

East Hill WILDCATTER

East Hill Elementary PTA

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Dear East Hill Families:

It's hard to believe that it's October already! September was a busy month. We kicked off the 1st week of school with our Ice Cream Social, a fun night for all who attended. Thank you so much to all of the parents, teachers and students that volunteered their time and efforts!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to stop by the PTA tables at Curriculum Night. We have volunteer positions still available, so please feel free to contact us if you missed your chance to sign up that evening. We appreciate any contribution you can make. Please remember that without your help, we could not have so many great activities for our children at East Hill. You are our PTA!

Thank you to all the people, parents, guardians, siblings, and staff members of East Hill who have already signed up to be members of our PTA. Your commitment to our PTA shows your support and belief in what we are able to do for our children and for our school each year. If you are interested in signing up, there is still time! Please refer to the membership section of our newsletter for more information.

We have several upcoming events that our committee chairs will be detailing in this newsletter. Our **PARP (*parents as reading partners*)** program will kick off on **October 13th**. This gives everyone a chance to come in and read in your child's classroom. Don't miss this opportunity, as the kids love it! Our **Fall Book Fair is October 20-21st**. It is always a great time! On **October 20th** we will be holding our **Playground Ceremony** hosted by Dr. Brown. The ceremony will start at 6:00pm and run until approximately 6:45pm. If the weather is nice the ceremony will be held outside, otherwise it will be held inside the school. That same evening, our next **PTA Meeting will be at 7:00pm** in the East Hill library. Everyone is invited to come and show your support of our PTA! Finally, our **Halloween Parade is October 30th at 2:00pm**.

It is going to be another great year at East Hill. If you have any questions or want to get involved in our PTA, please email us and we will help you find the right fit for you to help at East Hill and become an active member of our PTA.

Thank you!

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Reports from our Committees:



Membership

The NYS PTA has given us a **goal of 199 members for the 2015-2016 school year**. In an effort to achieve this goal, we began our Membership drive at Kindergarten Orientation, followed by the Ice Cream Social and Curriculum Night! Thanks to Cam's, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Hoopla, we were able to offer raffles for those that joined prior to our first PTA meeting. Congratulations to Aaron Ryder and Diana Pelletier for winning the raffles!

As of October 1st, we currently have 120 members! It's not too late to join! **For only \$6.00, you too can support the PTA.** This membership pays for itself because **the membership card is also a discount card at places like Hertz and Staples.** If you'd like a membership form, please email Jeanine Snyder at ninadell@twcny.rr.com.

Please help us reach our goal of 199 members so we can continue to help your children reach their goals while at East Hill.

Jog-A-Thon

Thank you for making the 2015-2016 "East Hill School Spirit" Jog-A-Thon such a successful event again this year. We appreciate your very generous support of our PTA programs.

Mrs. McPeak's 4th Grade Class will receive an ice cream sundae party for raising the most Jog-A-Thon contributions for our PTA. **Congratulations to Mrs. McPeak's students for a job well done!**

A special thank you goes out to all the parent volunteers that helped make the Jog-A-Thon special for our East Hill students. We look forward to your continued involvement in our PTA programs throughout the school year.

Book Fair

We invite you to visit our **Book Fair at East Hill Elementary on October 20-21st**. **Family Night** for the Book Fair will be held on **Wednesday October 21st from 5:30 - 7:30pm**.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jamie Klaben at jklaben@hotmail.com.

School Store

School store opens this month! It will be open on **Thursdays from 11:30 until 1:15pm**. There are items from .01 to \$1, so don't forget to send your children with a little extra change that day! Tons of new items this year from notebooks to pencil cases and much more. Come check it out!

Want a great idea for a class birthday treat or holiday treat? Consider a certificate to the school store. Contact Michelle Hess at moonstars0427@gmail.com to learn more!

Upcoming school store dates: October 8th and 22nd, November 5th and 19th, December 3rd and 17th, and January 7th and 21st. We will publish future dates in the upcoming newsletters.

PARP

PARP (*Parents as Reading Partners*) takes place **October 13th – 23rd**. This year's theme is "**Kick Off to Reading**". We are super excited for our **guest author Eric Linton!** Mr. Eric will be visiting the children on the last day of our reading celebration. There will be many fun activities planned for the children throughout the two weeks! Room representatives will be contacting you soon to volunteer to be a guest reader. **Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come in and read.** Thank you in advance for your support!

Lifetouch Yearbooks Community Image Upload Site

The East Hill Yearbook is in the making! And you can help too!

The **2015-2016 East Hill Yearbook process has begun!** We have already started collecting pictures from Kindergarten Orientation, The First Day of School, Safety Patrol, Ice Cream Social, Open House, Jog-A-Thon and more. Holiday parties will start soon and more memories will grow!

If you have pictures you would like to share with the East Hill community we would love to see them.

Members of our school community can upload images for consideration in the yearbook! Login at www.community.lifetouch.com with access code code **NFNSYR** to upload your images. When images are uploaded by the community, the yearbook coordinator will see them in our Online Yearbook site's Community Library. Sharing your memories at East Hill is what the yearbook is all about. Join in on the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Tonya D. Wilson at tonyad@twcny.rr.com.

Yearbook Volunteers are Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help out with the creation of the East Hill Yearbook. There are many opportunities within the yearbook committee. Commitment level varies and most can be done from home at your convenience. The yearbook creation starts on day one and continues throughout the year.

Photographers are needed throughout the year to take pictures at various school events, which are then submitted electronically to our Lifetouch yearbook site. **Data Entry** help is needed to process manual orders and create deposits for the treasurer as collected, several times a year. **Page Creators** are wanted to help work within the web-based Lifetouch program. **Editors** are always needed and welcome to verify spelling and graphic placement. **Yearbook Distribution** help is needed in June. **The Yearbook Coordinator is also looking for someone to mentor to take over the yearbook duties for the 2016-2017 school year.** For more details contact Tonya Wilson tonyad@twcny.rr.com.

Spirit Sale

It's Time To Get Into The Spirit!!!

Keep an eye out for your 2015-2016 **Spirit Sale order form.** **It will be coming home with your children within the next few days.** This year's designs are from Holy Shirt again and will offer all of your favorite blue and gold items.

We will have hoodies with customization, Zip up and ¼ zip sweatshirts, T's, sweats and, back by popular demand, we will have tie dyes. This year we will offer 3 different tie dye designs in short and long sleeves. Maybe you are not into the traditional spirit wear. The trendy, resort spirit wear will also be available in popular colors. After you see the flyer come home, samples will be made available for sizing at the main office. I encourage anyone ordering to check it out. Sizes do vary.

In addition to the traditional spirit order, we will be offering 2 new items this year. WG headbands designed by KICKS will be available at the playground ceremony on Oct 20th and paw print socks will be available at the school store sometime in November. Any questions about the spirit sale please contact Kimmer Gonzalez at 415-8290.



Box Tops for Education

Campbell UPCs, Box Tops, Tyson A+(entire label), Price Chopper, Tops, Caprisun/KoolAid and SunnyD

It's a new school year and we are still **collecting Campbell UPCs (Labels For Education), Box Tops, Tyson A+ (the entire label), and Caprisun/KoolAid pouches** (no straws, please). We are also collecting **Sunny Delight UPC's for the Books for the Classroom** program <http://www.sunnyD.com/bookspre/>.

For those of you who shop at **Price Chopper**, please take a couple of minutes to **register your REWARDS Card** with East Hill. Go to <http://www.pricechopper.com> and click "sign up". East Hill is school #16479.

Please register EVERY YEAR at **Tops** to participate in the **free program to earn cash for East Hill** on select purchases. Thank you for taking part in supporting East Hill Elementary. If you have any questions please call Carrie Grooms at 487-4064.

Special Note: As of May 2015, Target is no longer doing 1% give back.

Enrichment Day

Although Enrichment Day is a long way off, planning is already underway. We are looking for new ideas/activities for the students, as well as new presenters. If you have a great idea or are interested in teaching this year, please contact Bernadette Irving at birv89@yahoo.com!



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We are excited about our new [East Hill PTA Facebook page](#). It will have the most current information about what is going on at East Hill. Check it out!

