



A Note from the President

It has been my absolute pleasure to work with Holly Ridge Elementary School families, teachers and staff through the PTA over the last 3 years, to help bring in closer relation the home and the school and help improve education for kids. As many of you know, I am transitioning out of the president role and handing the baton to Reashanda Miller this spring, in order pursue other opportunities where I can continue to work to achieve top-quality education for our kids and strong schools.

Needless to say, the PTA at Holly Ridge does amazing work. The dedication of the PTA team is the essential, behind-the-scenes component to the excellent programs our kids enjoy, the technology that is so essential for our kid's learning experience, and the appreciation that is shown to our wonderful and hard-working teachers and staff.

News from The Ridge

Finding Our Way, Together

Dear HRE PTA family and friends,

We miss our school. We miss our teachers and staff. We miss being together and seeing our children grow up in the incredible environment we have all been cultivating within the walls of Holly Ridge Elementary. Now we're seeing that our incredible school community is reaching outside of the physical walls and reaching into our homes where we're all doing our parts to fight this pandemic and support our community.

We know things are changing day by day and we're all in this together. As your PTA board, we want to keep you informed on our impacts and changes during this time. We also want to provide some resources you may choose to check out.

1. **Reminder from Mrs. Gorman** – Please be in contact with your child's teacher. If your child is in need of a technology device to do school work, let your teacher know ASAP.
2. **Free Meals for Children** – With the announcement of school closures through at least May 15, we want to inform you of food access options throughout Wake County during these unprecedented times. Visit <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/16591> for all of the information on locations, details and how you can help.
3. **Holly Springs Food Cupboard** – If you would like to help our community locally and directly, visit hsfoodcupboard.org with ways to help provide food/track out bags.
4. **Remote Learning Resources – WCPSS Resources** <https://sites.google.com/wcpss.net/instructional-continuity-wcpss>
5. **Silver Graphics Art Fundraiser** – Mrs. Baxter and all of the students have spent months working on special art pieces that highlight their talents. This is your chance to memorialize your child's art in the form of gifts or other household goods to cherish. Online orders can be placed through May 1st. You can even upload new art to their website before this deadline. Contact Jacqueline @ hresptafundraising@gmail.com with any questions or for your child's ordering information.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve our school. I am so thankful for being a part of such a great group of dedicated and hard-working ladies on the PTA board. And, I am so appreciative for the friendships - not only with other parents, but also with teachers, staff, and administration. We have such a special school family at Holly Ridge!

I hope you will consider becoming more involved in the work of the PTA. There is always an opportunity to contribute -- in a small way or a big way. You will find it to be a very rewarding experience to see how much of a difference you can make by volunteering your time.

Thank you again and see you around The Ridge! Go Labs!

Erin Paré
HRES PTA President

Join the PTA

It's not too late! Contact Lynn Eady, membership chair and VP of Volunteers for more information at hresptavolunteers@gmail.com

Box Tops

Thank you for continuing to collect Box Tops as a fundraiser for HRES PTA! Visit our website to download the new Box Tops app and submit your receipts remotely.

Hrepta.org/contact

6. **Supporting our School** – Even though this is a difficult time, our school is going to need our support more than ever. If you're shopping on Amazon, be sure to use Amazon Smile and they will give back at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0842047>.



7. **The Census is a Big Deal!** Responses to the 2020 Census will determine funding levels for important education and healthcare programs that benefit children. [Fill it out by April 1.](#)
8. **2020-2021 Slate of Officers** - Soon we will be sending out our nominated slate of officers for the upcoming school year. Keep your eye out for an email and to vote on next year's board.
9. **April Board Meeting** – Our April 2nd board meeting will still occur virtually. Keep an eye out for details.
10. **PTA Events** – Just a reminder that all events associated with our PTA cannot occur when school is not open. Make sure to keep up with us on our website and Facebook page. Subscribe to our google calendar or utilize the printable calendar version available on our website so you don't miss any events at HRE.

We want to send a HUGE “Thank You” to our teachers and administration for braving these times and being there not only for our kids but also our entire families. We will get through this together. We look forward to getting back into our school!

Also, we want to take a moment to wish Erin Paré luck in her new pursuits. Thank you for your leadership these past few years at HRE and for caring deeply about our school community. We will miss having you on the board. Your passion has been inspiring!

Thank you for your support for the Holly Ridge Elementary PTA! Follow us on Facebook and visit our website for continuing updates!

Sincerely,

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