

# HICKORY WOODS ELEMENTARY WELCOME BACK PACKET

Hickory Woods Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year from the Hickory Woods PTA! We are excited to begin another fantastic year full of activities to support and enhance all the great things happening at our school. With your help we can continue to fund and organize events such as assemblies, author visits, trunk or treat, field trips and many more! Check out the Hickory Woods PTA Website to see the 2023-2024 budget.

The PTA has created a *Welcome Back Packet*. This packet includes information on important upcoming dates, spirit wear, PTA membership and ways to be involved.



## Upcoming Dates

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
9/1 - No School	10/3 - PTA Meeting, 7pm	11/3 - All Pro Dads, 8am
9/4 - No School	10/6 - Color Run Make Up Date (Only If Needed Due To Weather)	11/7 - No School
9/5 - PTA Meeting, 7pm	10/6 - All Pro Dads, 8am	11/8 - PTA Mtg, 7pm
9/8 - All Pro Dads, 8am	10/20 - Breakfast With A Buddy, 8am	11/14 - Half Day
9/12 - Curriculum Night 6pm-2nd 6:30pm-1st 7pm-K	10/20 thru 10/27 - Scholastic Book Fair	11/23 - No School
9/13 - Curriculum Night 6pm-3rd 6:30pm-5th 7pm-4th	10/31 - Half Day	11/24 - No School
9/21 - Half Day		
9/22 - Color Run		
9/25 - No School		
9/29 - Picture Day		

## Spirit Wear

Hickory Woods Spirit wear is available for purchase and you're not going to want to miss out. This year's merch has a fresh look! There are 4 different style shirts to choose from in both youth and adult sizes.

**ORDER DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**Delivery Date: Approximately 3 weeks after the store closes.**

**Delivery Location: All orders will be shipped to school and sent home with your student.**

### How To Order:



1. Go to this link - <https://hickory23.itemorder.com/shop/home/>  
OR
2. Scan the QR code

## PTA Membership

As we head into a new year, we want everyone to feel as though they are a part of our very special *school community where every student and family matters*. You are important. Family involvement at Hickory Woods is the backbone to our thriving school environment. We encourage you to join the PTA, where *your voice can be heard* and you can help create a better learning environment for all students.

### WHAT IS THE PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association.

### GOALS

Our goal is to *support the staff and students* with the extra resources they need and to help create a more enriching and positive experience for all students at Hickory Woods Elementary. We strive to *build a strong community* within our school by arranging after school events where students, families and staff are invited to get together and enjoy fun activities, as well as each other's company.

### IMPORTANCE

The PTA plays an important role at Hickory Woods. We provide an opportunity for parents to receive updates on important information and regular activities, along with a space to meet new adult members of our school community. *Attending PTA meetings* gives you a chance to voice your opinion, bring up concerns, share new ideas, create change and stir up excitement! Being at the meetings, you'll have the full attention of our principal Mrs. Shannon, our teacher liaison Ms. Oatley and the PTA Board Members to share any information you feel is important.

### MEMBERSHIP

Hickory Woods has 100% Membership from our staff. We are very lucky to be surrounded by such an involved and caring group of educators. Anyone can join the PTA, parents, grandparents, guardians, etc. We encourage and support all family members who would like to engage in our school community to do so.

*To join, dues for a yearly family membership are \$10.* Those dues help to pay our National and State PTA dues as well as support other important budget items like classroom enrichments, playground equipment, field trips, assemblies and a recurring annual HWE alumni scholarship to name a few.

Once a member you are not required to volunteer (although it's greatly appreciated!), or attend monthly meetings. You can rest assured you will not be harassed.

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## PTA Membership Form: 2023-2024

### Membership Amount Due: \$10

- To pay by cash (exact cash needed, change not available), or check (make payable to Hickory Woods PTA), submit this form along with payment to the main office in an envelope marked "PTA Membership Form".
- To pay online scan the QR Code  
Or go to <https://hickorywoods.memberhub.com/store/items/22508>.



Student Name/Family Name:

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Email Address:

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**Membership form and payment due by October 15th.**

## Ways To Be Involved

There are many ways to be involved at school. If your student's teacher doesn't need help in the classroom here are other ways families can help.

1. Volunteer in the Media Center. Ms. Gantz can always use a helping hand!
2. Join the PTA and/or the PTA Board.
3. Volunteer to plan a school event. This can be during or after school hours, depending on the event.
4. Donate supplies needed for PTA sponsored events.
5. Donate money to the PTA.
6. Donate time to the PTA by signing up to work at a school event. Some are during school hours and some are after school hours.





You might think to yourself, "there is no way I have extra time to help at school"! The best part about volunteering is you get to decide what you want to do and how much time you want to spend doing it.

## PTA COMMITTEES

If you are interested in helping with any of the below committees please email the PTA at [hwepta@gmail.com](mailto:hwepta@gmail.com)

Meet & Greet & Kona Ice	Staff Appreciation	Reflections
Spirit Wear	Fall Book Fair	Winter Flowers & Wreaths
Color Run	Fall Breakfast With A Buddy	Winter Shop - Penguin Patch
Bonaventure	Trunk or Treat	Bingo Night
Restaurant Nights	Field Day Lunch & Kona Ice	Spring Breakfast With A Buddy
Math Pentathlon	5th Grade Party	Spring Book Fair
Assemblies & Authors	5th Grade Graduation	Spring Flowers

## Important QR Codes

PTA WEBSITE	PTA FACEBOOK	PTA MEMBERSHIP	SPIRIT WEAR
			

## PTA Board Members

President: Erica Brennan	Vice President: Lauren Novak	Co-Vice President: John Turner
Treasurer: Heather Sutherlin	Co-Treasurer: Katie Kennedy	Recording Secretary: Jordan Dawood

Wishing our HW community a fantastic school year!

Erica Brennan

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