



# POFF PAPERS

November 16, 2023

## Upcoming Events

November 21	Thankful Luncheon
November 22	Kdg Puppet Show, 9:55am (Kindergarten Parents Only)
November 22	Early Dismissal, 1:45pm
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break-No School
November 29	PTO Meeting, 7:00pm (Cafeteria)

## Poff School/Community Flyers

*Click the Poff Flyers link on the Poff Webpage to see the flyers.*

Poff Snow Ball  
Beginning Chess Club  
Slushies w/ the Grinch - HHS Band  
Hampton Lacrosse Fundraiser  
Hampton Girls & Boys Lacrosse  
Hampton Basketball & Wrestling  
Harlem Wizards vs. Hampton Teachers  
Hampton Girls Wrestling



## Spelling Bee

Poff's annual spelling bee was this week! In the third grade bee, **Dhairya P.** and **Matthew L.** earned 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place wins. **Bella H.** took first place and **Audrey H.** took second place in the combined fourth and fifth grade spelling bee. Bella is now our school champion, and has the opportunity to represent Poff in a regional competition. Congratulations to all of the students who took part!

*Special thanks to the Poff PTO for sponsoring and to Mr. Brucker for organizing the event!*



## Congratulations Poff PE Students of the Month!

Pictured from left to right: Dylan B., Hayley C., and Sylvia S.



Be sure to check out the students' playground designs, in the cafeteria hallway, when you're in the building next week.

## Kindergarten Puppet Show

Kindergarten families, please join us for the Thanksgiving Puppet Show on Wednesday, November 22nd at 9:55am. The doors will open at 9:45am. All Kindergarten family members are invited to join us for what is always an adorable and fun show!

## Thankful Luncheon Schedule

Poff's Annual Thankful Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 21st**. On this special day, each student is allowed to bring one guest to enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch in the cafeteria. If you have not yet RSVP'd, please contact the main office ASAP ([haller@ht-sd.org](mailto:haller@ht-sd.org)).

3rd Grade - 10:30 - 11:00

1st Grade - 11:10 - 11:40

5th Grade - 11:50 - 12:20

4th Grade - 12:30 - 1:00

2nd Grade - 1:10 - 1:40

## Counselor's Corner

Welcome to November! During this time of the year, school counselors deliver lessons on empathy. Each classroom will participate in a developmentally appropriate lesson on empathy, which is the ability to understand others' feelings, experiences, differences, and perspectives, and learn how to apply it in a variety of situations to show kindness to others. Empathy is one of the competencies identified in the [Portrait of a Talbot](#), a framework followed throughout the district to assist our students with developing the skills, knowledge and attributes to succeed in life. If you would like additional resources to support your child with learning empathy, here are [3 simple ways to teach kids empathy](#), and here is a [list of picture books about empathy](#).

# POFF PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

## Upcoming Events

**11/20** - Bruster's Fundraiser Pick-Up 11am-9pm at Gibsonia Bruster's

**11/29** - PTO General/Election Meeting 7pm Poff Cafeteria

**12/8** - Snow Ball dance - 7-9pm at Central Elementary Cafeteria

## **Poff PTO Bruster's of Gibsonia Fundraiser:**

For those who purchased Bruster's, **pick-up is Monday, November 20th from 11 AM to 9 PM at the Bruster's of Gibsonia store** located at 4937 William Flynn Hwy, Gibsonia

## **Fundraising chair position and meeting announcement**

The next meeting of the Poff PTO will be held on **November 29, 2023 at 7 pm**. Everyone who is a parent or guardian of a student at Poff PTO is invited to attend, and child care will be provided.

On the agenda will be:

- Election of fundraising chair
- Discussion of playground project
- Notice of upcoming events
- Remarks from Dr. Hannagan

If you would like to nominate someone for the position of fundraising chair, please complete the form linked here: <https://forms.gle/L6uS3UXFkei5RaRc9>

If you have any questions about the election process, please feel free to contact Briana Mihok at [president.poffpto@gmail.com](mailto:president.poffpto@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

## **Save the Date: Snow Ball Dance -**

**December 8th from 7pm-9pm Central Elementary School Cafeteria** - Girls in K-5th grade are invited to come dance the night away with your "someone special". Desserts and beverages will be served. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Snowflake necklaces will be available for purchase (\$5 cash). Photos are also available for pre-purchase. Please register by December 5th. **See Poff Flyers for more details and the registration form.**