

HMS PTA Newsletter (December 2016)

Gift Cards Fundraiser – Status & Winners

A huge thank you to all of the families that participated in the Gift Card Fundraiser this year! We had 20 families order a total of 341 gift cards. The **PTA made a profit of \$559.89!** Additionally, congratulations to our winners of the random drawing per grade, who will each receive an AMC gift card: 6th grade: **Jonathon Daigle**; 7th grade: **Vince Zepf**; and 8th grade: **Emma Donohue**. Also, the winner for the total highest dollar amount sold is: **Kristin Kelly**, 8th grade and she will receive an iTunes gift card.



Reflections Arts Competition Status

Thanks to your encouragement, we have received a total of 17 student entries. There are 11 literature, 2 visual arts, 2 photography and 2 film entries. We are currently in the process of judging the student entries at HMS level. **An Award Ceremony will take place on December 8, 2016 at 6:30.** The winning entries will be forwarded to the County level competition. For more information, please contact Sumaira Bajwa at bajwasumaira@yahoo.com.



Box Tops Winter Contest

A new contest begins on **December 14, 2016** and will run **through March 3, 2017**. Please drop off your valid, unexpired box tops in a baggie or envelope clearly labeled with your student's name and grade in the collection jar in the front office. The student in each grade that brings in the most valid Box Tops will **win a \$10 Chick-fil-A gift card!** For questions, contact Mary San Antonio marysanantonio@verizon.net



Spelling Bee

HMS Spelling Bee will take place on January 19, 2017 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 14, 2016**. 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 Margaret Finnegan at mlfinegan@yahoo.com.



Geography Bee

The 3rd HMS Geography Bee will take place on January 26, 2017 at 6:30PM with an inclement weather makeup date of January 31st. **Please register for the Geography Bee** using the [Geography Bee Registration Form](#) **by December 14, 2016**. 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.



We STILL need your help to reach our Membership goal

If you haven't had a chance to join yet, then please don't wait and join today. Please click [here](#) to fill out the membership form online and pay your dues using PayPal. If you prefer to pay by check, please click [here](#) to download/print a paper form and send to school. We thank you for your support.

Be your kid's biggest fan.
Be PTA.

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Show Your Viking Side!

Spirit wear makes a great holiday gift. Please check our inventory by clicking [here](#) and contact Karen Beck at hmsptasw8100@gmail.com for information about payment and delivery.



Link Your Grocery Store Card(s) to HMS

Please help benefit our school every time you do grocery shopping. You need to link your card to HMS every year.

- Giant Food - HMS Code – 00389; Register online by clicking [here](#)
- Harris Teeter - HMS Code – 7585; Register online by clicking [here](#)



Recap: PTA Meeting (11/09/2016)

A PTA Meeting was held on November 9, 2016 and was attended by 16 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 13, 2016.

Recap: Staff Dinner During Conferences

On November 21, 2016, 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 Panera Bread with a variety of meat, vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options in soups and salads, snacks and desserts. 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: **Yodzis, Long, Dickie, Wagner, Xian, Rothrock, Mott, Alsbrooks, Hewitt, Pham, Rushing, Zepf, Merson, Christiansen, Moyer, Martin, Hestnes, Bajwa, Carroll, Wicaksono, Kampmann, Minino, Duncan, Lacy, Durbin, Neal, Kravchenko, Yung, Alkhawaldeh, Parrish-Eaton, Miller, Stohlman, Stott, Wang, Giering, Nixon, Wilson, Hill, Irwin, Brady, Rodriguez, Bardini, Washington, and Toibero**. We thank you for your support. ☺ We have raised enough money to host a special holiday-treat event for our wonderful staff in December.

Dates to Remember

December 8 th	Reflections Awards Ceremony at 6:30 PM
December 13 th	PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm
December 14 th	Deadline to Register for Spelling Bee & Geography Bee
January 19 th	Spelling Bee at 6:30 PM (Snow Date January 23 rd)
January 26 th	Geography Bee at 6:30 PM (Snow Date January 31 st)

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