

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of our Fourth Grade Students,

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and PTO members who joined us last night for the March 18, 2025, PTO meeting. Based on the feedback I received from parents via email, the parents who attended the PTO meeting, the Hoover teachers, and the Hoover PTO, I have decided to make a few changes to our original end of the year plans.

- We are no longer going to ask parents for a \$50.00 optional dues payment.
- If you have already submitted your check, you will get your check back.
- We are going to ask parents to pay \$23.00 for their child to attend the field trip to Pennsbury Manor on April 3, 2025. We have room on the bus for a limited number of chaperones for this trip.
- Chaperones must let me know that they are interested in attending this trip by 4:00 pm on March 21, 2025. Parents must have their appropriate clearances to serve as a chaperone. Chaperones will need to pay \$23.00 to join us for this trip. All checks can be made payable to the Herbert Hoover PTO.
- We are going to ask parents to pay \$28.00 for their child to attend the field trip to the Newtown Athletic Club on June 10, 2025. This price is only possible because the PTO generously provided \$15.00 per student to reduce this cost to \$28.00 per child. The cost includes the admission ticket to the NAC, transportation costs, Nursing support, and pizza. If your child needs a gluten free option such as a salad, instead of the pizza, please let your child's teacher know, and the NAC will be able to make that happen.
- An unlimited number of parents can drive themselves to the NAC on June 10 and then pay the regular entrance fee at the gate.
- We want students to have fun, but we also want them to be safe. Students who would like to enter the pool at the NAC will need to pass a basic swim test administered by the lifeguards at the NAC. Students who are not able to pass the test will be required to wear a life jacket in the pool.
- Students who do not wish to go in the pool, or wear a bathing suit, will not be forced to do so. There are many other fun activities available for students at the NAC that do not require going into the water.
- The PTO has decided that they are going to purchase a T-shirt for every fourth-grade student! This gift will not cost parents anything!
- To keep costs for end of the year activities and events in a manageable range for parents, the PTO will sell Yearbooks for \$25.00 and Yard Signs for \$15.00.
- If you do not wish to purchase either of these items, that is okay.
- If you only want to purchase one of these items, that is okay.

- If you want to purchase both of these items, that is okay.
- If money is tight for you right now, and you need support with paying for one or both field trips, please let me know.
- I will work with the PTO to ensure that all our students are able to attend these field trips, regardless of a parent's ability to pay for them.
- Please remember that if your child would like to enter the T-shirt design contest, all design entries are due on March 21.
- Please remember that even though the PTO will provide a T-shirt free of charge to all fourth-grade students, we need you to complete and return the T-Shirt order form so that we know what size to order for your child.
- If the PTO does not receive your T-shirt order form by April 4, the PTO will purchase a Youth Large for your child.
- The current version of the PTO T-shirt order form mentions that the T-shirt is included in the "dues." This is because the order form was created when we were planning on requesting dues. We are not requesting dues. The PTO is providing a T-shirt free of charge to every fourth-grade student. Please ignore the bullet point on the order form regarding the optional dues. Please use this order form to let us know the size of the T-shirt that you want for your child.

Here is a list of important dates:

- March 21 – Due date for T-shirt design contest
- **April 3 – Field Trip to Pennsbury Manor - \$23.00 - check made payable to the Herbert Hoover PTO**
- April 4 – T-shirt orders due
- April 24 – Hoover Spring Concert – Maple Point
- May 16 – Field Day – Hoover
- June 2 – 4:00 pm - Parent Volunteers assist with decorating Hoover
- June 6 – 7:00 pm - 4th Grade Chorus Performs at Trenton Thunder Baseball Game
- June 9 – 5:30 pm – Parent Volunteers assist with decorating Maple Point
- June 9 – 6:30 pm – 4th Grade Move Up Ceremony – Maple Point
- **June 10 – Field Trip to Newtown Athletic Club - \$28.00 - check made payable to Herbert Hoover PTO**
- June 12 – Rain Date for Field Trip to Newtown Athletic Club

If you would like to volunteer to support us with implementing our end of the year activities, please complete this Google Form that was created by the PTO:

<https://forms.gle/EBnJuTqr2QwJ7EZh9>

For additional information regarding all of these events, please review the flyers that are included in this email. If you have any questions, please email me at dglennon@neshaminy.org.

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