

HERSHEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

2026

January Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

1/8: BAT Mtg - HES 9 AM, PTO Mtg - 9:30 AM
1/9: Spirit Day (Hershey Colors)
1/15: PBIS Family Night at HES 6-7:30 PM
1/23: Third Grade Winter Party
1/30: Career Spirit Day (Dress for your Future)

DTSD CALENDAR

1/16: Teacher Workday (No School)
1/19: Martin Luther King Day (No School)
1/20: 2 Hour Late Start

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing the Hershey ECC and Elementary School community a happy, healthy New Year! May the months ahead be filled with learning, growth, and success for our students, staff, and families. We look forward to a wonderful school year together! Truly, HES PTO

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION

The next inclement weather closure will be a Flexible Instruction Day (FID). Since we had our first snow day of the year on December 2nd any closures moving forward will be a FID. Teachers will communicate information to their students and families regarding the schedule and info. via SeeSaw. Attendance is monitored.

CAREER DAY

Friday, January 30th 8:40-11:00 AM

We are looking for interested individuals to share about their career! You will have the opportunity to present to four different classrooms in the same grade. Your presentation should be 15 minutes of hands on activities with 5 minutes to answer questions.

If you are interested, please fill out the [Career Day Interest Form](#)

Thank you for your willingness to share your knowledge with our little learners!

STOPFINDER APP

DTSD will be using a NEW Parent App! STOPFINDER will provide you with the most accurate information about your student's bus schedule. The app can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play and will require an invite and registration through the district prior to accessing your student's transportation schedule. Please watch for a Stopfinder invitation which will be sent to your primary email address, early January 2026.

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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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2026 Committee Updates



BUILDING ADVISORY TEAM

2nd BAT Meeting - Thursday, January 8th 9-9:30 AM

Virtual or In person at HES - Room 6

This is your opportunity to share feedback, ask questions, and help shape our school community.

Your voice matters!

[Join the Virtual BAT meeting](#)

Meeting Id: 859 9942 7876 - Passcode: Trojans

PTO MEETING

Join us for our 4th PTO Meeting!

Thursday, January 8th at 9:30 AM

Hershey Elementary School - Room 6

[Zoom Link to PTO Meeting](#)

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

DTSD is underway with the planning for our incoming 2026-2027 Kindergarten class!

A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of (5) years before the first day of September. We encourage families to review the [Kindergarten Registration Information](#) and invite you to join us for the Parent Information Night on Wednesday, January 28th at 6:00 PM via zoom [signup here!](#)

[Sign-up for our Kindergarten Information Mailing List](#)

ASSEMBLIES

1/13: Burble, Fizz, Kaboom! (4th & 5th Grades)

1/14: Aliens Alive! (2nd & 3rd Grades)

1/15: The Great Pirate Race for (K & 1st Grades)

We're in need of volunteers!

Please signup [HERE!](#)

BAKERS & HOSPITALITY

We will be celebrating the School Board Directors this month. Additionally, we will be planning for a variety of celebrations in the upcoming months. As we progress through winter and toward spring, we will need lots of extra hands! Please join us for our planning meeting on January 8th at 8pm via [ZOOM](#).

CLASS PARTIES

THIRD Grade Winter Party: Friday, January 23rd

Spring Party: Friday, March 27th

FOURTH Grade Winter Party: Friday, February 13th

Spring Party: Wednesday, May 20th

FIFTH Grade Winter Party: Friday, February 6th

SignupGenius link to come!

End of Year Party: Tuesday, June 2nd

K-2 Class Parties: Organized by Classroom Liasions

CULTURES & COMMUNITIES

Celebrating Our Cultures Night

Thursday, March 26th 2026 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Parents will soon receive a form to sign up for participation. If anyone is interested in performing and showcasing their culture during the event, please feel free to [contact us](#).

We can't wait to celebrate together!

Committee members look out for an email soon regarding our upcoming meeting.

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ECC READING PARADE

Save the Date! Our ECC Reading Parade is scheduled on Thursday, May 21st at 9 AM.
Rain Date is May 22nd at 9 AM.

Every year, the PTO provides K-1 students with books for the upcoming summer. Historically, we have provided each child 6-8 gently used books that they select after the reading parade. You can help by donating gently used books appropriate for K-2 grade readers from now until May 1st. Donation bins are in the front of the ECC and Elementary buildings. THANK YOU!

FUNDRAISING

Hello families and local businesses! If you would like to sponsor and/or host a booth at our PTO's Carnival Thurs., May 7th (Rain Date May 8th) Please reach out!

Contact: Nana McKeone - PTO President
hestrojanspresident@gmail.com

THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Is in need of elastic waist pants and long-sleeve crew neck shirts in all sizes! These items help students stay comfy, warm, and confident when accidents or spills happen during the day. Clean, gently used, or new items are all welcome. Thank you for helping us keep our students cozy and cared for!

PBIS

Save the Date! PBIS Family Night will be on Thursday, January 15th 2026 from 6:00-7:30 PM. This is always a community favorite with activities including bracelet making, legos, STEAM activities, a dance party, photo op and more!! There will also be student-preformed music and snacks.

ROOM PARENT/PTO LIAISON

Classroom liaisons (aka Room parents) will continue working with their classroom teacher to arrange class parties (K-2) and help with the needs of the classroom.

SCIENCE FAIR

Save the Date, our Science Fair is coming up soon!
Thursday, February 26th from 5:30-7:00 PM
Get ready to explore, discover, and be amazed as students showcase their bubbling experiments and brilliant ideas.
More information to come this month!

SPIRITWEAR

Check out our PTO run [HES APPAREL STORE](#) and Hershey High School's [TROJAN TRADING POST](#) for your school spirit shopping needs!

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