

# Hillcrest PTO Newsletter

October 2016

## 2016-2017

### PTO Board

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Questions?

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Email us!

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•The **Hillcrest Knowledge-A-Thon** is our new Fall Fundraiser. **EVERY** student will be participating during school on October 13th by answering questions that test their knowledge of curriculum based questions. Questions and pledge sheets were sent home mid-September with each student and copies are also available in the office. **We are asking each student to collect pledges to support this fundraiser.** Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 fundraising students as well as the top 2 fundraising classrooms. Proceeds will be used to fund new playground equipment. Volunteers are still needed to help interview students on October 13th. Please email hillcresteaglepto@gmail.com if you can help.



•Between now and December 31st we are participating in the **Chili's Give Back Program**. Each time you dine in or carry out food at Chili's on Mason Street, the PTO will earn 15% of your pre-tax purchase. Please use the vouchers attached to the back of the newsletter each time you dine so we can be credited.

•Please join us October 21 from 6:30-8 in the cafeteria for Family Bingo Night. It's **FREE** and open to all Hillcrest families!

•Our next PTO meeting is on 10/11 from 5:30-6:30 in the library. Childcare and pizza provided. Following the meeting is a Family Folk Dance event until 7:30.

### Upcoming Events:

10/7 Packer Backer Day

10/11 PTO Meeting/Family Folk Dance

10/13 Knowledge-A-Thon

10/14 Packer Backer Day

10/20 Packer Backer Day

10/21 Spirit Day

10/21 Family Bingo Night



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## amazon Smile



Shopping online at amazon? Please use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) when you shop and select Hillcrest Parent Teacher Organization Inc. We will receive 0.5% of the purchase price on every order!

## SCRIP

You can earn money for Hillcrest just by using gift cards to pay for your everyday purchases. We all shop at grocery stores, fill our cars with gas, buy clothes for our children, and eat at a restaurant occasionally. There is a SCRIP card for all of these things! The beauty of SCRIP is that you don't have to sell anything or spend any additional money. You raise funds by using SCRIP to pay for the things in your existing shopping budget. Look for the paper order form included with the newsletter in the Wednesday red folder. Order forms can be returned to school at anytime. Orders are placed each Thursday and will be delivered to school by the following Wednesday. You can choose to pick up the cards in the office or have them sent home with your student.



## BOX TOPS



**Get Ready to Have a Ball with Box Tops this year!** Watch the Box Tops Bulletin Board to see your classroom gumball machine collect gumballs each month.

**October is Batty For Box Tops month!** The class that collects the most Box Tops by October 21 receives a special 'TRICK' or 'TREAT'!

**Bonus this month:** For every 10 Box Tops turned in, each student receives one entry for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon Gift Card. **Reminder: Box Tops do not need to be trimmed perfectly. You can trim neatly or just tear them off the package. Just be certain the product code/acronym and expiration date are visible. BTFE does not accept expired Box tops.**

### Box Tops App:

Introducing a whole new way to earn BONUS Box Tops while you shop! All you need is your smartphone and your receipt. See how it works at [BTFE.com/bonusapp](http://BTFE.com/bonusapp)

## READING PROGRAM

The PTO reading program, Budding Bookworms, started on October 1. This is an optional program for students to log their reading minutes each month to earn prizes and classroom rewards. Reading slips must be turned in by the first school day of the month to be counted for the classroom competitions. Students in grades 4K, K and 1st will be competing against each other and students in grades 2nd and 3rd will be competing. In lieu of a classroom competition, our 4th and 5th grade students will be entered into a monthly gift card drawing. Please check the PTO bulletin board at the school entrance to see how each classroom is doing!

## Hillcrest PTO Minutes, September 15, 2015

Call to order 5:30 PM

### Chairperson's Report

Introductions  
Sign-in

### Treasurer's report

Heather went over the previous year's expected and actual budget  
Heidi Melzer moved to accept the budget and Sheila LaCount seconded  
4th grade special request was not considered at this time.

### Principal's Report

Introduction  
Going smoothly, some small tweaks to bus procedures  
Teachers have started doing some assessments to determine where to start instruction  
PBIS- Going strong. First SOAR store is this Friday. Roll out of new choices tomorrow.

### Music field trip update

2nd grade trip to the Nutcracker will not happen this year because show moved to Thanksgiving weekend. Ms. Galligan is checking into a Milwaukee Field Trip to go to Milwaukee Symphony and Discovery World. She is applying for Target Field Trip grant. Lamers estimate last year was around \$500. Between field trip money already allocated, grant, and some of her budget \$ may be able to make this work.

### Fundraising

**Hansen's-** Revenue projected to be less than last year. Pick-up orders on 10/14 from 3:30-5:30.  
Still looking for volunteers for pick-up.

**Box tops-** Sheila is already collecting for the 9/25/15 contest. Getting a fair amount of boxtops in already, so thinks we can get \$1000 easily this year. Also encouraged registering for e-boxtops.

**SCRIP-** Last year we earned \$938 from SCRIP sales. Hope to do much better this year. Jenna will send an order form home every month with the newsletter to see if we can increase our profits

**Amazon Smile-** you can use that when shopping at amazon ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) and get .5% for Hillcrest PTO. First time use need to register funds to go to Hillcrest Parent Teacher Organization Inc.

**T-shirt order-** Many requests for t-shirts since there has not been an order since 2012. Will order red short and long sleeve t-shirts. Cost is \$11 for short sleeve and \$16 for long sleeve. Youth and adult sizes will cost the same. Put an order form in staff mailboxes since they may be interested. Shirt orders due back 9/30 and will be delivered in time for October Spirit Day.  
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## Hillcrest PTO Minutes, September 15, 2015 continued

### Other items

**Giving Tree-** History is that there was a tree with apples on it to take with teacher needs listed. One idea is sign-up genius. Could also have apples available at conferences that parents can take and then send the supplies back to their child's teacher.

**Bingo Night-** Friday 10/16 6:30-8 PM is Bingo night. Serve small snack, small prizes. \$5 gift cards, Oriental Trading Company prizes, etc. Last time cafeteria was full.

**Bulletin Board-** Possibility of a bulletin board dedicated to PTO events.

### Upcoming events

- 9/18 Packer Backer Day
- 9/25 Pulaski Pride Day
- 9/28 No school
- 10/13 PTO meeting 5:30
- 10/16 Family Bingo Night 6:30-8

**Motion to adjourn 6:30 pm**





