



Hillcrest PTO News

October 2018

PTO Board

Sarah Zemple
President

Alex Zemple
Vice President

Heather Nawolski
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Upcoming Events

10/9 PTO Meeting 6:15PM

10/11 Picture Day!

10/12 Family Bingo Night
6:30-8PM

10/15 Packer Backer Day

10/17 Knowledge-A-Thon

10/19 Pulaski Spirit Day

10/23 Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8PM

10/26 No School!

11/7 Parent Night Out
Pizza & Paint 5:30-8PM

11/9 Packer Backer Day

11/13 Parent Teacher
Conferences & Bookfair

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11/16 Pulaski Spirit Day

11/19 Chili's Fundraiser with
Mrs. Wells 5-8PM

11/21-23 No School!

October PTO Updates

WANTED: Restaurant Fundraising Chairperson

Are you looking to get more involved with the PTO? We are looking for someone to be the Restaurant Fundraising Chairperson this year. All of our restaurants are scheduled, but we need someone to help promote the individual events and do the follow-ups with the establishments. Please contact someone on the board if you would like to know more or would like to volunteer.

Volunteering

Did you know in order to volunteer at Hillcrest, you must fill out a volunteer form? There are three levels of volunteering and you can see more information about each level in the Volunteer Handbook. Then, check out this website to become a volunteer:

<https://family.pulaskischools.org/registration/2018-2019/volunteerhb/volunteerhb.html>

The link will also be shared in our facebook group. Once the form is filled out, the Hillcrest office will contact you via email to collect the essential paperwork.

Upcoming PTO Meetings

We loved seeing all the new faces at our September PTO meeting. Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 9th at 6:15PM. Remember that **FREE childcare and FREE PIZZA** will be served to the children in the cafeteria during the PTO meetings. The children will also be supervised while they play in the gym or on the playground. Finally, there will be no PTO meeting in November due to Parent Teacher Conferences.

Fundraiser Updates

Mum Fundraiser

The mum fundraiser was a huge success! We raised over \$1,332! Thank you so much for all of your fundraising efforts. We hope everyone enjoys their beautiful mums this fall!

Hillcrest Apparel Fundraiser

We hope everyone loves their new Hillcrest apparel that was sent home last week. We brought in \$453 and are so thankful for your support. We can't wait to see everyone at the next Spirit Day on October 19th!!

Restaurant Calendar

Come join us for our first restaurant fundraiser night of the year at Chipotle on Tuesday, October 23rd, from 4-8PM! When you place your order, show them our paper or electronic flyer and they will donate 33% of your total back to us!!



Also, be on the lookout for our restaurant calendar set for the whole year! We have a lot of great restaurants lined up that we hope you can take advantage of!

Hillcrest PTO's Tip of the Month!

Box Tops can be turned in using any method that works best for your family. Attach them to the sheet that is sent home, print off new sheets from the Box Tops for Education website, or send them in a baggie! They can be cut precisely on the line, or haphazardly ripped off the container! Just please make sure they aren't expired.

Also, did you know that you can earn even more cash for Hillcrest through the Box Tops for Education Bonus App? Simply download the app, buy the qualified items, scan your grocery receipt, and watch the earnings stack up!



Stay in Touch!

Follow us on Facebook! Be sure to search for our group: **Hillcrest Raiders PTO** and join the group to stay up to date with all the PTO events! Electronic editions of this newsletter will also be posted!



Knowledge-A-Thon

This year's Knowledge-A-Thon (KAT) will be held during school hours on Wednesday, October 17th. Information, pledge sheets, and study questions were sent home on September 26th. Pledges can be solicited online through PledgeStar or through the Pledge Sheet that was sent home. Be sure to reach out on the Hillcrest PTO Facebook page with any issues related to the online platform. We recommend using Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox to sign up for PledgeStar the first time. Instructions on how to access the email and text options can be located at <https://pledgestar.com/Hillcrest/>.

On the day of the KAT event, every student will have the opportunity to showcase what he or she has learned to the adult volunteers. The volunteer sign up request was sent out last week as well. All volunteers need to have completed the Level 2 background check. Help your child(ren) study hard, as everyone who answers 100% of their questions correctly will earn a voucher for 10 free tickets to Family Fun Night on March 1st, 2019!!

Reading Club Update

This year's reading program kicked off on Monday, October 1st with a magic show performed by Rick Allen Magic Productions. Reading Logs will go home in this week's folder and will begin on Wednesday, October 3rd. The reading theme this year will all be about magic!

The Reading Wizards will be competing throughout the year in monthly competitions against their grade, another grade and/or the entire school. This year our end goal is for our Reading Wizards to earn a school wide dance party. This month the Reading Wizards will be competing for a school wide "Dobby Sock Day." If your child's class has at least 50% of their logs completed and turned in at the end of the month, they will be able to have a silly sock day. More details will be sent home along with the reading log in Wednesday's folder. Let's help make this year magical for our Reading Wizards by helping them find the love of reading!

SCRIP

We earned \$80 in the last month, just by doing our normal shopping!! If you haven't started utilizing this easy program, now is the time! Directions on how to sign up were sent home with the newsletter in September, or you can check out the file section on our Facebook group.

Family Bingo Night

We hope you can join us for our FREE Family Bingo Night at Hillcrest on Friday, October 12th from 6:30-8PM. It will be a night of fun, games & prizes! We hope that you can join us!



Parents' Pizza & Paint Event

Our Pizza & Paint premier night will be on Wednesday, November 7th at Gallagher's Pizza on West Mason from 5:30-8PM. The cost is \$30 and includes pizza and a pair of hand painted beverage glasses made by you, assisted by Ms. Michaud. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today! We hope to see you there!!

Box Top News

We had a great start to the school year with 2,821 box tops collected in September! Thank you Hillcrest families! Here are the top three classes:

3rd Place: 230 Box Tops
Mrs. Minzloff's 1st Grade Class

2nd Place: 302 Box Tops
Mrs. Barry's 5th Grade Class

1st Place: 406 Box Tops
Ms. Prestine's 5th Grade Class

Ms. Prestine's class has earned a pizza party AND will be home to the traveling trophy!

GHOULS FOR SCHOOLS!



The October Box Tops challenge is a 'GHOULS For SCHOOLS' collection. The class with the most box tops will receive a TRICK or TREAT surprise. Plus, for every 10 valid box tops turned in, your student will be given one entry into the raffle to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. Turn in your box tops by Thursday, October 25th. All Box Tops submitted this month will go toward our Fall earnings check. Look for your new collection sheet in the Wednesday folder. Don't forget to label your collection sheet or baggie with your child's name so he or she can be entered to win!