



The Ribbitt Review

What's Hopping with the PTA?

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PTA Annual Cookie & Treat Drive

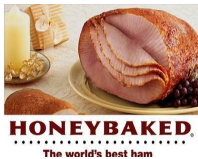


Shhh, don't spoil the surprise but it's become an annual tradition for the PTA Staff Appreciation Committee to surprise our wonderful GSCES staff with home-baked treats during the holiday season. This December 20th we hope to present dozens of sweets for our sweet staff. But, it will require nearly 100 bakers to make the 300 dozen cookies required! Would you be willing to bake your special recipe?

Sign up today at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20111501

Five Below Fundraiser

You are cordially invited to a very special fundraiser at Five Below to help raise money for Great Seneca Creek Elementary School PTA! Anytime you shop at Five Below in Germantown between Saturday, December 10th and Friday, December 16th Five Below will donate 10% of your purchase to the PTA. Please remember that you must present the Five Below flyer for us to receive the donation. You may also make copies of the flyer and hand them out to friends and family to use as well. Thanks as always for your support!



HoneyBaked Ham Fundraiser

Do you just want to **RELAX** with your friends and family this winter break? Let the HoneyBaked Ham Co. help!

Order a delicious ham, turkey, side, condiment or dessert from The HoneyBaked Ham Co. A tradition, made simple.

Avoid lines at the HoneyBaked Ham store and pick up your holiday treat at the **GSCES All-Purpose Room on Thursday, December 22nd from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.** Deadline for ordering is Friday, December 16th. The PTA will receive 15% of the proceeds to help support school programs.



Hard Times Cafe Spirit Night

Please join us for Hard Times Cafe Spirit Night on Thursday, December 15th. Any time you place an eat-in or carry-out order and mention GSCES and your classroom teacher between 4:00pm and 9:00pm, the restaurant will donate part of the proceeds to our PTA. The PTA uses funds raised from theme dinners to sponsor fun programs and activities for all students at GSCES. Hard Times has wonderful chili, chicken wings, burgers and more. You can view their menu at <http://www.hardtimes.com/menuandrecipes/menu.aspx>

Take a night off from making dinner and join us at Hard Times in Germantown!



12/10-12/16 – Five Below Discount Days
12/13 – PAC Meeting, 6:45pm
12/15 – Hard Times Café Spirit Night, 4:00-9:00
12/20 – PTA Cookie and Treat Drive
12/26-12/30 – Winter Break
01/02 – New Year’s Day, No School
01/03 – PTA General Meeting, 7:00pm
01/09 Domino’s Pizza Spirit Day



And the winner is...
Ms. Kline's 2nd Grade!

Ms. Kline's 2nd grade class has won our November Box Tops contest. The race was close with only two Box Tops separating 1st and 2nd place!

** Remember, you can send Box Tops in with your child ANYTIME year-round! Please be sure to include your child's name and classroom teacher to receive credit.



A big thank you to everyone who collected and donated Labels for Education!

We were able to collect 3,585 points and we received several balls and jump ropes for use on the playground.

Please continue to collect the LFE UPC codes so that we will be able to acquire even more fun things in the future.

Thank you!
~Kathleen Teselko (LFE Chair)

Thank you to all the wonderful Bullfrog families for all of the support you have shown with the PTA Social Action committee's hat/coat/glove drive and Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Because of your support we were able to help many children stay warm this winter. We were also able to help 25 local families have a great Thanksgiving dinner thanks to the support of the PTA, the community and donations from the HoneyBaked Ham Fundraiser.

Many local businesses helped Great Seneca Creek provide 25 "bridge bags" of groceries to help our community bridge the long weekend away from school. Shoppers Food Warehouse's \$100 gift certificate allowed us to provide fresh apples, oranges and potatoes along with stuffing and tuna. Giant and Target were also generous contributors. Thank you to Shauna Fitch and our friends at Bar-T for the pies that welcomed families while they came in to pick up their orders. Thank you, as well, to Jaedyn Mark and family, for the donation of 25 homemade pies. Finally, a special thank you to Honeybaked Ham Co. for their donations.

“ Thank You ! ”

Once again, our annual Holiday Gift Shop was a huge success! It was such a treat to see the students get so excited about making their selections of holiday gifts for their family, friends and teachers.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who staffed the Shop and made it possible to keep it running: Sandy Holloway, Betty Broadwater, Susan Strawser, Laura Rodriguez, Kerri Lowrey, Debi Fitzwilliam, Evelyn Joe, Fareeha Sadiq, Silvina Zarate, Viviette Hazel, Anh Boesch, Lisa McGurgan, Pam Biro, Nancy Yuen, Jakeline Rodriguez, Cathy Edmundson, Kathy Richman, Yolunda Mejia, Maria Phelps, Valerie Luster, Allison Schweizer, Mark Brady, Ann Marie Feldman, Noriko Shanbhag, Swati Dixit. There is a lot of work that goes into making the Gift Shop possible, and without all the volunteers providing support we would not be able offer this wonderful opportunity to the students.

~Karen Morrison, Holiday Gift Shop Chairperson