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Presidents Corner

Welcome to this year's inaugural edition of the PTA's newsletter, the Eagle Eye. We hope you find the information useful - please share it with friends. Sign up for your own copy at the PTA's website.

Everyone is concerned about the flu this year. In light of this, the PTA will be holding a Flu Vaccination Clinic at the school on Saturday, Sept 26th (see details below). Also, please take customary precautions of frequent hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when sick. These concepts may sound trite, but they work. We are all in close quarters at the school, so it's important that we all work together.

If you haven't already, please join the PTA at Haynes Bridge MS and ask friends and neighbors to do so as well. The more the merrier, as they say. By joining and participating in our fundraising efforts, you help us provide curriculum and extracurricular support to all students at HBMS.

Karen LeCates
PTA President

National PTA Reflections Program "Beauty Is..."

"Beauty is ..." The Reflections program theme for 2009-2010 is "Beauty is..." There are six categories to choose from: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Music, Dance Choreography, and Video Production. Students can submit more than one entry in any given category, and they can submit entries in multiple categories. Entry forms are available in the Media Center, and they can also be downloaded via a link on the HBMS PTA website (<http://www.hbmspta.com/reflections.htm>).

Students - there is one more workshop on September 17th for you to work on your entries. The deadline for all entries is October 5, 2009. Questions? Contact Julie Anne Cooper, Reflections Committee Chair (juliecooper@bellsouth.net).

Mrs. Reeves Wins National PTA Award

This past summer at the Georgia PTA Leadership Convention, our own Ms. Reeves was honored with a very prestigious Life Achievement Award from the National PTA for her dedication and outstanding lifetime service to children. Please take a moment to congratulate her on this fantastic honor.

Sally Foster Fundraiser

A big THANK YOU to everyone who sold Sally Foster products. We would not be successful without your hard work. We will have 3 pick up times this year for your ordered items which will be Wednesday, October 7th from 3:30-6:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 8th from 7:30-9:00 a.m. and also from 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the HBMS gym. If you ordered cookie dough please come as early as possible as storage can be difficult. Thank you again for supporting our Gift Wrap fundraiser!

Flu Vaccination Clinic and Campus Clean-up

September 26th from 9-12 – Save the Date!! The PTA and FluBusters have teamed up to provide an influenza vaccine clinic to the public on this day. Please pre-register and pay at www.flubusters.com/pta beginning August 31st. Simply click on the Schedule a Vaccination link in the upper right corner. Lots of information is available on this website. Also, please stay for a campus clean-up day where we will work to beautify the HBMS campus. Bring gloves, pruners and other gardening supplies. For more information, please contact Karen LeCates at karenlecatess@gmail.com.

PTA General Meeting

At Curriculum Night, we held a general PTA meeting where the membership present approved the PTA budget for this year and a motion to allow the PTA to use the school's newsletter email list. Thank you for your support.

4 Easy Ways to Support PTA

- PUBLIX SCAN CARDS - Available in the front office and can be used every time you buy groceries at Publix.
- BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Please collect box tops throughout the year and return them to the drop box by the 6th grade hallway.
- CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION - Go to www.e-LabelsforEducation.com to register.
- TRUE BLUE SCHOOLS - New and existing Georgia Natural Gas customers can sign up for this program and GNG will donate money to our school. Visit www.trueblueschools.com for program details.

Questions about any of these programs? Please contact Michele Neiland @770-642-0341.

- Early Release - Sept 16 12:30 pm
- ITBS Testing - Sept 21-25
- Entertainment Books Sent Home - Sept 24
- Flu Vaccine Clinic & Campus Clean-Up - Sept 26 9 am—12pm
- Book Fair - Sept 28-Oct 2
- Entertainment Book Orders due - Sept 29
- Reflections Entries Due - Oct 2
- Orchestra Concert - Oct 5
- Sally Foster Pick-up - Oct 7-8
- Early Release - Oct 14 12:30 pm
- Red Ribbon Week - Oct 19-23
- Career Day Sign-ups
 - 6th Grade - Oct 21 @ 8:35
 - 7th Grade - Oct 19 @ 8:35
 - 8th Grade - Oct 21 @ 2:15
- Lunch & Learn - Oct 23 @ 11:45 am
- Parent Tour of HBMS - Nov 2 @ 10am

Volunteer Opportunities

Business Partners Program – The PTA's Business Partner program has been on the back burner for a while, but we'd like to move it to the front. If you are interested in starting up this program (we already have a few companies), please contact Karen LeCates at karenlecat@gmail.com. This position will contact current and prospective business partners and brainstorm different ways that they can support the school through volunteer efforts, educational support, or sponsorship opportunities. In return, we'll look to ways that our community can support them.

Items Wanted:

Do you have some of these items at home? If so, we could use them! Please send in your items or drop them off in the front office.

Clinic:

- Crackers
- Facial Tissues
- Contact Lens Solution
- Hand Sanitizer
- Clorox Wipes



STARS:

- 3 ring binders
- Tab dividers
- Folders with 3-hole punches

Pine Straw Sale

Fall is the perfect time to spruce up your yard with fresh pine straw. You can order pine straw and have it delivered to your home throughout the school year! HBMS PTA is offering this service as a fundraiser and we make it very easy for you. Green order forms are available at the front office or on the HBMS website. Each bale cost \$3.75 with a delivery charge of \$12. Deliveries are restricted to the North Fulton area and are made on a weekly basis (Monday-Saturday). For more information or questions, please contact Jenny Niebanck, Committee Chair at 770-262-4377.

HBMS School Store

Need an extra pencil, notebook or other school supply? The school store, located in the cafeteria, is open most Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00-8:25 a.m. and has the supplies to get you through the day. We can also help you with the supplies you may need for special projects or you can just browse and look for a mechanical pencil, locker shelf or other supplies to keep you organized for the school year. If you have any questions about items that we stock, please contact Lisa Boulton, School Store Committee Chair @770-518-8995.