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HICKORY CENTER PTO NEWSLETTER

President's Message



We are moving right along this year and hopefully the warm weather starts to stick around! Mr. Wilhelm has been working hard to get quotes from local construction companies to complete the much-needed updates to our playground grounds. More information to come...

We had great turn outs at the Hickory Center Komets Game Night, February Movie Night, and BINGO Night! 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 March 5th, 2024.

The Kindergarteners are leading in the participation in the most PTO events attended for the month of February! They had a total of 49 friends participate in the February Events!

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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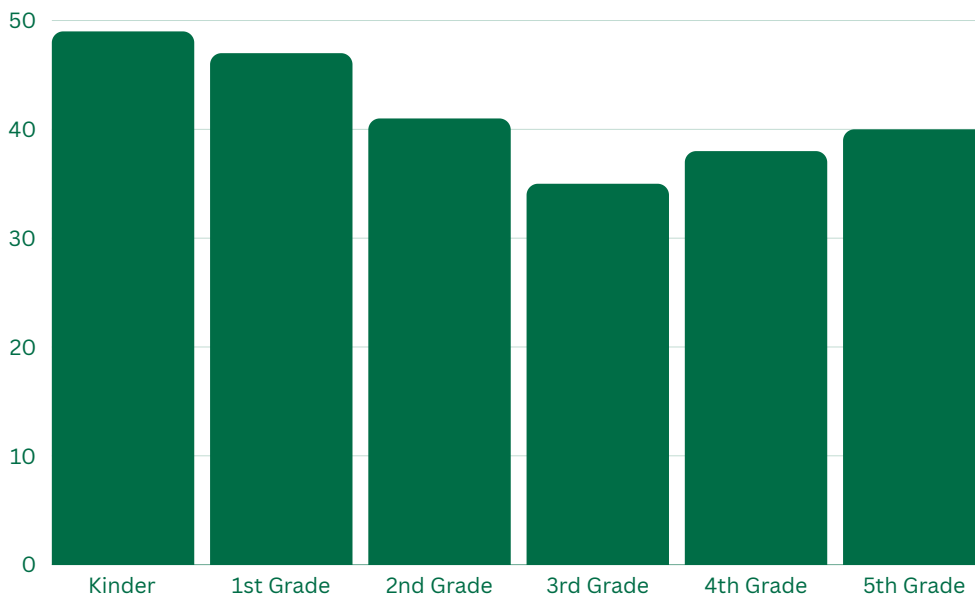
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PTO Participation Grade Wars



Upcoming Events & for more information keep scrolling!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Ice Skating at the Icehouse 2p-3:30p	4 Manicure Party with Mrs. Koch- Art Room	5 PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm in Staff Lounge	6	7 Dine to Donate at Guadalupe's- Dupont 11a-9p Rock Painting with Mrs. Marlow	8	9
10	11 Intro to Basketball w/ Mr. Etter (K-2) - Gym	12 Intro to Basketball w/ Mr. Etter (3-5)- Gym	13 TLC lunch for Teacher & Staff, Kindergarten Sponsored	14 Candle making with Cedar Creek Candles- Cafeteria	15 No School- Potential Make-Up Day	16
17	18 Learn Spanish with Mrs. Bireley (2 Day Class)- Foyer	19 Lucky Locks Hair Sparkles	20	21	22 Movie Night feat. Leo- Gym	23
24	25 Learn Spanish with Mrs. Bireley (2 Day Class)- Foyer	26 Cupcake Decorating w/ Goodspeed Sweets- Cafeteria	27	28 Popcorn Thursday! Slime Making with Cedar Creek Candles- Cafeteria	29 No School- Start of Spring Break	30



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!



Support your Hickory Center PTO!

GUADALUPE'S

MEXICAN GRILL

**DINE TO
DONATE**

Thursday March 7th, 2024

Guadalupe's Mexican Grill

545 E Dupont Rd

Fort Wayne, IN 46825

10:30 AM- 8:00 PM

Good for **dine in, takeout, or online orders**

**MUST present this flyer or show a digital copy when
ordering** for 15% of sales go to **Hickory Center PTO**

FOOD MADE FRESH





Show Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 ** NOTE- NEW DATE**

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, March 20th by 5pm on the Hickory Center PTO's CheddarUp page.

<https://hickorycenterpto.mycheddarup.com>





POPCORN THURSDAY
THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH
SEND IN YOUR \$1 STARTING
MONDAY, MARCH 25TH

***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>



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 April 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.**

March Registration is OPEN on our Cheddar Up page from 3/4/24 to 4/6/24:
<https://hickorycenterpto.mycheddarup.com> or scanning the QR code below

April Enrichment Classes

- Monday, April 8th: Try Soccer for the Day with The Plex
- Tuesday, April 9th: Lucky Locks Hair Sparkles
- Tuesday, April 9th: Soap Making with Cedar Creek Candles
- Thursday, April 11th, April 18th & April 25th: Intro to Martial Arts with Premier Martial Arts **(All 3 days included in price!)**
- Monday, April 15th: Ninja Zone with More Than Gymnastics
- Monday, April 22nd: 3D Printing Class with Mrs. Page **(3rd-5th Graders ONLY) ** Note please only sign up for 1 3D Printing Class Per Session**
- Tuesday, April 23rd: Flower Canvas Painting with Mrs. Gordon
- Thursday, April 25th: Whipped Sugar Scrub Class with Cedar Creek Candle Company
- Friday, April 26th: Learn How to Draw Cartoons with Mr. Yolch!
- Monday, April 29th: 3D Printing Class with Mrs. Page (3rd-5th Graders ONLY) **** Note please only sign up for 1 3D Printing Class Per Session**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PTO

CALL-OUT MEETING

FOR THE 2024—2025

SCHOOL YEAR!

WHEN?

April 23th
6:30pm

WHO?

- All HC Parents
- Grandparents
- Teachers & Staff

WHERE?

Hickory Center
Cafeteria

FACEBOOK LINK—



The call-out meeting is to come see what the PTO has to offer. Also to find out the open positions & how to get involved.

WHY JOIN?

- You will get to know first what is going on at the school.
- Help plan and have a say in events held at the school.
- Research shows that when parents are involved children do better.
- Meet friends and be apart of something great—Volunteering is Healthy.



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 1st grade parents for the yummy lunch in February!

Next up: Kindergarten parents, we will be providing the teachers and staff lunch on March 13th! Be on the lookout for the SignUpGenius link!

Be on the lookout for
information about Grade
Wars and the Silent Auction
coming up!

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 Wear: 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
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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.

