



# Hillcrest PTO News

April 2019

## PTO Board

Sarah Zemple  
President

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Alex Zemple

Heather Nawoliski  
Treasurer

Melissa Seidel  
Secretary

## Upcoming Events

4/3 Science Fair Kickoff  
with Professor Gizmo

4/3 Running Club Parent Meeting 6:00PM

4/8 Cookies & Canvas 4PM or 5:45PM

4/9 April PTO Meeting 6:15PM

4/18 Spring Flower Order Forms Due

4/19 No School!

4/22 No School!

4/23 Noodles & Smart Cow  
Fundraiser 4-8PM

4/26 Pulaski Spirit Day

5/1 Science Fair Day  
3:45-5:30PM Reception

5/8 Spring Flower Pick Up 3:45-5:45PM

5/14 May PTO Meeting 6:15PM

5/24 Pulaski Spirit Day

5/27 No School!

## Upcoming PTO Meetings

Our next PTO meeting is on Tuesday, April 9th 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 cafeteria during the PTO meeting.

We will be electing our 2019-2020 PTO board and announcing our subcommittee chairs at our April meeting. This will also be our annual meeting where we will hear a quick report from this past year from each subcommittee. If you are able to volunteer your time and talent to the PTO next year, we'd love to hear from you! Some positions that we need to fill are Executive Board-Secretary, Subcommittee Chair Lead, and Subcommittee Chairs for Restaurant Fundraiser & Book Fair.

## Family Fun Night

We are excited to share our Family Fun Night event raised approximately \$7400!! Thanks to Dovelyn McDowell for coordinating this exciting evening and to everyone who helped with donations, volunteering and attending the event; we were thrilled with the turnout. We also want to apologize for the long food truck line wait times; we hope that didn't detract too much from your enjoyment. We learned a lot from the experience and appreciate our families always welcoming new and different approaches.

We are using \$5,000 of the proceeds from Family Fun Night to purchase a school-wide book room of 1,031 books!! We are excited our teachers will have the leveled reading books they need to support our developing readers. Our students will have more book options and we are confident this will ensure reading remains fun!



The wonder of science is coming to Hillcrest! On Wednesday, April 3rd, Professor Gizmo will come to Hillcrest to perform "The Magic of Science" for the whole school!! We're hoping this will spark excitement in your student to do his/her own science experiment and take part in the 2019 Science Fair. Additional incentives include one voucher to "skip morning work" and participant invitation to the dilly bar party. The PTO will also be hosting a reception with beverages and desserts for family and friends to come to see all the hard work put in. For more information, please refer to the handout that was sent home with your student on March 20th or our Facebook group. Please contact Bob Zemple ([BobZemple@gmail.com](mailto:BobZemple@gmail.com)) with any questions or if you need any direction or advice.

## Hillcrest PTO's Tip of the Month!

It can get a little confusing remember which items go in the dryer and which ones don't. Next time, try using a magnetic dry erase marker to write on your washer the items that don't go in the dryer. It may just save a sweater or two!



If you have any school or home hacks, please feel free to share them with us on facebook!

## 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!



## Spring Flower Fundraiser

Our spring flower fundraiser is going on NOW!! Order forms were sent home in this week's folder. We have partnered with Shroeder's Fox Valley Greenhouse and will be offering a variety of hanging baskets and a Mother's Day pot to choose from. Order forms with payment are due into the office on Thursday, April 18th. Checks can be made out to "Hillcrest PTO". You will be able to pick up your flowers on Wednesday, May 8th (just in time for Mother's Day!) in the gym between 3:45 and 5:45pm. Thank you for supporting the PTO!!

## Spring Cookies & Canvas

Please join us for our PTO Spring Cookies and Canvas Fundraiser, Monday, April 8th, 2019. Warm weather and sunny skies will be on our painters' minds as they create a spring themed canvas painting under the instruction of Art Teacher, Ms. Michaud. In addition to completing a unique painting, students will also enjoy festive cookies and juice. Two sessions are available: grades KG-3 from 4:00-5:30pm or grades 3-5 from 5:45-7:15 pm. The cost is \$27 per student. Please check your email for the sign-up information from the school office!

## Reading Club Update

Who is your child's favorite book character?? They can dress up as their favorite character and show their friends who they love to read about if 50% of the Book Wizards turn in their logs by TODAY Wednesday, April 3rd. If the bingo log did not make it to school today, please take a picture and email it to Heather Piwonski-Dickinson at h\_piwon@yahoo.com. If they meet the challenge, book character day will be Thursday, April 4th. The Book Wizards last monthly challenge will be this month. Everyone who turns in a log, will be entered into a drawing to win their class the Harry Potter Butterbeer Party.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Two wonderful dinners were arranged for the Hillcrest teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thank you to Amanda Wentland & Tiffany Gumina for organizing and to everyone that donated food for these events!

## Amazon Smile & Scrip Reminders

Don't forget that you can shop through Amazon Smile for all your Amazon purchases. Please use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) when you shop from now on! Please search exactly "Hillcrest Parent Teacher Organization Inc." We will receive 0.5% of the purchase price on every order! Just by following these simple steps, you are making a huge impact. This quarter we earned \$103.94 and since joining Amazon Smile, we have earned Hillcrest \$669.84.

Another great way to shop is to use Scrip! Purchase gift cards at face value and the PTO receives a portion of your purchase. Sign up online to order physical cards OR purchase electronic gift cards for immediate usage. You are able to order through the PTO if that option works better for you. Orders will be processed each Thursday and delivered to Hillcrest the following Wednesday. Contact us on Facebook or Dovelyn McDowell at [dovelynmcdowell@yahoo.com](mailto:dovelynmcdowell@yahoo.com) to get signed up and get more information.

## Restaurant Fundraiser Updates

### Qdoba

Thank you to everyone that came to our Qdoba fundraiser. More updates on how the event went are coming soon!

### Noodle & Company and Smart Cow

Tuesday, April 23rd is our next restaurant fundraiser at Noodles & Company and Smart Cow from 4-8PM. Please be sure to bring the flyer sent home with your child to Noodles & Company. We hope that you can join us for dinner and dessert! Part of the proceeds from the evening will go to the Hillcrest PTO!

We hope to see you all there!



## Running Club

It may be freezing outside, but warmer weather will be here soon... which means lace up your shoes and get ready for Running Club 2019! The parent informational meeting will be TONIGHT, Wednesday, April 3rd at 6PM in the Hillcrest lunchroom. The first day kids will run is on Wednesday, April 17th after school. Running club takes place after school each Wednesday and Friday and is open to everyone Kindergarten and up!