

Harrison

Township

PTA



November 2011

Message from the President

At this time of "Thanksgiving," the PTA would like to take the time to thank you for your commitment to our organization.

Appropriately, the subject this month is "volunteering." Where would our schools, community, sports and PTA be without the help of volunteers? Being a volunteer is being someone that makes a difference, from coaching your child's baseball team to helping out in the classroom. It does not only have to be a time commitment - it includes volunteering a thought, idea or feedback to make something better. No "volunteered" time can be "too little." One hour of your time makes a huge difference. How much better for 5 people to volunteer one hour than one person to have to volunteer five hours?

In closing, it must be stressed that volunteering means commitment. It is better to volunteer for one opportunity and make a commitment to that one opportunity than to volunteer for many opportunities and finish none. To find some ongoing volunteer opportunities for the PTA, please see our website

www.harrisonpta.org.

Kathy Deacon, PTA President

Important Dates

HTS School Store	Nov 1, 15
PTA Meeting	7
HTS Book Fair	8-17
PVS School Store	8, 22
School Closed	9-11
PVS Holiday Shop	14-18
HTS Evening Book Fair	15
School Spirit (College Day)	18
Board of Ed. Meeting	21
Early Dismissal	23
School Closed	24-25
HTS Holiday Shop	Nov 28-Dec 5

Fall Bingo Night

We hope everyone enjoyed this first time PTA event. It was night filled with lots of fun, from adult and children's Bingo to face painting, crafts and scary Halloween stories. We want to improve this event for next year, so any feedback would be helpful! Contact Kathy Deacon at kad83058@aol.com or 863-8896.

PTA Meeting

Date: Monday, November 7

Time: 7pm

Where: Pleasant Valley School

Topic: *Technology in our Schools*

Come see some of our teachers (Ms. Lombardo, Ms. Gerken, Ms. Hack & Mr. Flexon) present on the following technology:

- EduBlog
- Everyday Math On-line
- Discovery Education
- SMART Board technology
- Student Share Drive
- BrainPOP

Thank You

The PTA would like to thank the following volunteers that helped during the month of October:

- All the volunteers who helped with Fashion Republic.
- All of the student and teenage volunteers that helped with the Fall Bingo Night. It was great to see such willingness to help by our young people!
- The dedicated adult volunteers that help with Bingo Night and to our VP's of fundraising, Theresa Vaites and Cristie Clark, who spent countless hours developing this event.
- The Refreshment Committee for donating all the popcorn, water and soda!

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." Tom Brokaw

Breakfast with Santa

Save the date! Santa Claus is coming to HTS! Join us for Breakfast with Santa:

Date: Saturday, December 10

Times: 8am, 10am or 12noon

Price: \$6 adults, \$4 kids (2-12)

Kids under 2 free

More info coming home soon!

Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, clean up and take tickets.

Contact Colleen Hahn

hahn.cb@comcast.net (856 981-8556) or

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Great Lakes Scrip

The holiday season is quickly approaching! Let the PTA help you do your holiday shopping. Order your gift cards through the Great Lakes Scrip Program at www.shopwithscrip.com. This saves you time and helps support the PTA! We receive between 2-15% back on your purchase. We will be accepting GLS orders for the holiday, weekly from November 4 through December 16.

Contact Lisa Pickett at cplp@comcast.net or 856 404-5151 with any questions or see www.harrisonpta.org for more information.

Box Tops Contest

Congratulations to the winners of our Box Tops contest:

HTS: Ms. Falker's 3rd grade class (1,893)

PVS: Ms. Mankey's 4th grade class (895)

Both classrooms will have a pizza party.

The PTA collected 38,754 Box Tops total!

Wow, great job and keep clipping!

Coupon Books

Please send in orders, payment or unwanted books by October 31. This is the PTA's main fall fundraiser so your support is greatly appreciated. Books that are not returned or purchased cost the PTA and ultimately affect our children. Although the fundraiser officially ended on October 31, we can still accept additional orders through the holidays.

