

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! 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!



The PTA has created this *Welcome Back Packet*, it includes information on important upcoming dates, PTA membership and ways to be involved. Throughout the school year you'll notice the PTA will send information home on pink paper- keep an eye out for it!

Upcoming Dates

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER (CONTINUED)	NOVEMBER
<i>8/21 Meet & Greet along with popsicles on the Playground</i>	9/19 - Color Run/Donations Due	<i>11/3 thru 11/17 Spirit Wear Sale</i>
8/25- First Day of School ½ Day for Kindergarten only	9/23- No School	11/4 - No School (Election Day)
8/29 - No School	OCTOBER	11/6- PTA Meeting, 7pm- library. <i>Zoom option available too!</i>
SEPTEMBER	<i>10/1 - Count Day. Please make sure your student attends school.</i>	<i>11/7 - All Pro Dads, 8am</i>
9/1 - No School (Labor Day)	10/2 - No School	11/18 - Half Day
9/2 - PTA Meeting, 7pm- library. <i>Zoom option available too!</i>	10/7 - PTA Meeting, 7pm- library. <i>Zoom option available too!</i>	11/26 - Half Day
9/5 - All Pro Dads, 8am	<i>10/8 - Picture Day</i>	11/27 & 11/28 No School (Thanksgiving Break)
9/9 - Curriculum Night <i>6pm-1st 6:30pm-K 7pm-2nd</i>	10/17 - Breakfast With A Buddy	
9/10 - Curriculum Night <i>6pm-3rd 6:30pm-4th 7pm-5th</i>	<i>10/17 thru 10/24 - Scholastic Book Fair</i>	
9/19 - Color Run Fundraiser Donations Due	10/22 Trunk or Treat	
9/18 - Half Day	10/31- Half Day	

2025-2026 PTA Board Members

President: Shelly Turner	Vice President of Events: Lauren Novak	Vice President of Fundraising: John Turner	Vice President of Marketing & Membership: Ebony Bagley
Treasurer: Heather Sutherlin	Co-Treasurer: Katie Kennedy	Secretary: Jordan Dawood	PTA EMAIL hwepta@gmail.com

Scan the QR codes below for more information

PTA WEBSITE 	PTA MEMBERSHIP 	PTA FACEBOOK 
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PTA Committees - We’re Always Looking for Help!
If you are interested in helping with any of the below committees please email the PTA at hwepta@gmail.com.

- Fall Book Fair/Breakfast with a Buddy
- Trunk or Treat
- Field Day
- Reflections
- Winter Shop
- Spring Book Fair/Breakfast with a Buddy

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, staff and family matters*. You are important. Family involvement at Hickory Woods Elementary is the backbone to our thriving school environment. We encourage you to join the PTA, where *your voice can be heard*.

WHAT IS THE PTA?
PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association.

GOALS & IMPORTANCE
The goals of an elementary PTA are to promote family involvement, support the needs of students and teachers and build a sense of community within the school. Think of the PTA like the ultimate hype squad for education. With a mix of passion and purpose, the PTA helps build a strong school community by organizing fundraisers, planning events, and advocating for positive changes in the school system. The PTA helps enhance the overall learning experience for children by providing classroom support for teachers and offering extra programs.

MEMBERSHIP

At Hickory Woods Elementary anyone can join the PTA, parents, grandparents, guardians, etc. We value every member because it takes a village to raise a child! Your ideas and skills are important to help our school community continue to grow and be better every year. So jump on board and help us make this year one to remember!

Membership Dues are \$12. This fee helps pay our National and State PTA dues, as well as support things like classroom enrichments, playground equipment, and the annual HWE alumni scholarship to name a few.

Wishing our HW community a fantastic school year!

Shelly Turner

PTA Membership Form: 2025-2026

Membership Amount Due: \$12

- **Cash - send exactly \$12, we are not able to provide change**
- **Check - make payable to Hickory Woods PTA**
- **Send this filled in form & cash or check in an envelope to school with your student. They can give it to their teacher or hand it in to the office.**

Student First & Last Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian First & Last Name: _____

Email address if interested volunteering: _____

- **To pay online scan the QR Code**
Or go to <https://hickorywoods.memberhub.com/store/items/22508>.



Membership form and payment due by October 19th.

- Members are not required to volunteer a certain number of hours per year.
- We encourage all families who have the means to do so, to pay dues.
- Being a member of the PTA doesn't require you to volunteer or attend meetings.
- Membership money goes towards the following:

National & Local dues

Family events

Educational Online Memberships

Author Visits & Assemblies

Field trips

Teacher Classroom Needs