

# HES Hippo Happenings- Parent Edition

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8TH

## CAMPUS NEWS

Hello HES Families-

I hope that everyone has been able to make a scheduled parent conference during the last couple of weeks. If you have not had a chance to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher yet, please do so. Our goal is to meet with all parents before the Thanksgiving Break.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week and to those who volunteered to help Mrs. Dodd out in our Media Center. I saw a lot of smiling faces with books in hand.

Don't forget Thursday, November 11th is a student and staff holiday in observance of Veterans Day.

Fall picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 16th for anyone who was absent on picture day or would like a retake.

Our next PTA general meeting is November 16th at 6:00. Please plan to join us and get involved in the PTA. It is such a great group of parents. It is never too late to sign up and join our HES PTA. You can do that [here](#). Our next big PTA event will be Santa Supper on Friday, December 10th. Mark your calendars now for a family evening of holiday fun.

## THANK YOU VETERANS

We had such a wonderful morning celebrating and honoring our veterans on Friday.

It was good to see so many of you on campus and so great to see so many veterans in the audience and at the breakfast. Thank you to all those who attended.



We received great feedback about the ceremonies, so I want to recongize our Veterans Day Committee members who planned for our event and did a lot of work behind the scenes to make it happen. Committee members include Mrs. McGinn, Ms. Stanton, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Watkins, Ms. Graves, Mrs. Kettleman, and Ms. Mangum. Mrs. Miller, our Student Council sponsor, and our Student Council officers were also a big part of the day. It is always such a treat to see such great leadership in our students.

I love how our district celebrates our veterans in such a big way each year, and I truly hope we are instilling a great sense of respect and pride in our students as they take part in this important celebration.

For our veterans--please know that we are forever grateful for your sevice, and I hope our words and actions reflect that every day. Thank you!



## ORANGE SANTA FOOD COLLECTION AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIIES

Dear HES Families-

Each year Oranga Santa works to provide Christmas dinner and gifts to families in need in our Hutto community. Last year they served 453 families (1,128 children)!

As part of Orange Santa, campuses are assigned a specific food item each year to help put the meals together, and HES has been asked to collect enough **packets of gravy** to make 500 Christmas dinners. We are collecting packets of gravy until November 19th. Thank you in advance for helping reach our goal of 500. Anything collected beyond what is needed will be donated to the food pantry at the Hutto Resource Center.

Additionally, if you would like to sponsor a family or make a donation, you may do that through our RevTrak system. To sign up to sponsor a family, click [here](#). Sponsorship amounts are \$50, \$100, \$150. Family sponsors will have their name listed on the website and Facebook as a sponsor. If you would like to donate an amount other than the sponsorship amounts, you may do that [here](#). Any donation is appreciated.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important organization and their work to help our community.

## GT NOMINATION WINDOW OPEN 10/18 TO 11/18

The GT annual nomination window is open from October 18th-November 18th, 5pm.

Parents may refer their students with these forms:

[GT Parent Referral](#)

[GT Parent Referral - Spanish](#)

For more information about giftedness please visit:

NAGC: Traits of Giftedness - <https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/my-child-gifted/common-characteristics-gifted-individuals/traits>

Buenos Dias,

La ventana de nominación anual de GT está abierta del 18 de octubre al 18 de noviembre a las 5 pm.

Los padres pueden referir a sus estudiantes con estos formularios:

[GT Parent Referral - Espanol](#)

Para obtener más información sobre la superdotación, visite:

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## SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATIONS

While all students receive free breakfast and lunch this school year, we are still asking parents to fill out the school meal application to provide us valuable information that ties to possible additional funding. Hard copies of applications should have come home this past week. You can also submit an application online [here](#).

See below for the various benefits when you submit your school meal application.

Thank you in advance.

# More Than a School Meal Application!

Submitting your application for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) can do more than just provide access to free and reduced-price meals. Families must meet eligibility criteria for each program listed. Additional applications may still be needed to secure benefits.

## School Meal Application



### School Funding

May provide additional funding for state and federal programs and services at your school.



### Athletics

May result in free or discounted fees to participate in activities.



### Internet Access

May qualify you for discounted rates on internet services.

Turn in your meal application today to take advantage of additional benefits while also helping your school!



### P-EBT

Determines eligibility to receive Pandemic EBT benefits.



### Academic Tests

May provide reduced registration fees for AP, SAT, and/or ACT tests.



### College Application Fees

May qualify you for discounted rates associated with college applications.



### School Meals

Establishes eligibility for free or reduced prices on delicious and nutritious meals.



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**¡Mucho más que una solicitud de comida escolar!**  
 Su solicitud para el Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares (NSLP) le ofrece más que un simple acceso a comidas gratuitas y de precio reducido. Las familias deben cumplir con criterios de elegibilidad para cada programa. Es posible que se necesiten aplicaciones adicionales para obtener beneficios.

**Solicitud de comidas escolares**

- Fondos escolares**  
 Puede proporcionar financiación adicional para programas y servicios estatales y federales en su escuela.
- Atletismo**  
 Puede dar lugar inscripción gratuita o tarifas con descuento para participar en actividades.
- Acceso a Internet**  
 Puede dar derecho a tarifas con descuento para servicios de Internet.
- P-EBT**  
 Determina la elegibilidad para recibir beneficios EBT de la pandemia.
- Pruebas académicas**  
 Puede ofrecer tarifas de inscripción reducidas para los exámenes AP, SAT y/o ACT.
- Honorarios de solicitud para entrar en la universidad**  
 Puede calificar para un descuento en las tarifas de solicitud de ingreso a la universidad.
- Comidas escolares**  
 Ofrece la posibilidad de comidas deliciosas y nutritivas gratuitas o de precio reducido.

Entregue hoy mismo su solicitud de comidas para aprovechar las ventajas adicionales y, al mismo tiempo, ayudar a su escuela.

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## HEALTH REMINDERS

Please contact the campus nurse if your child is experiencing Covid like symptoms after a close contact or if your child tests positive for Covid 19. Please remember, while our district safety plan does not require a 14 day quarantine after a direct exposure, we do ask parents to closely monitor students for symptoms. Those that choose to self quarantine based on an exposure will have absences excused. While we do not have a virtual option for quarantine periods, please contact your child's teacher for assignments they can do while at home.

## DON'T FORGET...

- If you have a transportation change request for your child, we must receive it **BEFORE 1:30 PM**. If you call after 1:30, we cannot guarantee the change will occur due to the nature of the end of the day and the time it takes to get messages out. Thank you

for your understanding and for following our end of day procedures. All transportation changes should be emailed to [hes.receptionist@huttoisd.net](mailto:hes.receptionist@huttoisd.net) by 1:30 each day.

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