



Hillcrest PTO News

December 2018

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Upcoming Events

- 12/3-12/5 Marco's Pizza Box Event
- 12/4 Winter Concert 12:30 & 2:30PM
- 12/4 Cookies & Canvas 4 & 5:45PM
- 12/7 Packer Backer Day
- 12/11 December PTO Meeting 6:15PM
- 12/14 Pulaski Spirit Day
- 12/24-1/1 Holiday Break!
- 1/8 January PTO Meeting 6:15PM
- 1/15 Panera Fundraiser 4-8PM
- 1/25 Pulaski Spirit Day

Upcoming PTO Meetings

Our next PTO meeting is on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:15 PM! Don't forget that **FREE childcare** will be provided and **FREE pizza** will be served to the kids in the school gym during the PTO meeting. We hope to see you there!

Book Fair & Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you so much for your support of the Scholastic Book Fair! We had the best single fair earnings for the last few years with a total of \$2426.06 in Scholastic Dollars. This money is used to purchase books for our classrooms and library. Special thanks to Sam Houska for coordinating this event for the school. Also, a special thank you to Amanda Wentland and Tiffany Gumina for organizing the parent teacher conference dinners and to everyone who contributed to the meals. It was a wonderful turnout!

Cookies & Canvas Event

Cookies & Canvas is coming soon! This awesome event is for students in 1st through 5th grade and will be on Tuesday, December 4th. The theme for this event is "A Winter's Night" and students will be painting their own Winter's Night canvas under the instruction and guidance of Hillcrest's Art Teacher, Ms. Michaud. Students will enjoy a cookie & juice break halfway through their painting session too! There will be two sign-up options, Grades 1-3 from 4-5:30 PM and Grades 3-5 from 5:45-7:15 PM. The cost will be \$27 per student. Sign up is still open! To sign up, email the PTO at hillcrestraiderspto@gmail.com or turn in the paper registration form that was sent home!

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night will be on Friday, March 1st, 2019. This fun family event has a carnival-like atmosphere and your students will have an opportunity to play games and have fun with their friends.

You can grab dinner and bid on some pretty awesome silent auction items and try your hand at winning a raffle item.

Each classroom will have a theme to create a raffle basket and themes will be shared in the next few weeks to allow deal shoppers to be on high alert! If you have a business or would like to make a donation of an item/service or become a sponsor of the event, please let us know with an email to

hillcrestraiderspto@gmail.com. We'd be happy to discuss all of your options!

Restaurant Calendar

Although there are still more days to our month-long Chili's fundraiser, we owe a huge thanks to Mrs. Wells for hosting on November, 19th. Hillcrest families that dined that night raised \$170! As of the publication of this newsletter, we have earned \$229.

December's restaurant fundraiser is with Marco's Pizza Monday, December 3rd through Wednesday, December 5th. Call in your order to 920-434-3333, provide your child's name and teacher, and you will receive your pizza in the special box your student decorated in art class! Hillcrest will also receive 15% of the sales over the three days of the fundraiser! We'd also love if you'd post your pizza box photos in our Facebook Group.

Hillcrest PTO's Tip of the Month!

To cut up pancakes or waffles quickly, use a pizza cutter! It's a super quick way to cut a sandwich in half or remove the crust for picky eaters!

Hillcrest Food Drive

During the week of December 17th, there will be a food drive and spirit theme to go with each day!

Monday: Crazy Sock Day
Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday: Hat Day
Thursday: Holiday Sweater
Friday: PJ, Hot Chocolate and Movie Day



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!



Harry Potter Funko Advent Calendar

Is your student a Harry Potter fan? Check out the raffle form in your student's take-home folder and get in your raffle tickets by THIS FRIDAY for a chance to win one of 2018's hottest toys! The winner will be called the afternoon of Friday, November 30th.

Reading Club Update

A big congratulations to all the Book Wizards for meeting October's goal toward the end of the year dance party!!

The winning class for K-3rd grade is Mrs. Mertig's class. 4-5th grade is Ms. Prestine's class and the AM 4K won the 4K competition. Congratulations on reading the most minutes per class to these three classes! They are enjoying the traveling trophies this month.

The winning student in the 4/5th grade is Maggie Gumina. The winner of the Invisibility Cloak is Brinley Whitfield.

The Sorting Hat has determined that Gryffindor House will consist of the 4K AM class, Kindergarten classes, and Mrs. Barry's class. The Slytherin House will be made up of the 4K PM class, 1st grade classes, and Mrs. Vandervest's class. The Hufflepuff House will be made up of the 2nd grade classes and Ms. Pristine's class. Ravenclaw House will be made up of 3rd grade classes and Mrs. Nick's class.

Classes that won the Dobby Crazy Sock Day are Mrs. DeHut, Mrs. Mertig, Mrs. Gwidt, Mrs. Kestly, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Abendroth, Ms. Jankovich, Mrs. Nick, and Ms. Prestine. The Sorting Hat not only determined who is in which House, but also that all classes who have 50% of their Book Wizards turn in their November logs will receive a Hat Day in December. November reading logs are due by Friday, November 30th. Keep reading and discovering the magic of books!!

Shed Update

We are pleased to share our playground equipment shed has been purchased and we have secured the appropriate building permit through the Village of Hobart. We anticipate having the Tuff Shed built and installed by mid-December. It will be the perfect place to store all of our sleds, shovels, brick makers and spring gear! Thanks so much for your support of our fundraising efforts!

Box Top News

During November's Box Top challenge, we collected 848 Box Tops! Here are the top three classes:

3rd Place: 87 Box Tops
Mr. Reinking's 3rd Grade Class

2nd Place: 93 Box Tops
Mrs. Barry's 5th Grade Class

1st Place: 154 Box Tops
Mr. Abendroth's 2nd Grade Class

The winners of the Winter Concert front row seats are Elyn Kwaterski, Myles Ewald, Jackson Fraedrich, and Amelia Piwonski-Dickinson.

The next Box Top challenge called "Get Cozy with Box Tops" will run December through January. The classroom that collects the most box tops by Friday, January 18th will enjoy an extra recess and hot cocoa party.

Thanks to everyone's hard work on collecting box tops, Hillcrest will be receiving a \$1,000 check in January!

SCRIP

So far this school year we have raised \$895.28 through Scrip 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.



Also, during the winter concert, Tuesday, December 4th, we will have physical gift cards on hand for you to purchase. You can pay with cash/check or place an order to receive your customized list of denominations and stores the following week! With the holidays quickly approaching, this would be a great time to check gifts off your lists for friends, family or teachers. You can also use these gift cards when you purchase presents at hundreds of stores.