

Green Township PTA

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May/June 2016

Newsletter

PTA Notes

Tricky Tray 2016 was a great success. See below for more details and notes from some of our organizers.

There are lots of exciting things going on with the **Playground Project**. Find details below about upcoming FUNdraisers and sponsorship opportunities.

Field Day will be a fun-filled day with lots of opportunities for parents to get involved. Details are below.

Our 8th graders will **graduate from GHS and enjoy their Promotion Ceremony on June 8th**.



June 10th will be the last day of school. Thank you to all the GHS families who have helped make this school year a great one. Enjoy the summer!

Upcoming Events

May 10

PTA Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm

May 13

May Gift Cards for Green orders due

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Dodgeball Tournament, grades 3-8, after school to benefit the playground project,

May 13

Wear PJ pants or an inside out shirt

May 16

PTA General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm

May 25

Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm

May 30

School closed, Memorial Day

June 3

Field Day - Wear your GHS apparel

June 7

PTA Executive Board Meeting, time TBD

June 8

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 7:00pm

June 10

Rain date for Field Day



A Note from Tricky Tray 2016 Chair Heather Amendolara



Tricky Tray 2016 was another huge success. We were well within our range of fund raising and nearly matched last years' banner year! Green Hills families, volunteers and guests all had a great time. Some of our newer ideas and innovations were a great help and some did not quite get off the ground. We had hoped to highlight our donors with an overhead slide show naming those of you and our community members who contributed. We had some technical difficulties that night but next year we will try again. A bright idea that did pan out was our neon volunteer t-shirts. This clearly made our ticket sellers visible! Go ticket sellers! Our fourth tier items really knocked it out of the park with nearly seven thousand dollars in sales that night alone! WOW!

As the Tricky Tray Chair person I would like to personally thank all our volunteers and donors. It is incredible to watch the building of the donation closet, the set up the night before and the party the day of. If you have not witnessed any of this you need to. The PTA closet gets filled to the very top with donations all wrapped and shiny! The night before is a party (this year it included birthday cake!). The day of the tricky tray is an adrenaline pumping scramble to the finish line. Please join us for these very happenings next year. We can never have too many hands on deck.

GREEN HILLS PTA YOU ROCK! TRICKY TRAY ALL THE WAY!

For future TT volunteer opportunities contact me at rubybean@verizon.net. We're looking for on-foot and on line solicitors, runners and shakers, ticket sellers, wrappers, idea generators, helping hands.



A Note from Grand Raffle Sub-Chair Stephanie Strangeway

Grand Raffle 2016 was a huge success! Pre-Sale receipts were 65% of total, so that was huge! Thanks to all of the Green Hills Parents and Staff who sold tickets – it is so much appreciated! Please reach out if you have any ideas for next year – shopping starts early after the new school year starts.

The Money Tree was a new idea and it seemed to really resonate with attendees. They liked the idea of a GRAND Raffle that was only sold the night of the event. It's always great to see an excited winner in the room! If you would like to donate Gift Cards for next year's tree – please contact me at Stephanie.strangeway@hanes.com. We are always happy to start collecting early and everyone always has a couple of gift cards sitting around! We will be happy to use them.

If you have any ideas for next year's Mystery Prizes, please reach out!

Green Hills Playground Project Update



We have a shed!! On April 29th, Mr. Nittolo accepted the donation of a shed filled with playground equipment on behalf of the school from the PTA. Members of the PTA worked closely with Mrs. Scudieri's class to complete their 20Time project. Great work all!

Children's Committee for the Playground did a great job stuffing envelopes in order to send a brochure out to all of Green Township. Check your mailboxes!

Become a playground sponsor! Premier Level Corporate and Family Sponsorships and Component Sponsorships are now available. Contact Erin Fortunato to reserve your sponsorship today. erin_fortunato@yahoo.com or 774—279-1816.

Spirit Tier (teacher donated prizes for the kids) raised \$1,094 at the Green Hills Tricky Tray for the playground project! **A huge thank you to all of the staff who donated experiences and the parents who bought tickets!**

Check out our website at greenhillsplayground.com, and please "like" our facebook page to stay up to date on the latest progress and help spread awareness about the project: <https://www.facebook.com/greenhillsplayground>

Upcoming Playground Project Fundraisers

Have fun and support the Playground Project!

Dodgeball Tournament:

May 13th, 2:30pm-5:00pm

Spectators welcomed

\$5- for adults

\$2- for school aged children

Scoops for the Playground:

Rita's Water Ice

25 Center St

Sparta Township, NJ 07871

A portion of all sales between 3:30pm-7:00pm on June 1st benefit the playground project!



Spring Clothing Drive

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this year's Spring Clothing Drive a success.

We donated lots of clothes and earned \$259.80 for the PTA!



PTA sponsored Field Day will be held on Friday June 3rd (rain date June 10th).

The PTA will provide lunch, ice pops, drinks, popcorn, watermelon and ice cream for the entire school. We will also be giving each child a T-shirt to be worn the day of Field Day. It is a fun filled day that everyone looks forward to. Fun activities are planned for the whole school. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Claudia Ernst at erniesfam@verizon.net



Last chance to turn in Campbell's Labels!

The Campbell's Labels for Education Program is ending in July. Send your Campbell's labels in before the end of the school year so we can get as many points as possible while we still can.



Send in your Box Tops!

Don't let them expire over the summer.

The homeroom with the most points will win an Italian ice party.

Gift Cards for Green Updates for May & June 2016

Attention Green Hills Shoppers! We have earned \$450.93 since the program started in **December!** AWESOME! The more money we raise, the more fun we have deciding where to spend it!

The May order may be the last one for this school year due to the end of school coming earlier than originally thought (YAY for no snow!) We'll keep you posted, though. Please let us know if you'd be interested in keeping this going over the summer otherwise we'll pick right back up in September!

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**. It's easy for your own monthly expenses. A lot of families are buying Shoprite gift cards for their groceries, for example. 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?

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

- *Sports Authority
- *ToysRUs, iTunes
- *Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Cold Stone, Panera, Olive Garden
- *Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks
- *Quick Check and Shell - *gas up those vehicles!*

Our **May organizational order will be placed 5/13/16 and will be delivered around 5/20/16** - order forms are available under "printable forms" on gtpta.com. It's always the perfect time to jump in and place an order.

Committee Chairs & Room Parents - Please note that if you need to go to Sam's Club or Shoprite for food for an event (such as end of year parties), get craft supplies at Michael's, AC Moore, Target, Walmart - all of these retailers participate as well as many many more! (There are many retailers where our teachers and staff would love to celebrate with an end of year gift, too!) 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!

Happy Shopping!