6205 Lima Rd. Fort Wayne IN 46818
(260) 416 - 0002**

How to Order



Online

**PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 358366 in the fundraiser code box**

or



In-Person

**Bring paper flyer or show it on
your smartphone**

Order ahead or on the event day Monday, December 11, 2023



Health and Safety

Committed to your health and safety. Panda Express is recognized as **America's safest restaurant brand.**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed. Panda Restaurant Group will donate 20% of all purchases made, pre-tax and before fees, at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location when purchased with your unique code at check-out or when a copy of this flyer is presented. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible.

No Movie Night in December!



Show Date: Friday, January 19, 2024

Show time: 2:40PM (Students will go to the cafeteria after school)

*Be sure to send a transportation change note to your student's teacher

Pick-Up: 4:30pm in the gym (enter via door 2) **Please be prompt with picking up your child and note that the time has changed.**

Cost of show: \$7.00 (includes movie, popcorn and a snack)

Who: the first 200 hickory center students **only**

*Students may bring a pillow, blanket and one stuffed animal. remember to send a water bottle with a closed lid for your student. Students are sitting by grade in the gym. If your student has a food allergy, please send an alternative snack.



Reserve the ticket by: Wednesday, January 17th by 5pm on the Hickory Center PTO's CheddarUp page.



POPCORN FRIDAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
SEND IN YOUR \$1 STARTING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

***1 BAG PER STUDENT PLEASE**



PARENT SPONSORED LUNCHEONS FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF!

We have a fun monthly luncheon for our teachers and staff sponsored by Hickory Center parents to show them how much we appreciate what they do for our children each day! A full belly is an appreciated belly!

Each month a Grade Level will sponsor the luncheon with donated to match the theme of the month!

Thank you to our 3rd grade parents for their help with taco bar and our December treats are sponsored!

Next up: 2nd grade parents, we will be providing the teachers and staff lunch in January!



We are still looking for an
Enrichment Coordinator for the Spring.
Please reach out to Amanda Fudge at
HickoryCenterPTOPresident@gmail.com
if interested.



**Thank you to everyone
who supported our
Dessert Dash!**



FUNDRAISING EVENT COORDINATORS

Spring Enrichment: Open

Cross Country: Kaylin Nichols/Amanda Fudge

RaiseRight: Mike Fudge

Movie Night: Amy Johnson/Amanda Fudge

Popcorn: Kathy Phillips/ Amanda Fudge/ Kaylin Nichols

End of Year Celebration: Kortney Sirk

Holiday Shoppe: Katie Fultz

Penny/Grade Wars: Kortney Sirk

Glow Dance: Sarah Beth Shaffer

BINGO Night: Chaylee Anderson

Spirit War: Pat Donely (Game One)/ Amanda Fudge

Silent Auction: Molly Golden

Carnival: Molly Golden

Yearbook: Chaylee Anderson

Dessert Dash: Kamie Libey

School Supply Kits: Kamie Libey

Mad Anthony Soap Fundraiser:

Katie Fultz/ Amanda Fudge

Dine and Donate: Katie Fultz/ Amanda Fudge



RaiseRight™

You earn money and support Hickory Center PTO.

Participating families received up to \$500 in rebate checks last year!

RaiseRight is a mobile app, which allows you and your family to purchase eGift cards & Gift Cards for everyday purchases!

- Rewards can be as high as 20% of your purchase price and are split 50/50 between Hickory Center & Your Family
- eGift Cards can be instantly available in your digital wallet within the RaiseRight App
- You can order physical gift cards which can be delivered to your home address

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Kroger Community Rewards Program

Step-by-Step Instructions

For years Kroger has been helping local schools, churches and other qualified nonprofit organizations earn millions of dollars through their Kroger Community Rewards Program. They have recently made that program even easier...and Hickory Center PTO is proud to be part of Kroger's Community Reward Program!

You can easily support your Hickory Center PTO by following these simple steps to enroll in the Kroger Community Reward Program!

First go to [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) or [pay-less.com](https://www.pay-less.com)

Sign-in or Create an Account then set up your store to shop in the upper right-hand corner.

Under your name (top right) click on the arrow to My Account. Click on "My Account"

On the left side, click on Preferences and make sure the preferred store listed is your local store, make any changes necessary.

On the left-hand side choose "Community Rewards" then click on "Enroll" or "Change Organization"

You can then search "Hickory Center Elementary PTO" or by the Organization Number: QP133

Once you find the organization you will click "Enroll"

You will see a green circle with a check mark message that says "You have successfully enrolled in Community Rewards"

If this doesn't work, log out completely, clear your browser history, cache and cookies.

When you log back into [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com), go back to Community Rewards and type the name or organization number and click on the search (magnify glass) NOT ENTER, and you should find your organization and click enroll.

Please reach out to Amanda Fudge at HickoryCenterPTO@gmail.com with questions.

