



# HOLCOMB BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA SUMMER NEWSLETTER



*Thank you for your donations in the 2018-19 school year. As a result of your support, we were able to fund supplemental programs for the teachers and students at HBMS. Programs for the students included school field trips, PBIS incentives, 8th grade breakfast, Reflections, and Red Ribbon week. Programs for the teachers included funds for classroom support, mini grants for special projects, teacher appreciation week, hospitality events, and landscaping. In addition, we funded family/community engagement events like the Fall Tailgate, Taste of Holcomb Bridge, Caring for Others and much, much more. In total, PTA funded over \$20,000 in programs and activities!*



**This year we want to do more and we need your help! Check out page 3 to learn about our donation incentives for this year!**

## *Greetings from Jennifer Cassidy*

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! Our school team is eager to welcome back students and parents for the start of a new academic year. Hopefully the summer break has left you relaxed and refreshed and ready to work for success in this school year. Our staff is busy preparing for the opening of school to make this an outstanding year at The Bridge!

When you visit us at Open House on August 8, be sure to stop by and check out the NEW media center. We have been under construction all summer to renovate our media center. Students, staff, and parents will return to a larger space featuring new shelving, an open floor plan, and small group collaboration spaces. We are honored that our PTA is receiving a grant from the family of Lynda Andrews, former HBMS parent and PTA president, who passed away last year. The Andrews family will be helping us to create a unique space within our new media center that will be both an inviting place to learn and grow while honoring Lynda's memory and her love for our HBMS community. Thank you to our Media Education and Technology Instructor Ms. Ellen Reagin, our media assistant Mr. Stan Eastman, and all the volunteers who helped us pack and unpack the media center for its new look!

At Holcomb Bridge Middle School, we strive to support our students to grow both academically and personally. Middle school is a critical time in the social and emotional development of our children. Our teachers and staff understand the importance of parents as partners in this journey. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and we will do our best to carry out our responsibilities in creating a safe, supportive learning environment. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by helping them be ready for learning each day and communicate that you expect his/her success in school. We also encourage your participation in PTA, school events, and celebrations so that HBMS can be a community of support for our students.

As your principal, I am looking forward to our new year and the opportunities to build on the successes of our prior year. I cannot wait to greet you at Open House on August 8!

**FREE SCHOOL  
SUPPLY  
GIVEAWAYS!**  
1 pm – 4pm  
\* while supplies  
last

## Parent/Student Open House and Back to School Bash Thursday, August 8th, 1:00pm - 4:00 pm

We are excited and ready for another great school year! Please join us for a combined Open House and Back to School Bash! Here's your chance to take care of back to school business all at once! Come by The Bridge between 1pm and 4pm on Thursday, August 8th to pay locker fees for your student, find out their homeroom teacher and schedule, join PTA, pick up some free school supplies, purchase spirit wear, see school friends and more! Community partners will be onsite, Kona Ice will be available for purchase and a DJ will keep us moving as well!

### School Fees (Bring your checkbook or cash – NO credit or debit cards!):

- Hall Locker - \$5
  - Gym Locker - \$5
  - \*New PE Shirt/Shorts - \$10 each
  - \*Used PE Shirt/Shorts - \$5 each
- \*PE Uniforms are optional.**

Additional Optional Opportunities: Purchase a yearbook, place money in the cafeteria account, obtain bus information, complete medication forms and sign up for intramural activities.

### What to Bring

- Two proofs of residency are required for the Affidavit of Residence for **ALL 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, ALL new students, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with a new home address.** Notary will be available at no charge.
- All students need a current updated GA Immunization Certificate on file.

### PTA Opportunities (Bring your checkbook, debit card or credit card)

- Join PTA
- Sign up for Family Photos
- Donate to the Hawk Fund
- Purchase New Spirit Wear

*If you are unable to attend Open House, students can purchase lockers the first week of school.*

### Open House Checklist!

#### Gym

- Pay for Locker
- Affidavit/Medical Forms

#### Hall – Class Lists

- Identify Homeroom Teacher to pick up your schedule

#### Cafeteria

- Join PTA and donate to the Hawk Fund
- Get online directory access and a Holcomb Bridge MS Magnet
- Sign up for a family photo session with Gabyphoto!
- Buy Spirit Wear
- Gym Clothes and Locker
- Purchase a Yearbook
- Fund Cafeteria Account
- Obtain Bus Information
- Check out Intramurals



### Get a Head Start When You Bring Your Child to Camp Jump Start!

Attention Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> Graders attending Camp Jump Start on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am: Bring your checkbook and get ahead of the game by joining PTA, buying your spirit wear and signing up for Family Portraits when dropping off your child.

### *The theme for 2019-2020*



### *"Look Within"*

Start preparing your original works of art now in the categories of dance choreography, film production, music composition, literature, photography and visual arts!

Details can be found at

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>

Entries Due: October 8th

# HBMS Needs Your Support!!



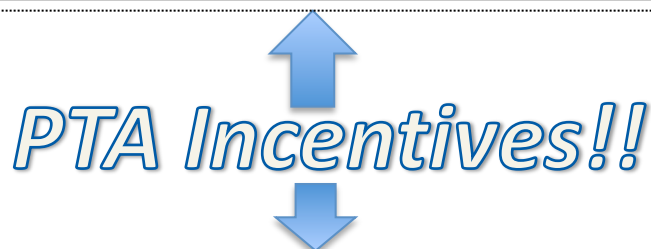
Holcomb Bridge families let's all level up and raise funds to broaden the support of our HBMS students and teachers. Here is how it works...

- If you are new to Holcomb Bridge or have never contributed, we are asking \$25 from each family.
- For our returning donors, we are asking you to level up to the next contribution level. For example, if you contributed \$25 last year, we are asking \$75 this year; \$75 last year \$125 this year etc.
- All donations over \$25 include access to the online directory and a school magnet.

## Win a 4 Day, 3 Night Vacation!!



Donations of \$100 or more will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a 4 day, 3 night vacation voucher that includes a variety of locations to choose from in the US and Mexico. So what are you waiting for? Donate on our website, at Camp Jump Start, or Open House. **Deadline for the eligible contributions is August 8, 2020.**



## Top Locker Promotion!!



Join PTA and make a Hawk Fund donation of \$25 or more by Aug 7th and your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will be assigned a top locker for this school year. If you have more than one 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grader, each \$25 donation = one top locker. If your student is a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader, they will be entered to win a free dri-fit HBMS t-shirt! (Advance top lockers for rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are reserved for those attending Camp Jump Start on August 1<sup>st</sup>.) **\*Note locker promotion only includes top locker placement, not school-required locker fees.**

## Why Donate to the PTA's Hawk Fund and Support Our School?!

- **Make an Impact** – 100% of all donations are used to fund programs and purchase materials for HBMS.
- **Hawk Fund donations** directly support our teachers for classroom supplies and mini-grants that support PBL and Personalized Learning opportunities for the students.
- **Tax Deductible** - Your donation is tax deductible! Consider donating or increasing your donation for this school year. We need your support!!

In addition to your support of the Hawk Fund, Georgia PTA memberships are available for \$10.

You can join online at [www.holcombbridgepta.com](http://www.holcombbridgepta.com)

**SNEAK PEEK!**  
**Our Media Center**  
**is going to be EPIC!**



**Want a way to get involved?**

Volunteers are needed to shelf books and assist our staff in the Learning Commons! No experience needed! Questions? Contact Jen Wunderlich at [j.wunderlich@att.net](mailto:j.wunderlich@att.net) to learn how you can help!

**WE ARE MOVING FROM HOME ACCESS TO INFINITE CAMPUS!!** Register for your Parent Campus account to stay up to date on grades, attendance, assignments, and school announcements. ALL parents must create an account for this new system. The old Home Access Center (HAC) is no longer available. Visit <https://www.fultonschools.org/infinitecampus> if you need more information or assistance.

## **Easy Ways to Earn Money for HBMS!**

**Kroger:** Register your Kroger Plus Card online with HBMS at: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) HBMS Organization Number is 17567. ***Sign up now and start earning money for HBMS this summer! You must sign up annually after Aug 1st of each year to continue supporting HBMS.***

**Publix:** Participating is easy. Simply sign up for a [Publix.com](http://Publix.com) account, click Publix Partners, and select a school. Then enter your phone number every time you check out. They'll give back to the school of your choice every time you shop.

**Box Tops for Education:** Collect Box Tops from participating products and turn them into the school. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a list of products and other promotions. **If each student brings in 20 box tops, HBMS would earn \$1600...start clipping now!**

**Amazon Smile:** The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price for eligible Amazon purchases to our PTA (no cost to you). Simply use this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1513974>

**Business Partners:** Let's work together! Interested in becoming a Business Partner? Contact Greg Gardner [ggardner@solidsourcerealty.com](mailto:ggardner@solidsourcerealty.com) or Carmie McGuire [carmiemcguire@earthlink.net](mailto:carmiemcguire@earthlink.net) for details on how your business can support our school.





***HBMS Tailgate Party Set for  
October 4<sup>th</sup>***

Let's Tailgate! Join us on Friday, October 4th between 4:30pm and 7:00pm for an after school tailgating event to kick off Junior Knights Homecoming weekend! We'll have a DJ, teacher dunk tank, lawn games, and plenty of food and fun, including our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off. Enter your chili recipe or just enjoy the chili tasting. More details coming soon!

**School Start/End Times**

**School Hours:** 8:55 AM-4:05 PM

**Office Hours:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

**Student Supervision:** Please drop off students no earlier than 8 AM to ensure appropriate supervision.



**Mark  
Your  
Calendar**

**» UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 1 – Camp Jump Start  
Aug 8 – Open House and  
Back to School Bash  
Aug 12 – First Day of School  
Aug 14 – PTA Meeting (9am)  
Sept 2 – Labor Day – No School  
Sept 3 – No School - RFFD  
Sept 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
(6:30pm-8pm)  
Sept 11 – PTA General Meeting (9am)  
Sept 12 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
(6:30pm-8:30pm)  
Sept 20 – CHS Homecoming  
Sept 22 – Gaby O! Portraits  
Oct 4 – Fall Tailgate & Chili Cook-Off  
Oct 8 – Reflections Entries Due  
Oct 9 – PTA Meeting (9am)  
Oct. 10 – No School – RFFD  
Oct 11-14 – Fall Break  
Oct 21-25 – Red Ribbon Week  
Nov 5 – No School - Election Day



**Time to Update Your Family Pictures?**

If you need an updated family portrait or holiday photo, now is the time! Gabyphoto and Holcomb Bridge are partnering to offer you the opportunity for new family pictures. Sittings will be scheduled for September 22nd. Sessions are 15 minutes for \$45 and include 1 digital image. Additional prints/images are available for purchase. All session fees go directly to support PTA programs, which directly benefit our students, teachers, and school! Registration forms are available online at <http://www.holcombbridgepta.com>.

***Keep up with what's going on at school and through PTA:***

- Learn more about our PTA at [www.holcombbridgepta.com](http://www.holcombbridgepta.com)
- For more up to date news and events, follow us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/HBMSPTA>