

## HUTH HAPPENINGS



A PTA NEWSLETTER

### A Message from the President

Dear Huth Road Families.

We blinked and it's 2022! I am so thankful this year has looked a bit more normal than last year. We have had several successful PTA events so far: our first-ever Apex Fun Run fundraiser and leadership event, the Fall Scholastic Book Fair, and Family Game Night! These events all went very well, especially since we went a whole school year without any in-person events due to COVID.

That also leads me to extend a huge THANK YOU to our PTA Board and PTA volunteers who have helped plan and run these events. It might sound cliché, but it's 100% true - these events just cannot happen without the help our volunteers provide! I have personally witnessed how happy Huth Road students have been at all these events this year, and that's what it's really all about.

We are now gearing up for our main winter event at Huth Road – the Huth Road Bazaar – and we couldn't be more excited! I know many older students (and alumni!) have very fond memories of the Bazaar, so let's make sure we give Huth students now the same fun times! BUT WE NEED YOU! We are forming a committee for the Huth Road Bazaar to organize a truly amazing event.

As the Apex Fun Run FAR exceeded our fundraising expectations (more on that later!), and with the ongoing impact of COVID on our local businesses, we have decided to "pause" the Basket Raffle portion of the Bazaar to focus on bringing everyone a FUN FAMILY evening event this March 4th!

But again, we cannot do it without you! Please consider joining us at the Huth Bazaar Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 27th at 6 pm via Zoom. Can't attend but want to help? Contact us at huthpta.info@gmail.com or email me directly!

We will need help contacting and arranging for entertainment vendors and organizing our **FAMOUS CAKE**WALK! We will need volunteers for the night of too, but that sign-up will come a bit later. Contact me if you have questions! We know how busy everyone is, but we hope that "many hands will make light work."

#### THANK YOU again for your continued support of our PTA!

Erin Rowley, President 2020-2022 erinpautler@gmail.com



Bazaar Planning Meeting Info Thursday, 1/27 @ 6pm

Use Zoom info in eblast to join the meeting.

# Apex Fun Run Puts the "FUN" in Fundraiser!

Huth Road PTA hosted our first Apex Fun Run fundraiser and leadership development program this past October. We had hoped to raise around \$5,000 but Huth Road Families BLEW US AWAY by raising nearly \$28,000 for the PTA!!

These funds raised are truly AMAZING (to put it mildly!), but the PTA Board really enjoyed the wonderful leadership lessons all Huth students received each day from the Apex team. The leadership program focused on developing student self-control, decision-making, and interpersonal skills vital for school and life success. The quick, engaging lessons tied in with our school's vision and mission, encouraged students to create a positive environment and inspired them to lead by example.

We hope your student was able to talk to you about some of these lessons during the lead-up to the Fun Run Event!

We completely lucked out for the day of the Fun Run with a crisp but sunny day! The students loved all the fun theme laps that they did between running/walking/jogging - the "walk like a zombie" was especially a favorite!

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who supported this event – whether it was pledging an amount or talking about the lessons learned with your student at the dinner table. We know the funds raised will greatly benefit all the children at Huth!

### Family Game Night Success!

Huth Road PTA hosted a successful Family Game Night and Book Fair on Friday, November 12th! Students were able to bring their families to enjoy a free evening of games in the gym and cafeteria, and for those that wanted to, the Scholastic Book Fair was open for shopping.

The kids enjoyed shopping with their families and spending some quality time playing games. With the success of the Apex fundraiser, the PTA was able to purchase some new board games as well as large lawn games including cornhole, Connect 4, Jenga, Pong, and ring toss.

We had to scale back on food options this year but were able to provide a drink and snack for everyone to enjoy at home. We hope everyone that was able to attend had a fun evening! If you have any comments or suggestions for future events, we welcome your feedback. Please email us at huthpta.info@gmail.com or connect with us on Facebook @HuthRoadPTA.



## Your Contributions Go Far!

The PTA has raised a wonderful amount of funds for this school year – far more than what we had anticipated! So, you may wonder what does all that money go towards? Excellent question!

Traditionally the PTA helps support many things each year like **enrichment activities** (special activities and assemblies), **Field Day**, **family events** (like Family Game Night), **Moving Up Day** for 5th graders, to name a few!

We have also funded many **Mini-Grants** for teachers last year and this year. What are minigrants? They are proposals submitted by teachers to enhance the learning experience for your students. This can include getting new books for the classroom (so everyone has a copy of Shiloh to read), subscriptions to internet applications to help make learning fun and effective (like Xtra Math), or even cleaning up the courtyards so students have a nice area to spend outside.

#### But what else?? We want YOUR input! Is

there something you wish we had that we don't currently (maybe more seating around the playground)? Please note, due to the insurance PTA holds, we cannot fund a new playground, but we can fund benches and picnic tables around it.

Let us know what you think! Connect with us on social media or on our website (see below).

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