

# PAW PRINTS

## HICKORY CENTER PTO NEWSLETTER



### President's Message



Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope you had a nice break and were able to get some much-needed rest to gear up for the remainder of the school year. A big thank you to everyone who participated in and volunteered at the PTO Holiday Shop! It was a huge success, and the students were so excited to shop for their loved ones!

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. Also, please consider volunteering for the upcoming PTO events! We can't do it without our volunteers!

Remember our monthly PTO meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. This month we will be meeting in the Staff Lounge. Enter via door 2. Our next meeting is Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There was no change to the leaderboard for the month of December because we did not have any other PTO events outside of the Holiday Shop. We do have plenty of fun events this January so make sure you are participating! 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

**President:**

Amanda Fudge

**Vice President:**

Chaylee Anderson

**Secretary:**

Kari Akey

**Treasurer:**

Katie Fultz

**Communications:**

Sarah Starcher

**Volunteer Coordinator:**

Open

**Ways and Means:**

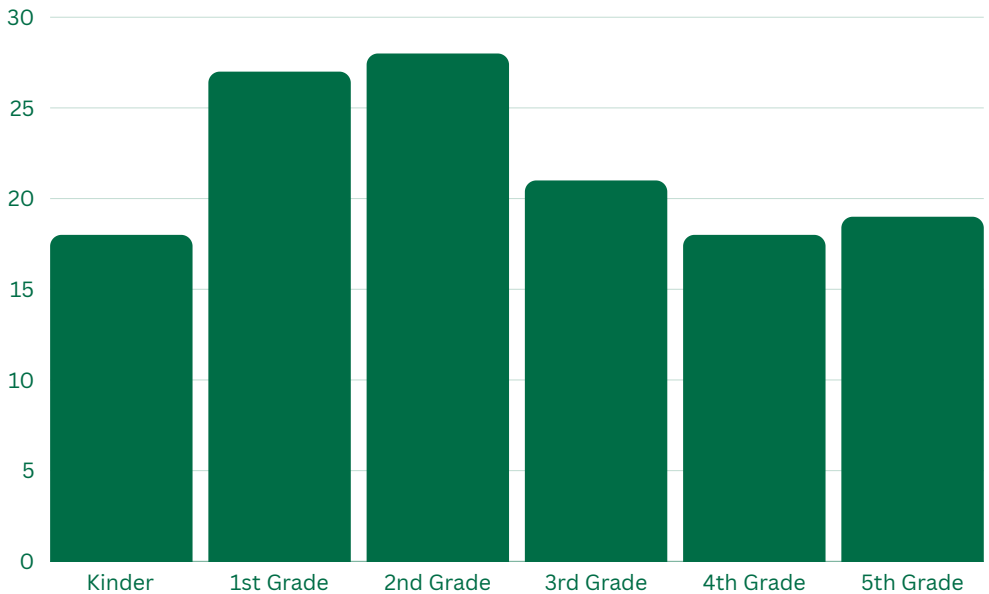
Sarah Beth Shaffer

**Teacher**

**Representatives:**

Jenn Fitch & Kaylin Nichols

### PTO Participation Grade Wars



Upcoming Events & for more information keep scrolling!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Enjoy and have a safe break and we will see you January 8, 2024!	2	3 No School	4	5	6
7	8	9 PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm in Staff Lounge	10	11	12	13
14	15 No School	16	17 TLC lunch for Teacher & Staff, 2nd Grade Provided	18	19 PTO Movie Night featuring Leo	20
21	22	23	24 Dine to Donate @ Chipotle- Lima Road 4p-8p	25	26 Popcorn Friday & <b>GLOW DANCE</b>	27
28	29	30	31			



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!

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# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**HICKORY CENTER PTO**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH | 4-8PM**  
6175 LIMA RD, FORT WAYNE, IN, 46818

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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **C84Y8X9**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



**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.**





# HICKORY CENTER GLOW DANCE

Who: Hickory Center students & special adult  
Where: Hickory Center gymnasium and cafeteria  
When: January 26th from 6-8pm

## -TICKETS-

one (1) student & one (1) adult - \$15  
additional (1) student - \$7  
additional (1) adult - \$8  
\*\*each entrant will receive a glow  
stick, one cookie, and one lemonade

Buy your tickets @

<https://hickorycenterpto.mycheddarup.com>

We will have pizza &  
chips for purchase  
until we sell out!

glow accessories  
available for sale  
at dance 2/\$5

Refreshments  
done @ 7:45pm  
Accessories done  
@ 7:30pm

Enter  
through  
door 2

Sign up to volunteer @

<https://m.signupgenius.com/?>

[#!/showSignUp/10C0E45A8A62EA3FFCE9-46838621-glow](https://m.signupgenius.com/?#!/showSignUp/10C0E45A8A62EA3FFCE9-46838621-glow)

Parent or adult must accompany student(s)  
for entirety of dance.



**POPCORN FRIDAY**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH**  
**SEND IN YOUR \$1 STARTING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND**

**\*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!

Next up: 2nd grade parents, we will be providing the teachers and staff lunch on January 26!



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



DO YOU KNOW  
A CONTRACTOR  
LOOKING FOR  
SOME NEW  
BUSINESS?

WE NEED  
YOUR HELP!

Hickory Center  
Elementary Staff &  
the PTO are wanting  
to update the  
existing playground  
and need some  
quotes to get the  
process started!

Please email Mr. Wilhelm or Amanda Fudge, if you  
know of anyone! [tim.wilhelm@nacs.k12.in.us](mailto:tim.wilhelm@nacs.k12.in.us) and  
[HickoryCenterPTOPresident@gmail.com](mailto:HickoryCenterPTOPresident@gmail.com)



# 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](http://Kroger.com) or [pay-less.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:HickoryCenterPTO@gmail.com) with questions.

