

HMS PTA Newsletter (October 2016)

We need your help to reach our Membership goal

Thanks to the support of our members, we are now 270 members strong! Please help us reach our membership goal of 350 members. **We are only 80 members shy of reaching our goal.** If you haven't had a chance to join yet, then please don't wait and join today. For your convenience, PTA membership forms can now be filled out online and membership dues can be paid using PayPal. Please click [here](#) to join the HMS PTA and support the many wonderful programs and events sponsored for the benefit of the HMS Students, staff and the school community. We thank you for your support. If you prefer to pay by check, please visit HMS PTA [website](#) to download/print a paper form and send to school.

Be your kid's biggest fan.
Be PTA.

HMS Student Directory (deadline extended to October 7th)

The deadline to register for HMS PTA Directory has been extended until October 7th. Stay connected with other HMS families by submitting your contact information in the PTA's Directory. Please visit <http://www.myschooldirectory.com/> and use school code word **HMSVIKINGS** to enter your information. For more information, please click [here](#).



Fall Fling – October 21st 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Fall Fling is a great structured social opportunity for our students. They can hang out with their friends, listen/dance to music by a DJ, play basketball, eat pizza, enjoy Rita's ice and have a good time. To cover our cost, we are charging a \$5 participation fee. For your convenience, the **Fall Fling permission slips and payments can now be done online.** Please click [here](#) to do it online OR click [here](#) to print the permission slip and send to school with your payment. Paper permission slips will be collected during lunch on October 17th and October 18th ONLY. We need volunteers to make this event successful. Please click [here](#) to signup for volunteering at the Fall Fling.



Encourage your students to tell their story!

Here's a chance for you to encourage your students to create an original work of art based on a theme using their creativity and deeper reflection to enhance their critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students can write a story/poem, produce a film, choreograph a dance, shoot photos, create a musical composition or visual art. **PTA Reflections** is a national Arts competition. This year's theme is "What is Your Story?". If you want them to participate, please tell them to see the PTA Reflections Chairperson in the front office during advisory on Thursdays. All student entries are **due by November 28th**. More information can be found at the [Reflections](#) page on our website.

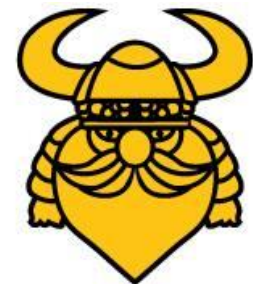


Show Your Viking Side!

Please check our inventory by clicking [here](#) and contact Karen Beck at hmsptasw8100@gmail.com for information about payment and delivery.

Buy HMS Sweatshirts for Outdoor Ed.

Outdoor Ed. for 6th graders is fast approaching (November 2nd - November 4th). Don't get caught unprepared. Buy sweatshirts for your kids and yourself (especially if you are chaperoning) to show your Viking side.



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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](#)



Please Keep Collecting and Sending Box Tops

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Box Tops Back-to-School Contest! Box Tops are still being counted, and the winners will be announced soon. Look for announcements of future contests and be sure to keep clipping and saving Box Tops throughout the year. This is the easiest fund raiser to participate in, and each Box Top is like a dime in disguise! They all add up to support PTA programs.



Tissues and Hand Sanitizer

Help keep the common cold out of the classrooms and keep our kids healthy. Please bring donations of tissues and hand sanitizers to the front office.



We need you to lend a hand!

Our school nurse Ms. Robin Frick is in need of volunteers for the **Vision and Hearing Screening** on October 10th and 17th and for the **Flu Shot Clinic** on October 21st. Won't you please lend a helping hand? To volunteer for Vision and hearing screening, please click [here](#). To volunteer for Flu Shot clinic, please click [here](#).



Recap: Back-to-School Night

Thanks to all the families who attended the back-to-school night on September 15th. A very special THANKS to Ravinder Sandhoo, Tricia Miller, Karen Beck, Reed Racette, Mollie Baer and Pat Johnson for representing the PTA and helping at the PTA tables. In the PTA meeting, Mollie Baer was voted in as the 2nd VP and the 2016-17 PTA budget was approved.

Recap: Sky Zone Night

Thanks to all the families who came to jump with us at the Sky Zone on September 29th. A very special THANKS to Kristina de Leeuw for organizing such a wonderful event. The smiles on all our students' faces were definitely priceless ☺

Dates to Remember

October 7th Deadline for HMS Student Directory (please enter your contact information)

October 11th PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm

October 21st Fall Fling 3:00 – 5:00 pm

November 9th PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm

November 28th Deadline for submitting Reflections entries

December 13th PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm

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