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HICKORY CENTER PTO NEWSLETTER



President's Message



Wow! What a fun way to start the new year off with the GLOW Dance! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the dance. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to all the families that came and danced the night away! Clearly, we have a lot of Taylor Swift fans at Hickory Center!

Also, thank you to those families who donated their canceled January Movie Night ticket fee to the PTO. 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 in the cafeteria. Enter via door 2. Our next meeting is Tuesday February 6th, 2024.

The second and fourth graders are leading in the participation in the most PTO events attended for the month of January! They had a total of 32 friends participate in the GLOW Dance!

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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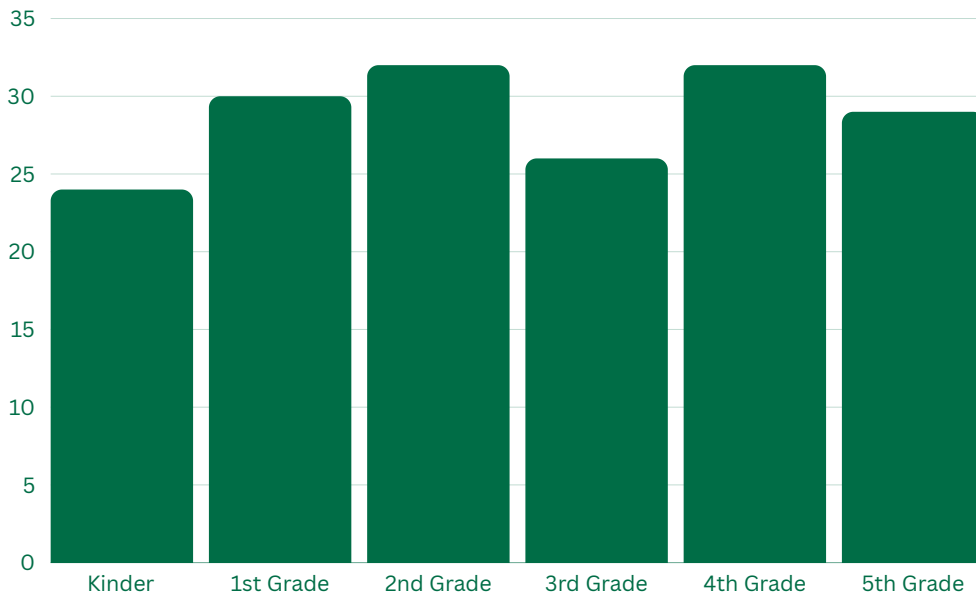
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Sarah Starcher

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Keli Little

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	2	3
4 HC Komet Hockey Night	5	6 PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm in Staff Lounge	7 No School	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 TLC lunch for Teacher & Staff, 1st Grade Sponsored	15	16 PTO Movie Night featuring Trolls Band Together	17
18	19 Potential Make-Up Day	20	21 BINGO Night 6p-8p	22	23 Popcorn Friday	24
25	26	27 Dine to Donate at Zianos- Dupont 11a-9p	28	29		



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!



Rated: PG

Show Date: Friday, February 16, 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, February 14th by 5pm on the Hickory Center PTO's CheddarUp page.

<https://hickorycenterpto.mycheddarup.com>



BINGO NIGHT

Wednesday February 21

Bingo starts promptly at 6pm; doors open at 5:30pm
in the Hickory Center Elementary Cafeteria

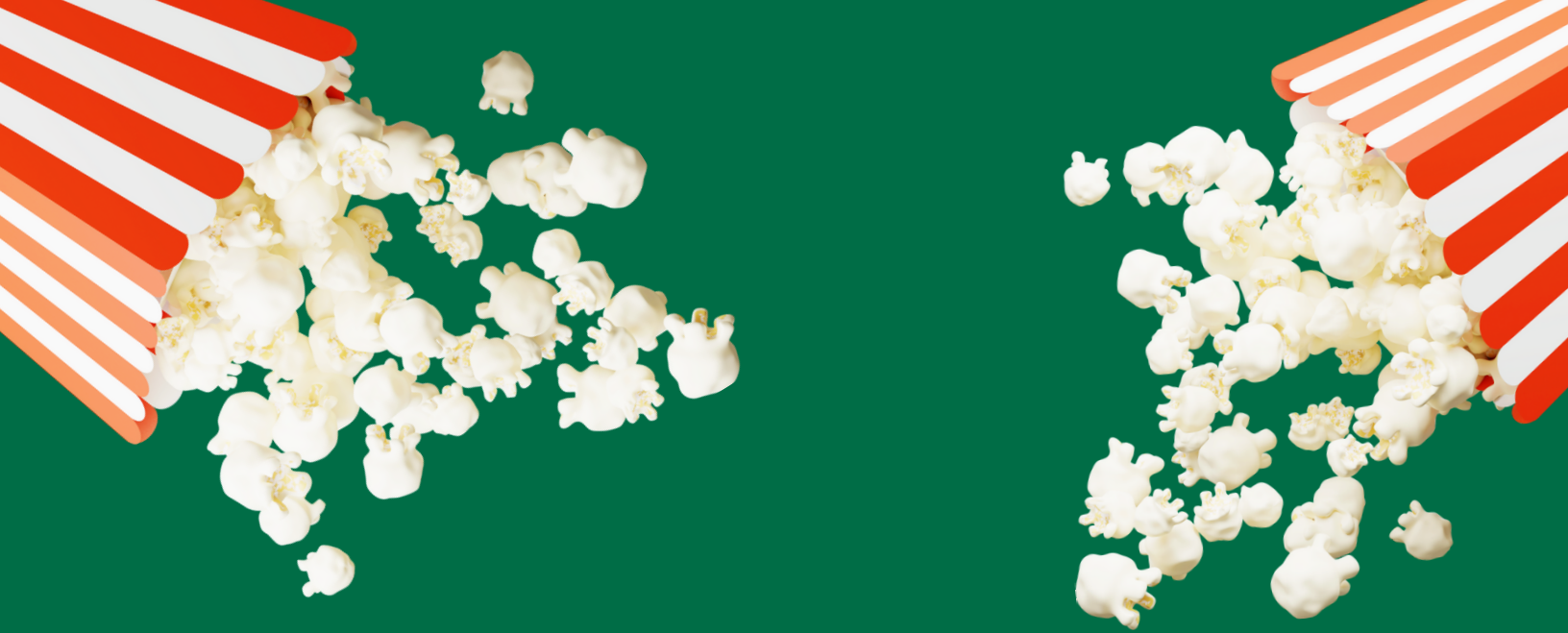
Who: Current Hickory Center students + an adult
(Students must be accompanied by an adult)

Admission: \$15.00 (student + adult) \$7.00 additional
Student

The ticket price includes, your game board(s),
markers, a Popcorn and a Lemonade/water

Seating is limited to 192 seats due to the tables in the
cafeteria

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POPCORN FRIDAY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
SEND IN YOUR \$1 STARTING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
***1 BAG PER STUDENT PLEASE**

Please consider volunteering to help pop popcorn. To volunteer please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8A62EA3FFCE9-44680913-popcorn>

Welcome
to

Zianos

Come support Hickory Center
PTO by dining at Zianos from
11a—9p Tuesday February 27,
2024.

Please show this flyer
(digital or paper) so we can
get 20% of the proceeds

Dupont Location Only—
702 E. Dupont Rd. Fort
Wayne, IN 46825



SAVE THE DATE



Hickory Center Ice Skating Day
Sunday, March 3rd 2p-3:30p
at SportOne Ice House
3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

More information coming home soon!



Your Hickory Center PTO is excited to offer our students the opportunity to sign up for after school enrichment classes this Spring! These classes provide fun and informative learning experiences that may not be offered during the regular school day.

Classes run in March from 2:30pm to 3:30pm (unless otherwise noted in the class description on Cheddar Up). Transportation home from these classes is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. **Remember to send in a change of transportation note on the day of class**

All registration for classes will be completed on the Cheddar Up website. **Please make sure to complete separate forms if signing up multiple students for one event.**

Students will be brought out with their Enrichment teacher. You do not need to get out of the car. Be sure to mark down dates when collection closes the calendar will no longer be available. Note: If a class doesn't meet the minimum number of participants, you will be refunded

March Registration is OPEN on our Cheddar Up page from 2/5/24 to 3/1/24:
<https://hickorycenterpto.mycheddarup.com> or scanning the QR code below

March Enrichment Classes

- Monday, March 4th: Manicure Party with Mrs. Koch
- Thursday, March 7th: Rock Painting with Mrs. Marlow
- Monday, March 11th: Intro to Basketball with Mr. Etter (Grades K-2)
- Tuesday, March 12th: Intro to Basketball with Mr. Etter (Grades 3-5)
- Thursday, March 14th: Candle Making with Cedar Creek Candles
- Monday, March 18th and 25th: Learn Spanish with Mrs. Bierley (this is a two day class)
- Tuesday, March 26th: Spring themed Cupcake Decorating
- Thursday, March 28th: Slime Making with Cedar Creek Candles



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 2nd grade parents for the yummy lunch in January!

Next up: 1st grade parents, we will be providing the teachers and staff lunch on February 14th! Be on the lookout for the SignUpGenius link!

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

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 or 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, 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.

