

HERSHEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

2026

May Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

5/6: Bike to School Day
5/8: Blue and Orange Spirit Day
5/14: LAST PTO Mtg - 9:30 AM at HES
5/21: ECC Reading Parade - 9 AM
5/29: Trading Places Day - Dress like the staff!

DTSD CALENDAR

5/25: Memorial Day
6/4: Last Day of School, Early Dismissal at 10:20 AM - Parents should please send any change in dismissal plan for the last day of school to the offices by Tuesday, June 2nd.

PTO COMMITTEE NEEDS

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following PTO Roles: Vice President, Hospitality, Science Fair Coord. & Cultures & Diversity Comm. 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](#)!

ECC READING PARADE

Thursday, May 21st at 9:00 AM (RD 5/22 - 9 AM)
Join us for a fun morning celebrating our youngest readers as they take part in a joyful Reading Parade. Come show your support and help cheer them on as they share their love of books! A sign up to interested volunteers coming soon. Please [reach out](#) with any questions.

5th GRADE CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 2nd 2026

We're collecting photos for a special slideshow until May 1st - Please send any pictures you'd like to share to:
HESClass2033@gmail.com

Keep an eye out for more updates!

COMMUNICATIONS

The PTO is always looking for ways to make our school community even stronger, and we'd love your input. We've put together a short [SURVEY](#) to better understand what's working well and where we can improve. It only takes a few minutes, and your thoughts will help guide future PTO activities, events, and support for our students and staff.

Thank you so much for your time!

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[2026-2027 CALENDAR](#)

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

PTO MEETING

Join us for our LAST PTO Meeting!

Thursday, May 14th at 9:30 AM
Hershey Elementary School - Room 6

[Zoom Link to PTO Meeting](#)

Meeting Id: 859 9942 7876 - Passcode: Trojans

BUILDING ADVISORY TEAM

Grade level BAT representatives enjoyed a presentation about some of the Social and Emotional Support tools used at school. Please refer to Mrs. Funck's newsletter for some helpful tips and websites you can use at home!

We will resume both in-person and virtual meetings in the upcoming 2026-2027 school year!

FUNDRAISING

We are looking ahead to an exciting and important initiative, supporting the development of two new playgrounds as part of the new elementary building. This is a significant undertaking, but one that will help create a safe, engaging, and joyful space for our children to learn and play.

In the coming months, the PTO will be organizing fundraising efforts to help bring this vision to life.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community!

DID YOU KNOW?

If you're a parent or caregiver of a student enrolled in DTSD, you are automatically a valued member of the PTO. Every member has a voice and your ideas and participation matter in helping shape the experiences we create for our students. Whether you volunteer your time, share your talents, or contribute monetarily your involvement makes a meaningful difference in our school community!

The PTO exists to support and enrich the educational experience of all students while strengthening the connection between families, teachers, and staff.

Our goal is to foster a positive, inclusive school community where every child can thrive.

We work to enhance student learning by funding assemblies, programs, resources, and experiences that go beyond the school's budget. The PTO also organizes events and activities that build school spirit, encourage family involvement, and create meaningful connections within our community.

In addition, the PTO collaborates with school leadership to support teachers and staff, advocate for student needs, and help provide a safe, engaging, and supportive environment for all students.

SAVE THE DATE! POPSICLES WITH THE PTO Event during Sneak A Peak on August 20th

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Early Childhood Center (ECC) is home to all of our district kindergarten classes. In order to enroll for kindergarten, a child must turn 5 years of age prior to the first day of September.

More information about Kindergarten Registration [HERE](#).

For additional information, please refer to [Parent Information Night 2026](#).

BAKERS & HOSPITALITY

May continues to be a BIG month for Hospitality! As the school year winds down, we celebrate the amazing HES staff who support our kids every day.

If you see a SignUpGenius in your inbox or the HES Facebook group, please help if you can.

Thank you!

CLASS PARTIES

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

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

K-3 Class Parties: Organized by Classroom Liaisons

CULTURES & COMMUNITIES

Celebrating Our Cultures Night

We enjoyed an evening of entertainment and delicious foods from cultures around the world as we celebrated the traditions, flavors, and stories that bring us together!

Thank you to all participants!

THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Is in need of girls and boys undies, elastic waist pants, shorts, and crew neck shirts in ALL sizes!

These items help students stay comfy 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!

LOST AND FOUND

The HES and ECC Lost and Finds are both currently full of unclaimed items.

Students are encouraged to check for any missing belongings at their earliest convenience. All remaining items will be donated at the end of the school year.

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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