

HERSHEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO



2025

October Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

10/9: PTO Mtg 9:30 am
10/15: Picture Retakes
10/21: Book Fair Family Night 5:30-7:30 pm
11/13: PTO Mtg 9:30 am
12/9: Snowball Express Family Night 5:30-7:30

DTSD CALENDAR

10/2: Yom Kippur - No School
10/13: Columbus Day - No School
10/14: 2 Hour Late Start
10/31: End of Marking Period 1

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Join us for our 2nd PTO Meeting!

Thursday, October 9th at 9:30 am
Hershey Elementary School - Room 6

Items to be Discussed:

Committee Updates
Room Parents

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The 77th Annual Hershey Halloween Parade
Wednesday, October 15th at 7 pm

Trick-or-Treating
Hershey & Hummelstown
Friday, October 31st from 6-8 pm

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The HES PTO invites you to celebrate reading!

Our Scholastic Book Fair offers a wonderful selection of fun, engaging and affordable books that kids want to read.

The book fair raises money to purchase books for the HES library and provides money to fund various PTO activities including assemblies and class parties.

Children to shop in school October 20th - 24th

Family Night - Tuesday, October 21st from 5:30-7:30 pm

Be on the lookout for the Family Letter and Scholastic Flyer that will be coming home in your students folder soon.

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Be sure to check out: [Volunteer Clearance Information](#)

Lunch Menus are updated monthly and you can find them [HERE!](#)

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2025 Committee Updates



COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you SO MUCH Parents and Caretakers! Our membership drive was a huge success. Thank you for your generous monetary donations and for giving your time to our committees! Thank you to the committee chairs for reaching out to volunteers that are a part of your committee. Parents if you signed up for a committee and have not received an email from your committee chair please contact Val Pantanelli at valerie.pantanelli@gmail.com

ASSEMBLIES

Our first PTO Sponsored Assembly of the year will be
BOTS! The Secret World of Robots
October 28th for 2nd-5th grades
and **Bobby Beetcut** - Oct 29th for K & 1.

BUILDING ADVISORY TEAM

Thank you to the parent volunteers that expressed interest in being a BAT committee member. Nana McKeone is assigning parents to each grade and will be in touch soon if you have been selected for your grade.

BAKERS & HOSPITALITY

In September we celebrated **National IT Professionals Day** and our wonderful Tim Gawel & Erika Roberts. In October we look forward to celebrating our **Custodians!** October is also **School Bus Safety Week** so everyone at the Bus Depot will be getting a sweet treat from our PTO as a thank you for all they do to keep our students safe. Thank you to the parents that have purchased gift cards for our committee, and to the parents that volunteered to be a part of this committee!! We still need a few more gift cards if you would like to help.

[Signup Genius for Donations](#)

Thanks again for your support we couldn't do it without you!

CLASS PARTIES

THIRD Grade Fall Party: Friday, November 7th

THIRD Grade Winter Party: Friday, January 23rd

THIRD Grade Spring Party: Friday, March 27th

FOURTH Grade Fall Party: Friday, November 21st

FOURTH Grade Winter Party: Friday, February 13th

FOURTH Grade Spring Party: Wednesday, May 20th

FIFTH Grade Fall Party: Friday, November 14th

FIFTH Grade Winter Party: Friday, February 6th

FIFTH Grade End of Year Party: Tuesday, June 2nd

CULTURES & COMMUNITIES

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Celebrated 9/15-10/15

We're excited to work with you to make this year great!

Mark your calendars for

Celebrating Cultures Night

on 3/26/2026 from 5:30-7:30 pm

We hope to have a great turnout this year! More info to come later!

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ECC READING PARADE

Save the Date! Our ECC Reading Parade is scheduled on Thursday, May 21st at 9 am.

We will need volunteers from 9 am to 4 pm that day.

If you have any gently used books appropriate for K-2nd grade reading levels, please consider donating them to the ECC Reading Incentive. Donations can be dropped off in the bins located at the ECC. More info about the parade to come later!

Thank you to the parents that signed up to be a part of this committee.

FUNDRAISING

Hello! If families or local businesses would like to sponsor and/or host booths at our PTO's Carnival Thursday, May 7th (rain-date 5/8), please reach out!

Thank you for taking part in our PTO community!

Nana McKeone - PTO President
hestrojanspresident@gmail.com

PBIS

Save the Date! PBIS Family Night will be on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Thank you to the parents that signed up to be a part of this committee.
More information to come later!

ROOM PARENT/PTO LIAISON

Classroom liaisons were assigned & parents have been notified via email. Room parents will be working with their classroom teacher to arrange class parties (K-2), class directories (K-5), and help with the needs of the classroom.
Thank you for your interest in this committee!

SCIENCE FAIR

Save the Date! Our Science Fair will be on Thurs., February 26, 2026 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Thank you to the parents that signed up to be a part of this committee.
More information to come later!

SNOWBALL EXPRESS

Students will be visiting the Snowball Express during the week of December 8th - 12th.

Family Night will be on December 9th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Thank you to the parents that signed up to be a part of this committee.

More information to come later!

SPIRITWEAR

Thank you for the wonderful show of support for the PTO Spiritwear sale on BTSN. There will be another sale on Book Fair night (Oct 21st), so pick up your spiritwear in time for Fall Spirit Days!

STAFF MEALS

PTO sponsored staff meal dates TBA.

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