

HTS Parents' Guild

Pretzel Post



Winter 2009

Trinity Fair 2009

Friday May 8th

Planning for Trinity Fair will soon begin! Can you help?

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Parents' Guild is excited to announce that **Pamela Merkel** will be the next Guild President for a two-year term effective September 2009, taking over from Sue Tiffin. Pam has been active in the HTS community for many years and brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to her new role. Congratulations!

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 helpful contribution to our HTS community. It's also a great way for working parents to volunteer. Mentors will be assigned starting in March. Email Carole Palmer at stroz5@rogers.com for more information and to sign up.

Lost and Found

Kids lost clothes at school? Don't replace when you can reclaim! Labeled items are returned 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 remainder is donated to charity.

The Guilds' *Carols and Cookies: an HTS Family Christmas Celebration*

was held in the Gym on Friday December 5th. Many families attended what is sure to become a new HTS tradition. Father Crowther, with the help of staff and students, lead a heartwarming candle-lit sing-along carol service at morning chapel. Hawkeye, our school mascot dropped in for a visit, and Santa Claus made a special appearance too. Afterward, guests mingled in the Dining Hall and got reacquainted over seasonal treats, coffee, and cider while volunteers helped decorate a giant Christmas tree. At lunch, students were treated to Christmas cookies, and the official tree lighting. Throughout the day, students had photos taken with Santa while he listened to many Christmas wish lists. Parents also took the opportunity to pick-up pre-ordered poinsettias, gift wrap and calendars, and to stock up on Hawk Shop offerings. All in attendance agreed that this event was a warm and touching way to usher in the Christmas season.

Used Textbook Sale This annual consignment sale is an end-of-school tradition at HTS, where 10s, 11s, and 12s sell their used textbooks with the Guild's help. Proceeds are shared equally between the student sellers and the school libraries. The Guild is thrilled to announce that this year's sale netted \$15,047.93, all of which has been donated to HTS' two libraries. Almost every book in our school libraries was purchased with proceeds from the Used Textbook Sale: 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. If you can help us at this year's sale contact Wendy Fursey at jfursey@sympatico.ca.

Mark your calendars for 8:25 a.m. on Thursday February 26, 2009 for the Guild's second **"Breakfast with George"** to be held in the Lower School Library. George Rutherford, HTS' Head of School, gives the inside scoop on pertinent issues important to us all. This timely session is sure to be well attended. Make a point to be informed, meet other parents and enjoy light refreshments. See you there!

Catherine H. says, "To me, **volunteering means** giving back, helping to better my children's school, all the while getting to meet new and interesting people." To find out about volunteer opportunities contact Pamela Merkel at pamela.merkel@sympatico.ca.