

HERSHEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO



2026 March Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

3/12-13: Elementary Conferences
3/23: Spring Picture Day
3/26: Celebrating Our Cultures Night - MPR
3/27: Third Grade Spring Party
3/31: Holly Garner Author Visit for K & 1

DTSD CALENDAR

3/12: Elementary Conferences (No School)
3/13: Elementary Conferences (No School)
2/20: Staff In-Service Day (No School)

2026-2027 CALENDAR

PTO COMMITTEE NEEDS

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following PTO Roles: PTO President, Science Fair Coord., Cultures & Diversity Comm., Distributing Treasurer, and the ECC Reading Parade. Your time and talents make a meaningful difference in our school community. If you're interested in serving in any of these positions, please [reach out!](#)

CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held March 12th from 12-7 PM, and March 13th from 8AM-3PM. Families may choose to attend in person or via Zoom. Please connect directly with your child's teacher to sign up for a conference time. We look forward to partnering with you! Access and View Report Cards via [ParentVUE](#).

CULTURES & COMMUNITIES

Celebrating Our Cultures Night

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

Passports ready for an evening of entertainment and delicious foods from cultures around the world! Dress in your cultural or heritage attire and join us as we celebrate the traditions, flavors, and stories that bring us together.

We hope to see you there!

If you'd like to contribute a cultural poster, activity, or food donation please click [HERE!](#)

YEARBOOKS

Yearbook orders are DUE **March 14th 2026**.

We will NOT be selling 'extras' this year, so if you are interested in ordering a yearbook, they MUST be ordered in advance [HERE!](#) Select 'Hershey Elementary' or use the QR code provided on the flyer sent home.

Adopt-A-Book

Consider purchasing an extra book to be gifted to a student that may not otherwise be able to purchase a yearbook.

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

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

HERSHEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO



2026 Committee Updates



PTO MEETING

Join us for our 6th PTO Meeting!
Thursday, April 9th at 9:30 AM
Hershey Elementary School - Room 6

[Zoom Link to PTO Meeting](#)

Meeting Id: 859 9942 7876 - Passcode: Trojans

BUILDING ADVISORY TEAM

3rd BAT Meeting - Thursday, April 9th 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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

[Pre-Registration](#) for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year is now open!
Once your pre-registration is complete, please schedule an [in-person appointment](#) during our
April Kindergarten event. Our in-person Kindergarten registration event will take place
April 7-9th, 2026 at the Hershey Early Childhood Center.
For additional information, please refer to [Parent Information Night 2026](#).

ASSEMBLIES

Tuesday, March 31st 2026

Author visit with Holly Garner for K & 1

Thursday, April 2nd 2026

Author visit with Frank Murphy for 2nd-5th

BAKERS & HOSPITALITY

This month, we are excited to celebrate our
Amazing School Social Workers!

Be sure to keep an eye out for April's newsletter,
plans and end-of-year celebrations will be ramping up
as we head into the final stretch of the school year!

CLASS PARTIES

3rd Grade Spring Party: Friday, March 27th 2026

4th Grade Spring Party: Wednesday, May 20th 2026

5th Grade End of Year Party: Tuesday, June 2nd 2026

K-2 Class Parties: Organized by Classroom Liaisons

5th GRADE CELEBRATION

As we prepare for the 5th Grade Celebration on
Tuesday, June 2nd 2026
we're gathering photos for a special slideshow!
Please send any pictures you'd like to share to:

HESClass2033@gmail.com

We can't wait to celebrate our students!

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ECC READING PARADE

Save the Date! Thursday, May 21st at 9 AM (Rain Date - May 22nd at 9 AM)

Volunteers are hard at work sorting through books for the upcoming reading parade book giveaway. We are still in need of gently used books appropriate for K-2 students (e.g., picture books, early chapter books, and non fiction books). Please no board books. If you would like to donate, please drop books off at HES or the ECC bin located in the school's entrance.

Sign-up sheet to volunteer for book distribution coming soon!

FUNDRAISING

Our PTO team is busy planning engaging fundraising opportunities to benefit our school community.

More information coming soon!

Nana McKeone - PTO President

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DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Please take a moment to carefully review the updated Dismissal Procedures document at the end of this newsletter. It contains important and helpful information for all families.

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Coin Wars was a great success! All monies earned will go to Four Diamonds, whose mission is to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children and their families through superior care, comprehensive support and innovative research.

Thank you for your support and FTK!!

MARCH SPIRIT DAYS

3/6: Reading Challenge Spirit Day - Read my T-shirt Day

3/11: Blue and Orange Spirit Day

3/18: Reading Challenge Spirit Day - Dress as your favorite book character

3/23: March Mismatch Spirit Day

3/31: Reading Challenge Spirit Day - Vocabulary Hat Day

WINTER WEATHER ATTIRE

With colder temperatures upon us, we kindly ask families to ensure students come to school with appropriate winter attire, including coats, hats, and gloves, as needed for outdoor time. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe and warm!

SPIRITWEAR

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

[Volunteer opportunities](#) available for upcoming Hershey Elementary School Events.

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HERSHEY ECC & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal begins at 3:35 PM. Due to the volume of student pick-ups there may be a wait. Please plan accordingly and arrive early.

DISMISSAL TIMES:

- 3:35 PM - Walkers/Parent Pick Up
- 3:37 PM - Bus Riders

DISMISSAL OPTIONS:

- Bus Transportation
- School Van Transportation (based upon specific student need)
- Walker (only students living in walker zone)
- Parent Pick Up (car pick-up)

PARENT PICKUP LOCATIONS: ***Due to the volume of parent pick ups, there may be a wait. Please be patient and treat all staff and students with respect.*

ECC Front and Elementary Side - Curbside pick up ONLY.

Please stay in your vehicle, display your pick-up/dismissal car tag by hanging it from your rear view mirror, and pull forward to the pick-up location. Staff members will bring your child to your vehicle. Parents are not permitted to park their cars and pick up students on the sidewalks/front of the building. If you do not have your car tag you will be asked to show proof of your photo ID, if you do not have proof of your photo ID you will be asked to park and sign your child out through the school office.

DISMISSAL NOTES: Please discuss end of school day dismissal plans and pick up locations with your child before coming to school each day. **Students must have a written note, if there is a change in their dismissal plan.** Notes are to be turned in to the office and homeroom teacher with any dismissal changes. Hand written notes can be sent in with your student at the beginning of the day and given to their homeroom teacher. Emailed notes should be emailed to the students homeroom teacher and the office administrative assistant for your students grade before 3 PM and should include your child's full name, time of pick up and teacher name. If someone other than the parent/guardian will be picking up, please include the full name of that individual (this includes step-parents). Please do NOT use Seesaw or ParentVUE as a communication tool for dismissal. **All changes in dismissal made during the school day need to be communicated by emailing the school office by 3 PM.** Dismissal changes made after 3 PM may not be able to be changed.

THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS:

Mrs. Stoner - ECC Office (Grades K-1) stoner@hershey.k12.pa.us
717-531-2211 Ext. 6200

Mrs. Bressi - ECC Office (Grades K-1) sbressi@hgershey.k12.pa.us
717-531-2211 Ext. 6201

Mrs. Fulton - Primary Office (Grades 2-3) nfulton@hershey.k12.pa.us
717-531-2277 Ext. 5200

Mrs. Davis - Int. Office (Grades 4-5) sdavis@hershey.k12.pa.us
717-531-2277 Ext. 5300

Students who will be changing to a "Parent Pick Up" on a given day will need a "Student Dismissal Note" stating WHO will be picking them up and to check "✓" the PICK-UP LOCATION (ECC front or Elementary side). Staff members will confirm any adult who is picking up the student prior to allowing the student to enter the vehicle or leave with them by verifying their pick-up/dismissal car tag. A "Student Dismissal Note" should be given to your child's classroom teacher first thing upon the student's arrival to the room.

STUDENTS WHO ARE WALKERS WILL LEAVE THE BUILDING TO WALK HOME.

Walkers are not supervised once they leave the school grounds. Only students who live in the walker zone will be dismissed as a walker. Students who DO NOT live in the walking zone WILL NOT be dismissed as a walker.

BUS TRANSPORTATION: We encourage all students who are eligible for school transportation services to utilize this service during the school year. If you have any questions concerning transportation, please call Mr. Steve Bell, Transportation Director, at (717) 566-7422. Students cannot ride a bus they are not assigned to by the Transportation Office. For bus times and pick up locations please download the STOPFINDER App. Any bus change requests must be submitted and approved by the transportation dept. before the office can authorize the change.

RELEASE OF CHILDREN TO A THIRD PARTY

The school will release a child to a third party only if that person is named in writing by the child's custodial parent or guardian. The designated person must be named specifically in a dated note from the parent asking us to release the child to this person. All release requests must come from the office. Office staff WILL ask for photo identification to verify identity at the time of pickup.

RELEASE OF CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE DAY IF YOU ARE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AS A VOLUNTEER

Students must have a written note turned in to the office and homeroom teacher with any dismissal changes. Please do NOT use Seesaw or ParentVUE as a communication tool for dismissal. **All changes in dismissal made during the school day need to be communicated by calling or emailing the school office by 3 PM.** If you are volunteering at a school event and wish to take your child home afterwards, a note/email should be sent to the office prior to the event. Students are to return to their designated classroom after the event with their teacher. After the event, parents are to proceed to the office to sign their child out. Upon the volunteers arrival in the office, the administrative assistant will call the student down to be dismissed. Parents are NOT to bring their child from the event to the office for dismissal.