

Holly Ridge  
Elementary PTA  
Home of the Labs

October 2019



## Fall Festival

What an enormous success with an outstanding turnout. Fall Festival Chair, Jen Bolger, knocked it out of the park with another fun-filled evening of crafts, games, inflatables, yummy food, great music and of course, camaraderie! Amazing how she also arranged zero rain; she is quite the magic-worker!

## School Store is Open!

Hours are 8:45-9:15.  
Mondays: Grades K-2.  
Fridays: Grades 3-5. \$2.00 will buy almost everything available in the store. Lisa Arnette (School Store Chair) has it stocked with cute and fun erasers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, etc. \*\*Don't forget to check in with your teacher before shopping!

# News from The Ridge

## Off to a Running Start

We are officially well in to October of another great school year at Holly Ridge. It was a joy to see all of the kid's (and the parent's) smiling faces at Meet the Teacher in August, and the grade level Open Houses in September.

We would like to keep you in-the-know about goings-on at The Ridge. Please read below some important information about upcoming events and opportunities, as well as a list of resources for volunteering and keeping up-to-date with PTA information. As always, the link to the updated PTA calendar is on our website at [hrepta.org](http://hrepta.org).

1. BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN: As you know, we are in the middle of our big fundraiser for the year, our Boosterthon FUN RUN! We are raising money for instructional technology for the school, which is a continuing need at HRES. Keep those pledges coming in! The kids have been enjoying Boosterthon's character videos, interaction with the Boosterthon team, and, of course, the prizes and class incentives. We are still working toward our goal of \$35,000. Thank you for your contributions! For more information, please visit [hrepta.org](http://hrepta.org). The FUN RUN event will take place on Friday, October 11. To sign-up to volunteer, please visit this link [bit.ly/hrefunrun](http://bit.ly/hrefunrun).

2. SPIRIT NIGHT AT BLAZE PIZZA IN HOLLY SPRINGS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 5:00 - 8:00 P.M., 316 GRAND HILL PLACE. Download the flyer from our website [hrepta.org](http://hrepta.org) or Facebook page, or simply show the flyer from your phone to a Blaze Pizza team member when you order and 20% of your bill will go to the HRES PTA. Thank you!

3. REFLECTIONS: Does your student enjoy art, music and dance, or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! ENTRIES ARE DUE BY 10.25.19.

This year's theme, "Look Within," calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts. Students can pick up entries from their grade teacher, art teacher, music teacher, and additional entry forms and guidelines for each category are in the school lobby. Students Pre-K through Grade 12 may participate.

For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn

## School Spirit Fridays

Show your school spirit!  
Wear your spirit wear, Fun  
Run shirts or school colors  
every Friday!

## Paw Prints Available

We still have a few paw  
prints for rent! Reserve  
yours today at [hrepta.org](http://hrepta.org)!

## Join the PTA

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

## Box Tops

Thank you for continuing to  
collect Box Tops as a  
fundraiser for HRES PTA!  
Please keep an eye out for  
more information about  
submissions, collection  
deadlines and class  
incentives coming soon!

## Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for events in  
November such as: "Donuts  
with Dad" and our annual  
Veteran's Day Luncheon.  
Access the updated PTA  
calendar or subscribe to  
the google calendar from  
our webpage, [hrepta.org](http://hrepta.org).

## PTA Board Members

Erin Paré, President

Staci Outlaw, Treasurer

Jessica Sulzen, VP Programs

Jacqueline Viera, VP Fundraising

Lynn Eady, VP Volunteers

Reashanda Miller, Secretary

[Hrepta.org/contact](http://Hrepta.org/contact)

more about prizes and scholarships  
at [PTA.org/Reflections/Awards](http://PTA.org/Reflections/Awards).

4. SCHOOL GARDEN UPDATE FROM RACHEL WOODS, HRES GARDEN CHAIR: "Oh how our garden grows! Another year in the garden brought us more monarch butterflies & caterpillars than ever and opportunities to learn more about native wildlife. Some of these sights were captured by our talented students and teachers whose garden contest photos will soon be hung in the back stairwell for all to see. Come check them out! Raised garden beds will soon be installed offering more opportunities for outdoor learning. Please join our garden group on Facebook to learn more about our school garden including opportunities to volunteer on upcoming work days, like on December 6th."

5. THANK YOU ALL FOR CONTRIBUTING TO OUR PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS WEEK/MEG'S SMILE DRIVE THIS YEAR. Together we raised \$787.50 for the Meg's Smile Foundation!

Meg Wasley is the little girl that was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumor when she was in 2nd grade at Holly Ridge Elementary. She lived 11 months and passed away January 2011. Meg's little sister, Isabelle is in 3rd grade at HRES this year.

Meg's Smile was created in honor of Meg Wasley and has brought joy to many local children and families who are suffering from pediatric cancer.

The mother of another HRES student, Rebecca Floyd, who's son Franklin fought childhood cancer and beat it, describes the gift that is Meg's Smile:

"Meg's Smile has put many smiles on kids and families, local ones. Some of those kids, at least I think, have passed away. Several of the smile recipients that have passed were my referrals. It is dear to my heart."

Thank you. Together we are strong. Go labs!

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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