

Hello Hurley Families!

The PTO would like to welcome you to another wonderful year at HMS. We sponsor many events throughout the year. Here is a little information about some of our headliners.

Fall Fundraiser

The HMS PTO does fundraising once a year in the fall. This event provides the funds to host PTO events, teacher requests, and support field trips. Since every family is different we have come up with different options. One option is purchasing products from the Innisbrook Catalog, which has many gift items, magazine subscription options and chocolate treats. Another option is a cash donation. Some families are just too busy to attend an event much less look through magazines, so this is an easy option. And don't forget to become a PTO member, which is also a part of our annual fundraising. We will kickoff this event at the end of September.

6th Grade Social

HMS students are busy people! It's not always easy to meet and make new friends during the school day. The PTO sponsors an evening dedicated to allowing the newest members of the school to meet new people. Since the middle school combines students from both Aitken and Martin, we encourage the kids to meet and talk with other kids they may not have met during the first few weeks of school. We intermix the two different teams and give them games to help them socialize and work with new people. At the end of the hour students are escorted to the school dance or may be picked up by a parent.

Scholastic Book Fair

In October the PTO hosts a book fair in the HMS library. It is very similar to the book fairs held at the elementary schools, but with books aimed at an older age group. This is a great opportunity for students to browse different types of books and purchase something that suits their interests. The book fair is open during the school day and for an hour after school, and both students and parents are invited to stop in and have a look. Tricia Poirer is the chairperson for this event, and volunteers are needed for set-up, assisting during fair hours, and breaking down/cleaning up.

Mother/Son Night

This is a time for boys to spend some time with the special lady in their lives. Lori Lancellotti is our chairperson for this event, and as a mother of 2 boys and a teacher, she really knows what boys like to do. It is sure to be a wonderful evening full of fun and "Quality" time. This event is planned to happen in January. We are in need of volunteers to help plan, organize and run this event.

Father/Daughter Dance

This event is in its third year, and our chairperson, Noreen Kaczowka, makes it an evening to remember! It is a terrific opportunity for the young ladies of HMS to share a special evening with a special father or father figure. It's a night of food, pictures, dance

lessons, raffles, dancing and FUN! This is a chance to show your daughter how women should be treated with respect and kindness, and who better to teach her than “Dear Old Dad!” This event is planned for March. Volunteers are needed to help plan, organize and attend this event.

Class Breakfasts

For one morning every year we gather together in the HMS cafeteria to share some coffee and light breakfast items while we gaze at our children’s work that is displayed on the cafeteria and lobby walls. Spend a few minutes chatting with the teachers and students responsible for this educational display. The 6th grade breakfast is scheduled for March 9th and the 7th is March 23rd. We are in need of volunteers to plan and set up, donate breakfast items, and clean up.

Staff Appreciation Week

Our PTO has some wonderful surprises for the HMS teachers! Staff appreciation week is our chance to show our teachers how much we appreciate their time and effort in all that they do every day to ensure our children receive a top notch education. Maria Holme is our chairperson, and we can’t wait to hear her ideas for this year’s celebration. Join us and you’ll see how small gestures make a big impact on the staff. Volunteers are needed to help assist in planning and doing some “secret missions” during Staff Appreciation Week May 3rd-7th, 2010.

8th Grade Dinner Dance

It’s hard to believe our 8th grade students are in their last year at the middle school. This event is a night for them to dress up and feel proud of whom they have become over the last three years. The HMS cafeteria is transformed into a dazzling dance club and once the decorations are up and the refreshments are set out, the 8th graders won’t believe it’s the same room! Take this last opportunity to join other 8th grade parents in celebrating how special these kids really are. This event is scheduled in June and we need parents to volunteer in the planning and setting up of this memorable night.

New! Memorial Day Family Picnic!

Every school should have a signature event, and for HMS, Memorial Day is it! This joint venture between the PTO, Band Parents Group, and HMS staff is what we hope will be the beginning of an annual event at HMS. After the parade, we are planning a picnic for the whole family with food, games, music, and lots of fun! Please come out and help us make this event as special as the HMS name itself! Look for information about an upcoming planning meeting on our web page in October!

The PTO officers are always happy to answer any questions you may have about all of our events. We can be reached by both phone and email, and we’d love to hear from you! Drop us a line anytime and be sure to visit our page on the school website to find agendas and minutes from the monthly meetings, dates of events, and anything else PTO related.