



The Tornado Times

Fall 2010

Principal's Message

As the 1st nine weeks wind down, I look back on the start of the year and feel proud of our students. I have enjoyed my transition to a new job and a new community because of the warm welcome I have felt from the students. Parent involvement has also been a highlight for me. Many of the pieces are in place for HHS to have a great year.

Spirit week was a huge success thanks to Cameron Grace, Allie Siciliano and the Student Council. I appreciate the HPS School Board allowing students to take a break from the dress code. I think the students handled it well and it added to the fun. Although no one enjoyed it more than 'Sister' Helen Devlin and Kathy Rockett.

Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, November 4th. Make sure you promptly receive one from your child. If you do not, please call the school. It is important for you to see your child's grades and to give feedback on them. They probably won't tell you, but your opinions and your expectations matter to them. Celebrate their victories with them, but also tell them where you expect improvement.

A school-wide tutoring schedule will be published soon, so you can help your child form a plan for improvement.

Sincerely,

David P. Coyne
Principal
Hickory High School



Open House Dinner-Monday, January 31, 2011

Thank you to all parents, teachers, family and friends for supporting the Open House BBQ Dinner in September. We served over 340 plates of BBQ and raised over \$1,200.00 for the HHS PTA! Please mark your calendars now for Monday, January 31, 2011 for the second semester PTA Open House. Thanks again for supporting Hickory High School and the PTA!!!

Rosemary Skoog
Brenda Wyatt
Fundraiser Dinners Co-Chairpersons



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 13..... Grounds Clean Up Day
- Nov. 24-26..... Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 18-Jan 2 Winter Break
- Jan. 20 Semester Ends
- Jan. 31 PTA Open House Dinner

Check <http://www.hickoryschools.net/schools/Hickory/default.aspx> for up to date event information.

President's Message



The PTA Board meets once a month, the 3rd Tuesday at noon in Ms. Jones Driver's Ed classroom at Hickory High. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Needed are people to sign up to be on the PTA Executive Board nominating committee. In addition, a PTA Vice-President is needed. This person would assume the role of president for the 2011-2012 school year. People interested in submitting names or people interested in the position should contact me at 244-9051 or nealorgain@aol.com. The next PTA Board meeting is Tuesday, November 16 at noon.

Spirit Auction 2010 was a success. Thank you to everyone who donated. Over \$6200 was raised to purchase curriculum-based books for Hickory High's students. Due to state and local budget cuts, monies were not available to fund all the new, updated textbooks needed for Hickory High's students. Donations to the Spirit Auction will be accepted throughout the year with all dollars donated going to fund curriculum-based books.

The PTA's staff/faculty advisor is Mrs. Heidi Rice. Please contact Mrs. Rice or me if you have any suggestions—they are always welcome.

Thank you,

Neal Orgain
PTA President



Hickory High Parent Handbook

Hickory High Parent Handbooks were given out at the PTA Open House on Monday September 19. If you did not receive one, please go by the school's office and ask for one. They are FREE. Included in the handbook is a Calendar at a Glance, information concerning the Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Athletic Booster Clubs, International Baccalaureate Parent Association, Academic Honors Club, the PTA, Student Clubs and Advisors, Questions concerning HHS and HHS teachers listed with their email addresses.



Lowe's Foods Gift Cards

A new fundraiser at Hickory High School. Enclosed is an order form for Lowe's Foods Gift Cards. For every dollar ordered, Hickory High will receive 10%. If your order is for \$500 in gift cards to Lowe's Foods, then you will receive \$50 in gift cards to Lowe's Foods. Lowe's Foods will give HHS \$50 or 10% of the order. The gift cards can be used for anything Lowe's Foods sells including gas and gift cards to other stores (great Christmas gifts). Order as much as your budget allows. Questions: contact Tracey Bolick at 381-8371 or bolickkids@charter.net.

The Flu and You

Provided by Catawba Valley Medical Center

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 5-20% of the U.S. population will get the flu each year, with some developing serious complications that can cause an estimated 200,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths. Those most at risk of flu complications are adults over 65, pregnant women, children, and people with chronic illnesses or weakened immune systems.

"The flu is an illness involving fever, respiratory symptoms and muscle aches," says Elizabeth Restino, MD, of Southeast Catawba Family Practice. "It results in missed days of work and school, but it usually resolves on its own. It is important to get a flu shot to avoid illness and its possible severe complications, as well as to prevent the spread of the disease in the community.

"The CDC recommends that everyone over the age of 6 months receive a flu vaccination," Dr. Restino adds. "Those who should avoid the flu shot include people with severe allergy to chicken or eggs, those who have had a severe reaction to influenza virus vaccine in the past (including Guillian-Barre syndrome), and children less than 6 months of age.

"It is best to delay vaccination if you are experiencing a moderate to severe illness with fever until your symptoms have resolved. People with minor colds that do not have a fever can be vaccinated." For more information about the flu, please call Southeast Catawba Family Practice at 704/483-0340.

International Baccalaureate

There will be an IB informational meeting Thursday, November 18th @7 PM in the HHS Media Center. The meeting is open to 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students and their parents.

The IB Parent Advisory Committee needs a freshman parent representative and volunteer coordinator. The IB Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 2:30.

If interested, contact Carolyn Patrone, cpatrone@embarqmail.com. Parent volunteers are needed to help with the IB Ceremony in January.

Donations of money and time are still needed. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the IB Fund. We currently need money for scholarships. The IB fund provides funds for educational materials, IB ceremony, and need-based scholarships for IB students.



Grounds Committee

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 13 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm—Grounds Clean Up Day. Student volunteers are needed in helping to keep the grounds at Hickory High clean and neat. Please bring rakes, pruners, shovels, hoes or other garden tools labeled with your name. Hours are flexible--you must sign in and out with Mrs. Yvette Balatow in order to get service hours. Clean up includes raking leaves, dead-heading plants, pulling weeds, cleaning up around the tennis courts and having fun. Please bring drinking water and a snack. See you Saturday, Nov 13 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. If you do a great job, then you may get double service hours. Parents are also welcome to come and help spruce up the grounds. Questions, call Yvette Balatow 310-8903 or email balatow@charter.net.

Outreach For Students In Need

The Outreach committee has supplied clothing, toiletries and food to stock the supply room for students who may be homeless or in dire need. The funds to support these needs are becoming depleted. Please consider making a donation to "HHS Outreach." It is best to receive funds and purchase on an as need basis. We are restricted to providing clothing/shoes that adhere to the HHS Dress Code.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact anyone on our committee: Krista Burns, Meryl Bell, Liza Dale, Beth Gaither, Pam Jones, Beth Lamoreaux, Bonnie Lomboy, Mary Jo Miller, Shauna O'Brien, Jean Patton, Lisa Sigmon (Teacher Liaison: Helen Devlin)



Reflections

The annual Reflections contest has begun. Forms, rules and information regarding the competition are now available in the attendance office. This contest enables students to submit their artistic work in the following fields: Literature, Visual Art, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance and Film Production.

All entries are due in the attendance office by November 9th. Each entrant has a chance to win a Visa gift card with each entry that is submitted.

Local winners will have their work displayed at the Hickory Museum of Art and will be sent to Raleigh to compete at the state level in January.



New at the School Store

Light gray and dark gray fleece ¼ zip and full zip jackets are now available in the school store. Jackets are \$30 each, checks payable to HHS PTA. School store hours are Monday-Friday 2:15-2:45 PM. Inventory is limited. Special orders are welcome with order forms being available in the school store.

Also new: Hickory High Tornado fabric made into tablecloths. Available in two colors: Gold or Burgundy. Size: 90" x 46". Price is \$25 each.

Join the PTA!

Name _____ Address _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Phone Number _____ email _____

Send this information with a check payable for \$12 to HHS PTA, 1234 3rd Street NE, Hickory 28601.

