

HTS Parents' Guild

Pretzel Post



Trinity Fair 2008

Friday May 9th

Planning for Trinity Fair will soon begin! If you can help out, contact Karen Sims at kmsims@zing-net.ca or Marianne Baker at m.e.baker@sympatico.ca

Winter 2008

Family Mentors Needed

Every year, families new to HTS are matched with mentor volunteers who help ease the transition into the school year by answering questions, making introductions, calming fears, and being a friendly voice. Interested in mentoring? A few hours of your time will make a valuable contribution to our HTS community. It's also a great way for working parents to volunteer. Mentors will be assigned starting in March. Contact Carole Palmer at stroz5@rogers.com to sign up.

Lost and Found

Kids lost clothes at school? Don't replace when you can reclaim! Volunteers sort and return labeled items to your child's homeroom on Thursday nights. The rest are hung on racks outside Gym 1 on Fridays before classes and again after school. Uniform items are kept for 4 weeks, and home clothes for 3 weeks. After that, all unclaimed clothing is cleaned, and blazers, beige pants, and kilts are sold at a discount in the **Hawk Shop**. The rest is donated to charity.

Hawk Shop Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:00-8:30
and 3:00-4:30; closed Early
Dismissals and Fridays

An annual HTS tradition, this year's **Christmas Country Store** did not disappoint! Shoppers of all ages had a chance to snap up unique finds and one-of-a-kinds while enjoying the company of friends and family at the evening reception, or over lunch the following day. Many thanks to the CCS Committee of hardworking volunteers, and the very numerous keen and enthusiastic helpers who decorated the school and staffed Guild tables. All volunteers would agree that helping out is a great way to meet new friends, and get into the holiday spirit. Planning for next year's Christmas Country Store is already under way, so be sure to contact Pamela Merkel at pamela.merkel@sympatico.ca and add your name to next year's list of helpers.

Used Textbook Sale This year's sale netted \$13,215, all of which will be used to purchase books for HTS' two libraries. Every book in our school libraries has been purchased with proceeds from the Used Textbook Sale and from the Guild's Birthday Book Programme in the Lower School. This is an impressive legacy for the Guild and the school community. The next Used Textbook Sale gears up in June, so if your child is in grades 10 to 12, consider participating: it's an easy way to stock up on text books, save money, and help out the school. Are you able to help out with this year's Sale? Contact Wendy Fursey at jfursey@sympatico.ca or Nancy Thunem at thunem@xplornet.com.

Magazine and Gift Wrap Campaign If you're receiving your new magazines, or have wrapped gifts with Innisbrook's premium wrap: Thank you! You helped make this year's campaign a success. Over \$4,700 was raised, and will be included in the annual Guild donation to enhance student life at HTS. And many thanks to all volunteers who helped make this event possible. Consider helping us next campaign: contact Cathy Stuart at stuartcatherine@rogers.com or Helen Cheung at helencheung93@yahoo.ca or Bridgid Wilson at bridgidwilson@hotmail.com.

Snow day phone calls are a courtesy provided by Parent's Guild volunteers to our school community. Grade Parents have been working overtime this school year, trying their best to let each family know when school is closed due to snow. All efforts are made to contact everyone, but sometimes oversights occur - especially before our first cup of coffee! - and we apologize for these. Should you be unsure if HTS is closed for snow, click on www.hts.on.ca where updates are posted early on snow day mornings. You can also call the school at 905-737-1114 x401 for a recorded message. Remember to give the school your current home phone number to ensure you can be reached.