

# HBMS Eagle Eye



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## President's Corner

### **We are the Branches**

Every summer I go to my home town of Michigan City, Indiana, along the shores of Lake Michigan. There are sandy beaches, a marina, friends and family, and there is a zoo. A new addition to the zoo this past year was an Eagle's Nest. One side of it was open so you could literally walk into it! I had no idea an Eagle's Nest was so huge. All the nests I have seen are fragile, made of little twigs, and can be held in the palm of your hand. Three or four people could easily sit comfortably in this Eagle's Nest. It was constructed of thick, sturdy branches that were all intertwined together.

The Eagle's Nest we call Haynes Bridge School is also built of some pretty sturdy branches. The branches are all of us: Principal Tomlin, the smiling, helpful and patient ladies who answer the phones and sit at the front desk; those in the cafeteria who prepare breakfast and lunch every day of the school year, those who keep the school safe and clean; the Educators; the people who keep the records straight and those who keep the Students on the straight and narrow; the ones who work with technology and the ones who work with books; and Parents and Community members, all stoutly woven together to form one purpose, to teach, support and keep safe our children.

Since having been asked by the Community to serve as PTA President, I have had fun seeing old friends at the school, and have loved meeting new folks at Haynes Bridge. Here are some of the programs all of us, as PTA, have supported so far this year:

- Teacher Stipends and Mini Grants: funds classroom needs and educational projects
- Business Partners: funds Field Studies and other educational opportunities
- Eagles Angels: Providing support and school supplies for those in need
- STARS: Provides Student Tutoring
- School Directory
- Career Day: Presenters introduce students to interesting career ideas
- Book Fair : (provide volunteers and decorations/theme)
- Back to school Fall Dance and Gametruck party: social event
- Campus Cleanups: Beautifies school grounds, offers opportunity for hands on environmental education
- Newsletter/website/email blasts/facebook page: Providing up to date communications and information so you can keep abreast of school news and legislative issues in the Fulton County school district
- Red Ribbon Week: Teaches students to say no to drugs, also a charitable fundraiser
- Information Day for students and parents
- Lunch and Learns: providing parents with lunchtime Learning sessions on essential subjects

Wishing you all a joyous and relaxing Holiday season,

**Donna Schindler**

Haynes Bridge PTA

### **Red Ribbon Week – Hat Day**

The students at Haynes Bridge Middle School made a donation in exchange for the privilege to wear a hat to school during Red Ribbon Week a few weeks ago. They raised \$150 for **SADD – Students Against Destructive Decisions** at Centennial High School. Way to go students!! Tristan Davis, Haynes Bridge MS Student Council President, presented a check to \$150 to Mrs. Darrow, SADD sponsor and CHS teacher. The money was raised by the students during the Haynes Bridge MS Red Ribbon Week.



### **HBMS Podcast**

Please listen to our podcast of **Talon Topics** - a new podcast from Haynes Bridge Middle School for parents, students and community members. Find out what the hot topics were this past week and what is coming up the next week. Stay tuned every Friday for the update!

<http://haynesbrms.podbean.com/talon-topics/>

# HBMS Happenings

## Upcoming Events

- Book Fair** – November 30 – December 3
- HBMS Chorus caroling** – December 2
- Band/Orchestra/Chorus Concert** – December 7 (book fair open prior to concert and bake sale prior to concert – details below)
- A Knight to Remember/Coffee Talk** – December 9 (details below)
- Lunch and Learn – Writing under your roof** – December 10 (details below)
- HBMS Holiday Skate Night** – The Cooler – December 10
- Fulton County School Board Community Meeting** – December 14
- Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester** – December 22
- First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester** – January 5
- Report cards go home** – January 10
- School holiday** – January 17

For details about the upcoming events please visit the school website or the PTA website:

<http://www.fultonschools.org/school/HaynesBridge/index.html>  
<http://hbmspta.com/>

## Reflections

Thank you to all who participated in **2010 Reflections "Together We Can."** Congratulations to all of our eleven students who won in different categories this year.

**Photography** - 1.Ingrid Cai (8th), 2.Rachel Salay (7th), 3.Anna Dillon (7th)

**Literature** - 1.Hope Tavani (7th), 2.Jay Bowler (8th)

**Musical Composition** - 1.Simon Miller (7th)

**Visual Arts** - 1.Maria Liu (8th), 2.Ingrid Cai (8th), 3.Lauren Head (7th), 4.Emily Venter (6th)

**Film Production** - 1.Sebastian Puerta (7th)

The Reflections reception will be on **December 9th at 7:45 am in HBMS**. All who participated in Reflections this year are welcomed. There will be breakfast for all participants and awards for all the winners. Come to celebrate and enjoy.

## HBMS Sally Foster Winners

A big thank you to everyone for participating in our Sally Foster/Cookie Dough fundraiser. Parents, we really appreciate your support during this campaign. We would like to say a special thank you to the following people who were our top sellers: Taylor Sharpie (8th), Phillip Hirsh (7th) and Jason Scott (6th). Each of these people won \$150 CASH!

Did you forget to get some wrapping paper? It's not too late. Remember you can continue to support the school throughout the year by logging on to [sallyfoster.com](http://sallyfoster.com) and making a purchase at any time. Remember to pick Haynes Bridge as the school you are supporting and credit will be given to the school for any purchases made.

## School Store

The HBMS School Store, staffed by volunteer parents, is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8am-8:25am in the cafeteria. The items are reasonably priced and proceeds benefit the PTA. Students are welcome to come into the cafeteria before the start of school to check out our varied supplies.

## Want to be a part of the Haynes Bridge HEROES?

We are kicking off an exciting new program at the school called **Haynes Bridge HEROES**, which stands for **Helping Everyone Recognize our Excellent Staff**. The idea behind the program is for you to select one week to participate during the school year to show the staff how much you care!! If you would like to be a part of this new program, please email Kathy Thomas at [tethomas42@att.net](mailto:tethomas42@att.net) with your full name, and we will send your week for HEROES.

## Help the school purchase a new sound system!

At the upcoming band/orchestra/chorus concert on 12/7, the PTA will hold a Bake Sale prior to the concert. This is a fundraiser to help raise money for a **sound system** that can be used in many important ways at the school. Please contact Amy Poteet at [jaaepoteet@att.net](mailto:jaaepoteet@att.net) if you can provide baked goods either homemade or store bought. The items will need to be individually packaged with the exception of pies and cakes, which can be sold as a whole. The items will need to be dropped off at the school prior to 6:15pm on December 7th. Also if you would like to help with the bake sale please let Amy know.

## You're Invited to "A Knight to Remember and Coffee Talk" on December 9th!

Thursday, Dec. 9th from 6:00-8:30 in the HBMS cafeteria, we'll have "A Knight to Remember and Coffee Talk"

- 6:00-7:00 –**"A Knight to Remember"** Parents are invited to meet and greet Dr. Steve Miletto, Centennial HS principal!
- 7:00-7:45 –**"Writing Under Your Roof: what to do now to promote writing and get better scores on the SAT!"** Brought to you by Mr. Fowler and Mr. Tomlin! (see below for details on this under "Lunch and Learn")
- 7:45-8:30 –**"Conflict Resolution and Bullying: what to do now to help your child and family work through these issues!"** Brought to you by Mr. Rifkin!

## Lunch and Learn

Friday, December 10th - 11:45 am to 1:00 pm: **"Writing Under Your Roof: what to do now to promote writing and get better scores on the SAT!"** brought to you by Mr. Fowler and Mr. Tomlin. Come join Mr. Tomlin and Mr. Fowler as they talk about writing, writing assessments and how you can help your child enjoy writing and get a better score on those assessments.

## Eagle's Angels Holiday Gift Drive

The PTA's Reach-Out Committee reaches out to help less fortunate students at Haynes Bridge as well as promotes positive character values for all students. This holiday season the Reach-Out Committee asks for your help to collect \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift cards to give to our 55 HBMS families in need.

You may drop off your donations in the "Eagle's Angels" box in the front office of the school. Please send in your donations by **Friday, December 10th** so that we have time to distribute them. Please contact **Cindy Soder at [soders@bellsouth.net](mailto:soders@bellsouth.net) or 770-645-6949** if you have any questions.