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Hannah School PTO News

September PTO Meeting Update

Thanks to all the parents who attended our kick-off PTO meeting. A number of great ideas were generated and we look forward to putting them into place.

One way for parents to get involved in areas where they may have a particular interest is by joining one of our new committees. These committees will meet on a semi-regular basis, at a time and location to be determined by its members.

Arts & Enrichment Committee
Working with teachers and the principal, this committee schedules in-school cultural and curriculum related programs. Membership here looks good on your resume.

Social Committee
If “wholesome family fun” is your middle name, consider helping this committee organize community-wide events that occur after school hours.

Fundraising Committee
This committee will plan events and programs to maximize returns and minimize “going to the well too often.” Anyone who has recently hit the lottery is especially welcome.

Walking School Bus Committee
A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school to as structured as a route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers. This committee will not just “talk the talk” but will literally

“walk the walk” by exploring safe and viable options for walkers.

Library Committee
This committee will work to enhance the resources of the Hannah library. No Dewey decimal experience required.

If you are interested in joining any of these committees or would like more information, please contact Andrea Connor at 978-927-4107 or at ajconnor@comcast.net.

Dates and Deadlines

Genevieve Fundraiser Forms Due Wednesday, September 24
Consider using this fundraiser to buy items you’ll use throughout the year - holiday and birthday gifts, hostess gifts, wrapping paper and candy, etc. You can also order at www.genevieve.com. Orders over \$70 qualify for free shipping.

Momball Tournament September 26-28
Come out and support Hannah moms as they take the field at Harry Ball for this annual event, now in its 9th year.



International Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 8
Take a hike and walk to Hannah if you can on this day!

October PTO Meeting Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.
Meet in the Teacher’s Lounge. We will be discussing the Hoedown (see next page), November events and what everyone did for their 5-day Columbus Day weekend.

Top 5 Reasons to Get Involved with the Hannah PTO

From the home office in Beverly, MA

- 5 We don’t serve snacks so you won’t gain any weight.
- 4 It’s a night out!
- 3 We try and get you home before *Dancing with the Stars* starts at 9:00 p.m.
- 2 We put the “fun” in fundraising.
- 1 Studies show that when parents are involved in school, children go farther and the schools they go to are better!

Be kind. Be responsible. Be the best you can be. The choice is yours.

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Hannah Harvest Hoedown

Friday, October 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Make a scarecrow for Halloween. Do-si-do at the square dance. Enjoy cider donuts from Russell Orchards. Details will be sent home soon.

Tidbits

Hannah School Directory

Information for the directory is currently being entered and will be published in the next couple of weeks.

5th Grade Fundraising

A meeting to discuss the 5th grade fundraising effort will take place on Tuesday, September 23 at 2:15 p.m. If you cannot attend but want to help, please contact Pam Sweet at 978-927-9322 or at blausweet@comcast.net.

First Annual Hannah School Spirit "Design a T-Shirt Contest"

Next month, all students will be invited to design a new Hannah School T-shirt! All entries will be reviewed and five designs will be selected as finalists for a

school-wide showing. In November, we'll have our own "election" and students will vote for the winning design. Details will be sent home soon.

Wanted: Portable Work Lights

Due to the pesky fact that the days are getting shorter and that we must hold the Hannah Harvest Hoedown outside, we are in need of several portable work lights (preferably those on a stand) to light the basketball court for our Square Dance. If you have one or two or ten we can borrow, please contact Marie Mallott at 978-927-9098 or at deanmarie777@msn.com.

Office Depot 5% Back to Schools

Did you know that every time you make a qualifying purchase in-store or online at Office Depot, Hannah School can receive credits to use for free supplies? Just provide them with our school ID number (70043345) and even if you don't have the ID number with you, you can ask the store clerk to look it up. Office Depot School ID Cards are also available in the office.

PTO≠Black Hole

Unlike your cell phone provider, the Hannah PTO has no binding contract and no early termination fee. If you want to only give us an hour of your time, we'll only take an hour. If you don't want or can't make our meetings, but want to be considered a "go-to" guy or gal, we want to know who you are. If this arrangement appeals to you, please give your name and contact info to Catherine Barrett at 978-969-1023 or at catherinebarrett@hotmail.com. When we are in need of help in a particular area, we'll let you know and depending on your schedule, you can commit as you see fit.



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