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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

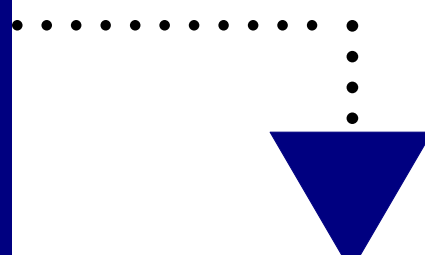
Happy August to you all. I cannot believe summer is nearing an end and school will begin in a week! Time is flying by!

I hope you all have enjoyed your summer and are ready to begin the school year with your children and PTO! I can't thank you enough for your enthusiasm, support, and volunteer time you have dedicated to PTO. Thank you so very much. I look forward to working with each of you.

If you have not seen our new planner (aka calendar), I think you will really enjoy it. Thanks to Kathy Sandberg who had the original idea at a fundraising meeting in the Spring. It is a great travel size and you'll enjoy all of the helpful information in it. Please remember that dues for this year were raised to \$15. They will get a free planner with their membership! We will also be selling the PTO excuse pads for \$2 at the membership table at open houses.

I look forward to seeing you Monday, August 27th at 7:00 pm at the Hudson Library for our general board meeting.

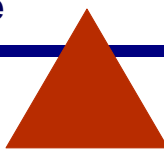
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HALLOWEEN WINDOWS

A spooktacular PTO tradition - Halloween Window Painting will take place this year on Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 9 am to 4 pm. Be sure to stop downtown and check out our local artists in action that day.

For more information on window painting, please contact either Mary Apicella or Melissa Snyderman.



The mission of Hudson PTO is to act as a community link between parents and the school community; financially supplement the education of the Hudson school children; actively support the Hudson City Schools; and provide programs to instill a fun and positive atmosphere within the home, school and community.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**PTO General Board Meeting - Monday, August 27th, 7 pm
Hudson Library**

Evamere Open House - Tuesday, August 28th, 3 pm - 6 pm

Ellsworth Hill Open House - Tuesday, August 28th, 3 pm - 5 pm

McDowell Open House Tuesday, September 11th, 7 pm

East Woods Open House

5th grade - Thursday, August 30th, 2007 - 7 pm

4th grade - Thursday, September 6th, 2007 - 7 pm

Middle School Open House - Wednesday, September 19th - 7 pm

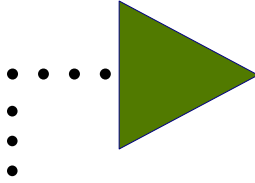
**PTO General Board Meeting - Monday, September 24th, 9:30 am
Hudson Library**

**PTO General Board Meeting - Monday, October 22nd , 7 pm
Middle School Media Center**

Please check our website www.hudsonpto.org. or the PTO Calendar for additional PTO school events!



Just a reminder that we will be gathering at Emilio's after the September General Board meeting on Monday, September 24th for lunch! Hope to see you there!!!



Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Melissa Sturik and Martin Bach for being awarded PTO's Teacher of the Year Award last May.

Melissa Sturik is a Second Grade Teacher and has spent the last 8t years teaching at Hudson Elementary and will be continuing her journey this fall at Ellsworth Hill.

Martin Bach has been teaching in Hudson for 6 years and currently teaches US History 9 and Accelerated World History to Freshmen and Sophomores.

Scholarship Award Winners

Kudos to the following recipients of our PTO Scholarship Awards. Each of these students received \$1,000 to go towards their education this fall at the college of their choice.

Elizabeth Carter
BJ Gilbert
Cole Johnson
Alicia VanZanten
Briana Yuh

Great job and good luck!!!



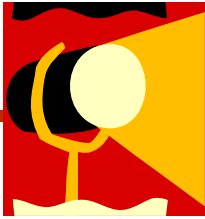
Treasurers Report

Welcome back! We would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce ourselves and duties. We are trying a new format this year, two people to assist in the treasury department. Cindy Mosko, Assistant Treasurer, will be responsible for distribution and collection of cash boxes for all PTO related activities as well as all deposits from the organization. Mary Margida, Treasurer, will be responsible for all check requests, payment of invoices, and financial reporting. All of the accounting guidelines and forms (including both deposit and check requests) were updated this summer and are available on the website. Additionally, both Cindy and Mary have these forms available if you do not have Internet access. We ask you familiarize yourselves with the new procedures, allow ample time when requesting funds or cash boxes and use the appropriate forms when making deposits and requests.

Do you have an aptitude for math? Can you balance a checkbook? Do you have several hours to devote to a special project? PTO is looking for a few good people to assist with a limited examination of the recordkeeping for the 2006-07 school year, as required by the PTO constitution. Instructions and guidelines will be provided, we just need you to perform the work by October 15, 2007. Please contact Mary Margida via email at margidajm@aol.com or Anne Mau at amau@adelphia.net. If you will be able to assist with this project. We are looking forward to a great year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either Mary Margida or Cindy Mosko.

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Spotlight On PTO Community Partners

A new name to start the new school year. The HCPTSA is now the Hudson PTA. In other (and fewer) words, The Hudson Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is the newly simplified name of the organization formerly known as The Hudson Community Parent Teacher Student Association (HCTPSA). In Spring 2007, the group chose to simplify its name, but not its mission, in order to make its acronym more easily recognizable and identifiable as the Hudson chapter of the National PTA.

In only its twelfth year, the Hudson PTA has grown in membership and participation in community and school related activities and issues. Participation in the PTA's programs, particularly the Reflections Art Program (which had more than 120 entries last spring) has grown by leaps and bounds. The PTA also awards scholarships and is a co-founder of the Coalition for Children's Mental Health.

In addition to the name change, the Hudson PTA will be launching its new website, www.ptahudson.org, designed by board member Charlene Burns. The website will allow members to access archives of PTA newsletters, receive updates on volunteer activities, and retrieve copies of documents and handouts from programs and venues. By visiting our website the community can view informative articles and galleries of activities from the Hudson PTA's popular Reflections Program and much more. The attractive and user-friendly web site will also offer links to school organizations and articles of interest to parents, teachers and students.

Hudson PTA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. Its primary focus is one of child advocacy. It provides a forum for the discussion and action on local issues of concern. Committees monitor legislative issues as well as issues that involve the health, safety, and welfare of children. It is committed to not only studying issues that affect children in our community but also works to build bridges within our community so that effective communication occurs with the public about the Hudson schools. The PTA hosts school board candidate forums and school levy presentations as well as parenting and educational meetings.

As a service to its members, the PTA publishes school directories for the elementary, middle and high schools. PTA representatives will be present at Hudson City Schools' Registration and Open Houses in the months of August and September to provide more information.

The Hudson PTA looks forward to continued growth as more members of the community join in advocating for our children. For information on programs for the 2007-2008 school year, please visit: www.ptahudson.org or call Hudson PTA President, Joy York at 330.650.6518.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

Sandra Camp 8/2
Kathy Sandberg 8/2
Sherri Parnell 8/7
Mary Margida 8/12
Debbie Hookway 8/16
Susan Seagrist 8/16
Laurie Stuursma 8/20
Kathy Staudt 8/24
Sherri Hammond 8/27

SEPTEMBER

Sue Carter 9/1
Leah Roth 9/10
Beth Arbritas 9/13
Jennifer Dudinec 9/15
Anne Mau 9/17

OCTOBER

Kim Hutcheson 10/2
Leslie Daly 10/10
Kathy Johanson 10/10
Stacy Cravener 10/13
Marianne Redslob 10/17
Brit Seifert 10/23
Mary Schulman 10/25
Lori Matson 10/30

SPIRIT WEAR

Hello wonderful PTO Board! Stephanie and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our members familiar and new! We have some exciting new Spirit Wear items in our fall line up this year as well as and some returning favorites!

Available in ladies and junior sizes, we have a fantastic light weight Chocolate Brown Zip Jacket with Hudson embroidered in teal blue. Great for taking to games or cool fall evenings!

For boys or men, we are offering a striking Red Long Sleeve Jersey with Hudson logo. If you are looking for more of a traditional look, be sure to check out our Hudson Short Sleeve Navy Tee. Great for all ages!

Girls will look sporty and stylish in our two Spirit Wear tees designed just for them!! Our Fuchsia Sport Tee combines the look of an athletic cut shirt with a fun Hudson logo on the front! Our highly fashionable fitted Black Tee is great for all ages and has a whimsical Hudson font imprinted in teal on the front.

We have also brought back by popular demand, our Classic Navy Hudson Hoodie. If you have ever had one of these fabulous sweatshirts, you know what we are talking about! Printed with a classic Hudson logo, these soft, durable sweatshirts, hold up wash after wash, year after year. A must have for fall or winter!

A Special Edition Ellsworth Hill Elementary is also being made available to commemorate the opening of our brand new school this year. Imprinted with a fun quote, "I'm Feeling Cool in My New School" on the front, this tee is a limited edition just for kids attending EHE this year!

We have a lot of other great items too, including a Hudson logo umbrella, an awesome Hudson blanket, a baseball cap, a terrific, lined navy jacket embroidered with Hudson logo, and skully hats & socks. Stop by our cash and carry tables at your child's open house, or order online through our PTO website. Forms will also be coming home the week of September 3rd.

Kim Graham & Stephanie Kaiser

Fundraiser Forum

The Rewards program contributes directly to the PTO general fund through a variety of programs. The participating programs include Acme, the Funding Factory, Giant Eagle, Heinen's, Pizzabogo and Sherwin Williams.

Some of the programs, including Giant Eagle and Heinen's ABC require participants to register to earn money for their schools. In the case of Heinen's, participants must register each year. Acme requires that participants turn in receipts of qualifying purchases. A percentage of the total of qualifying purchases are returned to the schools.

The Funding Factory collects used ink cartridges and old cell phones. Items are collected from each school building as well as the Hudson library. The PTO receives checks periodically throughout the year for items collected.

Pizzabogo and Sherwin Williams are on-going fundraisers that require little or no PTO administration. Pizzabogo donates a percentage of all orders placed on Thursdays if the caller mentions Hudson PTO. Sherwin Williams provides Good Neighbor cards that offer the cardholder a discount on paint purchases and makes a contribution to the Hudson schools.

General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels is a cash redemption program. Don't forget to save your box tops and soup labels and turn them in at your child's school throughout the school year. This is an easy way PTO can give back to our schools!

Ann Blechman

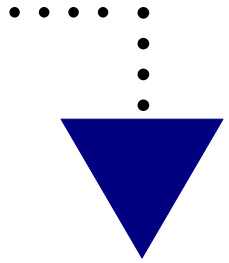


The Mini-Grants meeting is scheduled for 9:30am, November 8th in the North Meeting Room at the Hudson Library. Teachers and staff members must be paid members of PTO for the 2007-2008 school year by October 15th in order to submit grant requests.

Beth Cavoli

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Just A Reminder

Don't forget to get your 2007-2008 Monthly Planners and Student Excuse Pads.

These great planners are free with a paid PTO membership of only \$15. They have all the important school and PTO dates and information and are in a convenient travel size format so they are easily accessible on the go!!

Student excuse pads will be available at all the membership tables at school open houses for only \$2 and year round at the Middle School Book Store.

Keep them handy instead of writing notes for the teacher all year long when your child has an early dismissal or will be absent from school.



**Save The Date! Run For The Schools!!
Saturday, September 14, 2008**

