

Green Township PTA



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Newsletter

PTA Notes

Tricky Tray 2016 is here!!! Join us on **Saturday, April 23rd** for a fun night that is also the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. See below for more details and ways to get involved.

Congratulations Mr. Hitzel! We are very pleased to honor Mr. Hitzel with a **National PTA Life Achievement Award** for his commitment to our children. Photos and details are below.

PTA Membership goal – We did it! Great job GHS families! We officially have 267 paid members allowing us to be entered into the NJ PTA Membership Raffle with a chance to win \$200. We won this past fall, so let's shoot 2 for 2! If you are interested in becoming a member, please email April Orozco at Orozco6.ao@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

April 4-8

Spring Clothing Drive

April 5

Tricky Tray Planning Meeting, 6:30pm

April 6

PTA Executive Board Meeting, 6:30pm

April 15

Mismatch Socks Day

April 19

Tricky Tray Planning Meeting, 6:30pm

April 23

Tricky Tray

April 27

Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm

Staff Appreciation Week – Thank you!

Staff appreciation week was a big success. Thank you to everyone who put in their time and donations. It would not have been possible without you!



April 4-8: Spring Clothing Drive

Please donate clothing, shoes, belts, bags, linens, and stuffed and hard toys. The PTA will earn money for each pound we collect. Drop off at the stage door. Thank you!



Tricky Tray 2016 is here!

Join us on Saturday, April 23rd

New prizes! New Raffles! More Great Chances To Win! Many ways to help out!

To help out, please:

- Get your **family baskets** in. Bring your donations to the main office or contact Heather Amendolara at rubybean@verizon.net to arrange pick-up. **FREE sheet of Tier One tickets if you send in a family basket by April 6th.**
- **Ask for donations.** We rely on YOU! - ask anyone, ask everyone! We are looking for the BIG donations.
- **Sell Grand Raffle tickets.** More tickets mean more chances to win! (Details on the next page.)
- **Become a Runner or a Shaker!** Runners help bring prizes to the winners and shakers help shake tickets before the tickets are selected. Come be part of the Tricky Tray excitement and donate a little bit of time during our event! Contact Laurie O’Gorman at laurieo11@msn.com.
- Help **wrap Tricky Tray baskets on Wednesdays** at school throughout this month. Contact Claudia Ernst at erniesfam@verizon.net.
- Attend a **Tricky Tray Planning Meeting: 6:30pm on April 5th and April 19th.**

Tricky Tray Grand Raffle

Just a reminder to keep on selling those Grand Raffle Tickets!!!! We are asking each Green Hills Family to please sell the 20 tickets you received for the PTA. Each ticket is \$5 and you have 3 chances to win with each entry. The prizes are amazing!

Grand Raffle tickets can be purchased by cash or check payable to "Green Township PTA." When you have completed selling, please send ONE lump sum payment along with the ticket stubs in an envelope to the attention of: PTA Mailbox, Grand Raffle Tickets, no later than Monday, April 18th

For 2016 the Prizes are:

- A Valley National Visa Gift card for \$1,000
- A 60 inch Vizio D Series Smart TV (model E60) valued at \$1,000
- iWatch Sport 7000 series valued at \$449

The winner need not be present at the Tricky Tray, so please sell to everyone you know! Winners will be notified via phone. Please tell them that the proceeds go to the best possible cause— our kids! If we can get everyone to sell these tickets it will be an easy way to ensure an even more successful event – it is an easy sell as the prizes are awesome! Who doesn't want \$1000??

More tickets are available, please contact Stephanie at 908-684-0264 or stephanie.strangeway@hanes.com and I will get them to you via mailbox or backpack. Tickets will also be available the night of the Tricky Tray. Please plan on attending; it is the biggest PTA fundraising night for our school! What we earn that night funds a lot of great programs at our school, like our new Playground & Chrome Books.

Doors open to pre-paid ticket holders at 3 pm and calling will begin at 6pm.

(If you are unable to sell your tickets, please send those that are unused back to the PTA mailbox. All tickets need to be accounted for.)

THANK YOU!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS MR. HITZEL!



This year, we are very pleased and proud to honor Mr. Hitzel with a National PTA Life Achievement Award. This award, the highest honor from the nation's largest child advocacy organization, is given to a person who goes above and beyond for all children and who acts as a tireless advocate for children's education, health and well-being. During our March general membership meeting, the PTA Executive Board, along with a representative from the NJ PTA, presented Mr. Hitzel with a certificate of recognition, a congratulatory letter from the national PTA President, and a 10-karat gold pin. Last year, Mrs. Hildebrant received the award.

Mr. Hitzel was a clear choice for this year's award, as his care and commitment to the students of GHS is long-standing and ongoing. Mr. Hitzel started teaching in 1990, but before joining the GHS faculty full-time, he worked at GHS as a substitute teacher and as a boys basketball coach. He also completed his student teaching at GHS. Mr. Hitzel has participated in the 6th grade camping trip for 26 years, helping to lead the planning and management of the trip for the past 12 years. Recently, he led fundraising efforts to ensure the trip would continue after BOE funding was eliminated. He started GHS's basketball programs and coached for many years. He has had the role of athletic director and has coached track and field, girls and boys basketball, and intramural softball. He has been an advisor to the Terracycle recycling program and has taught many students in math and science. Some of his past students include current GHS faculty Ms. Sproferra, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Meyers. While often seen working long hours, Mr. Hitzel's dedication and love for the children always shine along with his upbeat personality and smile. Mr. Hitzel is a true example of someone who positively impacts the lives of all GHS children.

When you see him, please congratulate Mr. Hitzel on receiving this very well-deserved honor and thank him for continuing to love and serve the GHS community!

Gift Cards for Green – April Update

Attention Green Hills Shoppers! WAY TO GO! We have more families AND more committees ordering! As of 3/31/16, we have earned \$359.30 for the PTA. A special thanks to the 2nd Grade Room Parents for purchasing the gift cards to fill their Wallet O' Gift Cards Tricky Tray Basket through Gift Cards for Green and earning \$20 for Green! Our April order will include the order from our Playground Committee to fill our shed with fun outdoor things from Dick's Sporting Goods - the gift cards they're purchasing will earn the PTA \$80! It's easy for your own monthly expenses, too! A lot more families are buying Shoprite gift cards for their groceries. The earning potential is limitless AND easy, so please share this info with your friends and committees you're involved with and keep up the great (and easy) work! Have we mentioned it's easy?

If you haven't tried the program yet and have questions, please contact Sharon Mills (call/text 973-713-0962, email semills73@msn.com) or log into shopwithscrip.com and set yourself up with our enrollment code **ED1BLD5L17952**.

We have cards in inventory for immediate sale! Just contact Sharon Mills and she'll hook you up. These cards include:

- *Sports Authority and Dick's Sporting Goods - *gear up for spring sports!*
- *AMC Theaters, ToysRUs, iTunes - *just for fun!*
- *Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Cold Stone, Panera, Olive Garden - *feed those hungry players after games & practices!*
- *Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks - *caffeinate those spectators!*
- *Quick Check and Shell - *gas up those vehicles!*
- *ShopRite and Kohls - *for monthly groceries, etc!*

Our **April organizational order will be placed 4/8/16 and will be delivered around 4/15/16** - order forms are available under printable forms on gtpa.com. Hardcopies will be sent home with your children starting Tuesday 4/5/16 to get the word out as many ways as possible. It's always the perfect time to jump in and place an order. Please use Gift Cards for Green program to purchase gift cards which can be turned into goodies for your class or family baskets for the Tricky Tray which is fast approaching! (The 4/8/16 organizational order will still get to you in time for the Tricky Tray!)

Committee Chairs & Room Parents - Please note that if you need to go to Sam's Club or Shoprite for food for an event or party, get craft supplies at Michael's, AC Moore, Target, Walmart - all of these

retailers participate as well as many many more! Just put in a check request form through our Treasurer, Onni Chan, and request that the funds be moved over to the Gift Cards for Green program and place your order! Please contact Sharon Mills with questions! Let's help each other help and raise tons of money to benefit the kids! The more money we raise, the more fun we have deciding where to spend it!

Happy Shopping during April and always!

Thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair!



Thanks to the support of many volunteers, GHS faculty, staff, and administration, and GHS students and families, we enjoyed another very successful book fair. Together, we earned \$2,138.56 in Scholastic dollars. All together we have \$6,488.60 for our school to purchase books and supplies for our classrooms this year. Great job everyone!

The PTA is looking for 3 active, involved members to fill Executive Board positions for the next 2 year term beginning 7/1/2016. Elections will be held during the May General Membership meeting for:

- 2nd Vice President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer

If you would like to play a role in something great for the children, get involved. Responsibilities for each officer position can be found in the bylaws article VII at www.gtpta.com. Please email Jodiwfinn@ptd.net with letters of intent to run and contact information. For Treasurer position, please include a resume. If you have any questions, please phone Jodi at 908-914-2316. Thank you for volunteering & considering a position on the Executive Board. Please submit all letters by May 9, 2016.

Jodi Finn, Colleen McLean & Heather Amendolara