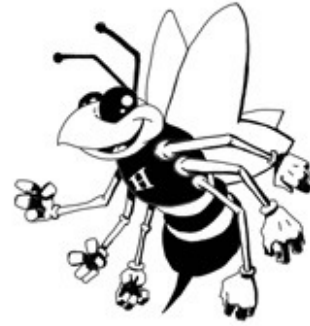


# Hemmeter Hotline

April Edition



Hello Hemmeter Families,

While searching for a quote for the life principle of thankfulness, I came across this one:

**“If I got you a thank you card to match the size of your generosity, it wouldn’t fit in your mailbox.” – Author Unknown**

This is the way I often think of all of our tremendous parent, staff, and student volunteers. It always amazes me how generous Hemmeter’s stakeholders are with their time and talents. I have several volunteers to thank this month.

First, I would like to thank Erin Casey and Jenna Whiteherse for their tremendous job organizing and running the book fair. This is one of my favorite events of the year, and it would not be possible without Erin and Jenna. Also, thank you to the numerous volunteers who worked shifts during the book fair. Finally, Jen Jaffe, thank you so much for planning a wonderful taco night meal. The food from El Paso Grill was incredible!

I would also like to thank the Deibel, Stoddard, and Boss families for their volunteer work on the playground. The students are so excited about the stencils placed on the playground. We appreciate the time and effort that was put into this project.

A huge thank you to Tracy Gibbons for her work organizing the local restaurant and Papa John’s fundraiser nights at Hemmeter. I always enjoy the opportunity to socialize with Hemmeter families outside of school. Events like these build fellowship and the family feeling we strive for at Hemmeter.

Destination Imagination requires one of our largest volunteer efforts. Thank you to our two coordinators, Jill Allardyce and Nali Kogulan. The success of the Destination Imagination program is a direct reflection of their work. Destination Imagination would not be possible without parent volunteer coaches. DI coaching is a huge responsibility that requires close to 100 hours of volunteering! The hard work definitely paid off this year. Hemmeter continues to

have one of the strongest Destination Imagination programs in the entire world. This year we are excited to have **THREE** teams heading to the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. These three teams will compete against teams from all over the world. What an awesome accomplishment! The following teams are heading to the Global Finals:

**Coaches: Mrs. Persyn and Mr. Garcia**

Faith Persyn	Nawaz Qadri
Elizabeth Swope	Tejal Richardson
Samha Amin	Durgan Nolish
Alex Garcia	

**Coach: Mrs. Tierney**

Ellyana Tierney	Samantha McGrandy
Cole Starke	Lauren Cleckner
Ellie Young	Brooklyn Rzeszutek

**Coach: Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Erlenbeck**

Molly Jaffe	Anna Jaffe
Avery Romain	Claire Koester
Tyler Berry	Jack Booth
Hayden Erlenbeck	

I am so excited to have these students represent Hemmeter.

To all our volunteers, your generosity is appreciated more than you will ever know. Thank you for all you do to make Hemmeter such a great place.

Warmly,

Jim Bailey

# HEMMETER READ-IN

The all-school read-in and pajama day on March 27<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! The student council representatives collected over 3,000 books from Hemmeter students to donate to the READ Association of Saginaw County. There were also 23 lucky Hemmeter students who won prizes which included books picked out by the Hemmeter staff, a Barnes and Noble gift card, and “Breakfast and Books” with Mr. Bailey. It was a positive event that promoted reading and giving to our community! Thank you to the Hemmeter students, parents, and staff for your support!



## P.E. NEWS

During the month of April, Hemmeter students participated in the **In School Bowling Program** sponsored by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America during Physical Education class. The program provides bowling equipment such as pins, bowling balls, and numbered carpeted lanes for our students' use. The program also provides information about the history of bowling, bowling basics, scoring, etiquette, and safety.

The students had a month of fun and excitement with this bowling program. It is a wonderful program that assists students with coordination, timing, and concentration. Bowling is a great sport for all students to find athletic success.





Welcome back Hemmeter Families! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. HPTC has an exciting few months on the horizon as we prepare to complete this school year. Can you believe it?

HPTC would like to congratulate the Student Council on a FANTASTIC “March into Reading Event.” We were fortunate to have four representatives from the Student Council present their activities at our last meeting. The students did a great job explaining what they did and even brought some pictures. Thank you **Mrs. Kahl** for guiding them along their journey of planning and execution! As always, I’m so impressed with and proud of the reading in our students’ lives, and now I’m proud that they are sharing this gift with others.

Now that the snow is gone, I am crossing my fingers that we can complete the additions to the playground soon. Look for new stencils in the coming months, as well as a few Wall Ball courts and a storage shed. I know the GaGa pits have been a well-loved addition to the school.

As always, **thanks so much** for the fantastic support of our fundraisers this past month. Without your generosity, the extras enjoyed by the students and staff of Hemmeter would not be possible. **THANK YOU!!**

## SCRIP VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016 NEEDED!

Next school year the SCRIP team is looking for a new Scrip Coordinator and a Treasurer. If you are looking for a way to volunteer at the school, this is a great opportunity. If you're interested please contact Emily Deibel at [esdeibel@gmail.com](mailto:esdeibel@gmail.com). We can begin training this May to get you ready for next fall.

### SCRIP Coordinator Duties:

2-3 hours a week (more during the holidays)

Input orders into the computer program

Submit a weekly order to the scrip center

Receive the order and count cards to match the order form

Contact local vendors and collect local scrip

Fill weekly orders

Manage/update the master order form

Promote the scrip program

Answer questions from parents, work with the HPTC, and resolve issues that come up

Submit a yearly fundraising goal to the HPTC. If you raise more than this goal amount, any additional money will be earmarked to buy new playground toys. You may be in charge of purchasing them yourself or asking for help from the HPTC.

### Treasurer Duties:

2 hour/month + 20 minutes/week

Reconcile the SCRIP inventory on a weekly basis

Keep track of the SCRIP bank account

Receive weekly purchase order amounts, deposits, & shipping updates from the SCRIP coordinators

Compile a monthly financial report and submit it to the HPTC

Attend the monthly HPTC meeting when possible

## Lunch Menu Changes

We have two school lunch menu changes in May:

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

Tasty Sliced Turkey on a WG bun

Baby Carrots

Fresh Apple Slices

Snack Cookie

Milk

### May 8<sup>th</sup>

Spaghetti w/Marinara Sauce

Cheese Breadstick

Yogurt Cup

Green Beans

Fresh Apple

Milk



## **Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council**

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

6:00 p.m. Teacher's Lounge

**I. Meeting was called to order** at 6:00 p.m by Jennifer Jaffe. THANK YOU to Josh & Becky Mosher for an awesome Fun Fair.

In Attendance: Jennifer Jaffe, Jenny Boelter, Jaime Huffman, Sarah Jane Deibel, Jim Bailey, Jill Rummler, Josh Mosher, Jenna Whiteherse, Ted Christian, Elissa Basil, Karrie Baskins.

**II. Secretary's Report:** Sarah Jane Deibel:

May meeting minutes were submitted and accepted, after correcting Barnes & Noble profit to \$420.44.

**III. Playground shed,** Ted Christian:

Ted has a meeting with Bridget Smith, township planner, tomorrow for approval of location for shed. Ed Spence will help pour concrete upon approval. Slab needs to cure for 1 week before building. Ted was previously told Menards would donate materials for the shed when we were ready, but now has been told donations go through corporate office. He completed the request last night and will also pursue possible donations from Lowe's or Home Depot.

**IV. "March is Reading Month": Student Council reps**

Nate Baskins, Molly Basil, Abby Buchalski, Isabelle Whiteherse

Student Council spent 2 months preparing a special reading week for Reading Month. They planned a week of collecting books to donate to the READ association, with a prize drawing for participants. Prizes included reading in special chairs during the read-in, breakfast with Mr. Bailey and three friends, a \$25 gift card donated by Barnes & Noble, and 22 new books selected by the teachers and school staff. They made presentations in each class, put posters in the halls, and decorated drawing boxes and a book cart which they used for collections that week. 3,294 books were received.

**V. Financial Report:** Jenny Boelter reported:

Incoming amounts: Papa Johns \$209.31(Feb) & \$161.00 (Mar), School Store \$165.50, Scrip March \$291.03, Kroger awards \$200.81, Buffalo Wild Wings \$181, Beef O'Brady's (Feb): 116.81, Fun Fair \$8,846. DI made \$1,230 with Qdoba fundraiser.

Outgoing amounts: \$610 DI State competition, Field trips for Kindergarten to Dow Gardens & MCFTA, Papa Johns, and Junie B. Jones at the temple theater. Garden irrigation contract of \$158 for spring start up, one summer check, and winterization. Math theme week \$87. Ipad chargers were purchased.

- 3-5 grades went to Temple Theater for Lightning Thief, which was sponsored by Mahar Tool.

- Next meeting will include a budget discussion.

**VI. Staff Report:** Jill Rummler

K – Classes will go to the Temple Theater to see the play Junie B. Jones next Tuesday.

1 – Slowly preparing for Lunch with Someone Special (Stacey Rutherford & Cassandra Chasnis). Working on music program.

2 – Starting our Community Unit – Students will participate in an ABC's of Saginaw project.

3 – Titanic Study – Students are studying the Titanic, and reading, writing, and completing an art project about it.



4th – Consumers Energy presented a “Think Energy” presentation. Each child was sent home with a kit to be used to help conserve energy in the home. Each classroom will receive a \$100.00 check if every student returns a survey about the kit.

5th – Working on Wax Museum project and the 5th grade musical – Shrek – April 15th.

Both 4th and 5th grade said the Lightning Thief play that they attended was excellent! Thank you to Mahar Tool for funding this field trip.

Assembly – We will have an author visit this Friday. Matt Faulkner will visit our school for a K-2 and 3-5 presentation.

Thank you to HPTC for providing animal crackers for our math week celebration!

March is Reading Month Spirit Week was a blast!

### **VII. Principal's Report:** Jim Bailey reported:

- Congratulations to Jill Rummler who received a grant (MEEMIC Award) to fund special reading benches for her class. She also had a student essay winner at Barnes & Noble.
- March Madness reading bracket winners were announced today.
- Melanie Kahl put in a lot of work for the Student Council reading activity, including the preparation weeks, Reading Week, and afterwards.
- Thank you to Becky & Josh Mosher, committee heads, and volunteers for making Fun Fair run so smoothly.

MSTEP State testing is starting on Monday for 5th grade (replacing MEAP). It was supposed to be adaptive testing with quick results, but because other schools in the state chose pencil and paper method, it will be same questions for all and scores will come in the fall. A majority of schools are taking the test online. Scores usually drop when the testing instrument changes, so our first year will be a baseline.

MSTEP is designed to be higher level thinking testing. It will also include a classroom discussion one day with an assessment the next day on the content. For example, a discussion on pros/cons of zoos with students writing an essay response.

### **VII. Committee Reports:** Jennifer Jaffe

- *March Math theme week* was successful. Mr. Bailey confirmed another one for April.
- *Fun Fair: Josh Mosher* reported they really appreciated having so many committee heads and volunteers who took care of many of the details so they could oversee the whole event. Next year, they don't need to pay for big games, may choose not to do the shirts (\$23/ea). Mosher's will continue at least next year. Hicks' studio will plan to close for next year's fun fair.
- School Store: Rachel Chaltraw is done with school store orders, but has inventory to sell this year. Will do a table at Taco Night and sell at the Open House next year.
- Playground update (Jim Bailey): Gaga pit is very popular, but needs padding under it as there are 5-6 kids each day scraping knuckles on the ground. Gaga gloves were too expensive. Looking at playground mats. Rubber Recycled mats are \$4.79 per square foot piece. Deibels will paint playground when warm enough.
- DI (Jill Allardyce) posted the schedule for state tournament on the HPTC page. 6 of 7 teams made it and the competition is a week from Saturday.
- Scholastic Book Fair (Jenna Whiteherse): To set up on Friday the 17th in half of the gym. Will have two cash registers. The book fair will run all day Monday through

Wednesday for students to visit with teachers and shop before/after school. Monday night will be Taco night with a chance for families to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair. Last chance will be Thursday morning before school.

- Book fair has “Under the Sea” theme. Marti will take pictures of the staff to post with their book recommendations. Gold coins and other fun things will accent the theme.
- Sign-up Genius will be used to get volunteers.
- Taco Night (Jennifer Jaffe): Monday, April 20, 5:30-7:30. Choice of beef or chicken filling. \$8 for adult meal (2 tacos, rice, beans, sour cream cheese sauce); \$6 kid's meal (1 taco, rice, beans, sauce); \$2 ala carte tacos. We provide plates and receive \$0.50/meal sold. Advance tickets (only) for sale and orders will be tracked on a spreadsheet, and confirmed before picking up meal.

Next meeting will include discussion on fundraisers. A possible fundraiser was also suggested at Yogurt Yeti on the 28th. Follow HPTC on Facebook for more.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room**