

HSA HAPPENINGS

New Hope-Solebury
Home and School
Association

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Message from the Presidents

Teachers at the LES this winter are embarking on a journey inspired by Kevin Carroll's "Rules of the Red Rubber Ball". Staff members will reflect on their own potential through the power of passion and creativity and then reflect on finding their personal "why". The challenge got us thinking as a board about our own red rubber ball. As parents we wear a lot of hats, and each day we get just 86,400 seconds to accomplish our many tasks. That's 86,400 opportunities we have to chase, kick, catch, and run after our own red rubber ball! This can be both rewarding and exhausting at times. It is with our children in mind that we volunteer our time and dedicate all we have to ensure their success and happiness. Their happiness in turn, brings us our greatest joy. These last few months, the HSA Board and volunteers have worked tirelessly to make certain that the lessons and activities our children experience in elementary school will carry them far into their adult lives, where they will inevitably find themselves chasing their own red rubber ball. As an HSA, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank each and every family for helping us make this year so successful. We hope that you continue to enjoy and participate in our events throughout the year. With our collective passion, these enriching experiences help to solidify our community and guarantee our children a wonderful place to live and grow.

Best Regards,

Julia Swankoski and Sarah Skeuse, Co-Presidents

Trunk or Treat

This year's Trunk or Treat was incredible, with parents hosting a record 30 trunks! The costumes were awesome, and everyone had a great time. Thank you to Trish DiZio for organizing and to all who helped make

this event
another
success!



Holiday Shop

Holiday shop took place over six days this winter at the LES and UES. All items were hand selected this year, resulting in a better quality and better selection for the kids. It was the HSA's second most successful fundraiser for the year, beyond our annual donations campaign! Money raised from this will go toward the purchase of items for next year's shop, and other exciting projects in the future. UES kids enjoyed candy canes while they shopped to the sounds of holiday music, while children at the LES created beautiful 3D snowmen as they waited for their personal shopper to assist them in picking the perfect presents for loved ones. Special thanks to the Swankoski, Reilly, and Skeuse families for their time and effort in making this such a success!

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

This year's luncheon was held at the LES on Friday November 8. The teachers all enjoyed the delicious food that was supplied by all our wonderful volunteers. Big thanks to Adrienne Deussing for coordinating this well appreciated event!

Art Night

On November 2nd, 35 aspiring artists gathered in the UES Cafeteria for an evening with New Hope's own Bob Ross (aka Mr. Mannion)! Students were armed with paintbrushes, paint, and a blank canvas, as Mr. Mannion guided students and their parents through a beautiful winter scene, reminding everyone there are no mistakes, just happy little accidents. This event was scheduled as part of the HSA's ongoing Artsonia fundraiser. It was such a smashing success that we hope to repeat it next year! Thanks to all who made the evening possible.



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UES Movie Night

This year the HSA provided a free showing of *Incredibles 2* on Friday Jan.11. Turnout was great, and snacks were available for purchase. This is the HSA's way of saying 'thank you' for all that you do to assist us throughout the year!

NHS Ed Fund Update

Happy New Year from the NHS Education Fund! We had a very successful barn event in the fall that raised \$14,000. Thank you to all who are using Amazon Smile for your online purchases. So far they have donated over \$300 to the Ed Fund.

Mrs. Brown at the LES applied for and received a **Natural Playground and Kindergarten Grant** to refresh the LES playground with new activities, such as outdoor Jenga, large checker board, stackable blocks, and hop-scotch pavers.

The **HS Hope and Sole Cafe** is a coffee shop run by the National Honor Society and students in intensive learning support. They applied for and received a grant for supplies to help keep the cafe' up and running (cups, lids, coffee brewers, cleaning brushes).

This year, we are hosting our **Scenic Solebury Trail Run** at the Bucks County Audubon Society on June 2nd. We are currently looking for sponsors for this event, so if you are interested, please visit our website (nhsedfund.org) or email us (EdFundNHS@gmail.com) for more information.

Ways to donate:

Annual Donation; Employer Matching Contribution; Amazon Smile.

We welcome new VOLUNTEERS!! Whether you have a new fundraising idea or want to assist with one of our scheduled events, there is always room for you! Meeting information will be sent by ListServ and you can always reach out via email or Facebook. We look forward to meeting you!

Mita Heble and Megan Lottier

What's Coming Up

These fun events for both LES and UES students are in store as we head into Spring. Mark your calendars!

- ★ **Pizza Bingo- Friday, Feb. 1, 6:00pm at UES**
Our annual Pizza Bingo is a great time for all and sure to be a sell out. Come have fun with the family, eat pizza, and play some bingo!
- ★ **Cultural Heritage Night - Friday, March 1, 6:30 PM at UES**
Come for a tour around the world, and explore the many cultures that make up the NHS community. Learn interesting facts and sample delicious food.
- ★ **LES Spring Dance- Friday, April 5, 6:30 at LES**
Join the "Hoedown" themed fun and festivities. Look for an emailed order form to purchase tickets.
- ★ **UES Glow Dance- Friday, April 26 6:30pm at UES**
- ★ **Teacher Appreciation Week/Send a Hug- May 6-10 at LES and UES**

HSA Meetings

The Home and School Association (HSA) meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except 3/13, which is at 6:00 PM), alternating between the LES Conference Room and the UES Teachers' Lounge. All parents of LES and UES students are invited to attend. The meetings scheduled for the remainder of the school year are: Feb. 6 @ LES, March 13 @ UES, April 10 @ LES, May 22 @ UES.

Your HSA

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact the HSA at: nhshsa.events@gmail.com

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