

HMS PTA Newsletter (December 2017)

Reflections Awards Ceremony

Thanks to your encouragement, we have received a total of 30 student entries. There are 18 photography, 9 visual arts, and 3 literature entries. The winners will be announced and recognized at the Awards Ceremony on **December 7, 2017 at 6:30**. All student artists and their families are invited along with any art enthusiasts from the community. Please RSVP here [RSVP - Reflections Awards Ceremony](#). Three winning entries from each category will be forwarded to the County level competition. For more information, please contact Sumaira Bajwa at reflections@hammondmiddlepta.org.



HMS PTA Bylaws

Please review the updated bylaws by clicking [here](#). The bylaws will be put to a vote at our **December 12, 2017** general PTA meeting. Please attend this meeting as approval requires a quorum (10 members) with two-thirds of members present voting for the new bylaws.



Spelling Bee

HMS Spelling Bee will take place on January 18, 2018 at 6:30PM with an inclement weather makeup date of January 23rd. **Please register for the Spelling Bee** using the [Spelling Bee Registration Form](#) by **December 21, 2017**. Registered students will receive a spelling bee study guide, useful web-links and information regarding an after school Spelling Bee Coaching Session (organized by Ms. Blanding) via email. For more information, please contact Mary Coleman at spellingbee@hammondmiddlepta.org.



Geography Bee

The 4th HMS Geography Bee will take place on January 25, 2018 at 6:30PM with an inclement weather makeup date of January 30th. **Please register for the Geography Bee** using the [Geography Bee Registration Form](#) by **December 21, 2017**. Registered students will receive information to help them prepare for the bee and regarding one or more after school Geo Bee Coaching Session(s) via email. Students may also visit the National Geographic website for more information and to take daily quizzes at: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee>. For more information, please contact Roberta Bardini at rbrownjhu@yahoo.com.



Box Tops – Winter Contest

The Box Tops for Education – Winter Contest will end on **February 28th**. Please send in Box Tops in a zip lock or envelope labeled with the student's name, grade and advisory teacher. Students submitting at least 15 valid, unexpired Box Tops will be entered in a drawing to win a Chick-Fil-A OR iTunes gift card! Please click [here](#) to see the list of participating products. For more information, please contact Dodie van't Hoff at vanthoff4@verizon.net.



Recap: PTA Meeting (11/14/17)

A PTA meeting was held on November 14, 2017 and was attended by 14 PTA members. The meeting minutes can be viewed by clicking [here](#). A motion will be presented to approve these minutes at our next meeting on December 12, 2017.

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Recap: Book Fair

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported the Book Fair by buying books and trinkets. The proceeds this year will help fund the HMS afternoon activity bus. PTA would especially like to THANK the following individuals for volunteering to make it possible to run the Book Fair:

WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!

Terumi McKenna, Lolita Silva, Isabel Orris, Teresita Baguio, David Zepf, Andrea Christiansen, Margaret Finegan, Tami Baldwin, and Marlyn Oatts.

Recap: Staff Dinner During Conferences

On November 20, 2017, PTA provided a dinner for HMS Staff to show our appreciation for all their hard work and for staying late for the conferences. The staff enjoyed a catered dinner from Chipotle. A very special THANKS to **Kerri Ukstins** and **Lynne Ward** for organizing the event. In addition, the PTA would like to acknowledge the generous monetary, food and time donations of these families:

Christina Alvarez, Teresita Baguio, Roberta Bardini, Kara Biggs, Anne Braun, Andrea Buecker, Christina Chandler, Linfeng Chen, Andrea Christiansen, Kate Cramer, Pam Dean, Andrea Dickie, Vincent Do, Lisa Duncan, Jennifer Goldberg, Susan Gutierrez, Gina Hendershot, Jody Jankoski, Jolie Kaylie, Gladys Knight, Laura Kutz, Alice Lao, Terumi McKenna, Natalia Mercer, Tricia Miller, Melody Morales, Caitlyn Moreland, Michelle Moskov, Erin Myers, Jill Owen, DeDi Oxenberg, Vidya Pai, Ms. Price, Sharla Ryan, Arlene Sola, Marc Steinberg, Rebecca Stryker, Zhining Tao, Alison Wall, Julie Wethington, Bayu Wicaksono, Latisha Willis, and David Zepf. We received some donations without any names on them. Please accept our gratitude, even if we don't know who you are. We thank you for your support. 😊



Dates to Remember

December 7 th	Reflections Awards Ceremony at 6:30 PM
December 12 th	PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7: 30 PM
January 9 th	PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7: 30 PM
January 18 th	Spelling Bee 6:30 PM (Snow Date January 23 rd)
January 25 th	Geography Bee 6:30 PM (Snow Date January 30 th)

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