



# Hassler PTO Pony Express

Hassler PTO

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## Last Chance to Catch the Hassler Wave!

Thank you to all of the families who have already generously donated to our fall fundraiser!

We are well on our way to meeting our goal. The fundraiser is ending **tomorrow** so this is your last chance to be entered in the remaining raffle, which is ice cream sundaes with Mrs. Stacha.

And remember, your child(ren) will receive an extra entry in the grand prize raffle for every \$25.00 donation!

Thank you so much for your support in helping us reach our goal!

## PTO Manager

It's not too late to sign up on PTOManager. We need more volunteers to run each program successfully. Please go to [www.hassler.ptomanager.com](http://www.hassler.ptomanager.com) and click on as many boxes as you would like.

We need YOUR help.



## Dates To Remember

*Lenny's Night \*\*\*\*\**  
Tuesday, October 6

*Fall Fundraiser Deadline*  
Wednesday, October 7

*Parent Conference Day*  
(no school for students)  
Monday, October 12

*Papa John's Pizza Night \*\*\*\*\**  
Tuesday, October 13

*Fall Book Fair*  
October 19—October 23

*Evening Book Fair*  
Tuesday, October 20

*T. Jin's Night \*\*\*\*\**  
Tuesday, October 20

*Box Tops deadline*  
Friday, October 23

*Red Ribbon Week*  
October 26—30

*McDonald's Night \*\*\*\*\**  
Tuesday, October 27

*KISD Board Election*  
Tuesday, November 3

\*\*\*\* **20%** of the sales from these restaurant nights are donated to Hassler!!



## Hassler on Parade!



Hassler students and staff celebrate our First Responders on September 11.

## Red Ribbon Week

Mon, Oct. 26—(wear red)

“Red Hot Against Drugs”

Tue, Oct. 27—(wear crazy socks)

“Sock It To Drugs”

Wed, Oct. 28—(wear camouflage)

“Join The Fight Against Drugs”

Thur, Oct. 29—

(wear clothes backwards)

“Turn Your Back On Drugs”

Fri, Oct. 30—(wear crazy hats)

“Hats Off To Being Drug-Free”



### Reading Literacy

Do you have an extra 45 minutes every other week? Reading Literacy

volunteers are still needed. All materials are provided and training sessions are starting soon. This volunteer opportunity is very rewarding as you watch the students' self esteem grow as reading levels improve through the year. Contact Mary Cumberland at [rcumberland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rcumberland@sbcglobal.net) for more information.



### Pony Math

Get ready for Pony Math! Pony Math is an optional PTO-sponsored math enrichment program for first and second graders. In the next couple of weeks you will receive more information about the program.

If you are interested in volunteering a little of your time to grade papers, please contact Denise Mathews [pmat2112@att.net](mailto:pmat2112@att.net) or Tina Erales [tlerales@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlerales@sbcglobal.net).



### Thank you to Lenny's and Bruster's

Once again, Lenny's Sub Shop and Bruster's Ice Cream made life easier for families by setting up a satellite location at Open House. Families were able to enjoy a tasty meal and dessert on this busy night. Lenny's and Bruster's generously donated \$288 and \$130 respectively to the Hassler PTO. Thank you to both businesses for their support and the positive addition they make to an already great school event!

### Committee Focus: HIP - Hassler Important People

HIP (Hassler Important People) tutoring is a program that helps students that need an extra boost. We work one-on-one with 3rd—5th graders in reading and math for 30 minutes once a week. Tutors have access to a wide variety of teaching and TAKS preparation materials. Training is available as needed. Last year Hassler had 16 tutors who helped 31 children, all of whom passed the TAKS tests! It is extremely rewarding to see the progress made and it truly makes a difference to our children. Please share your time and talent as a HIP tutor this year; it will change your life and theirs!

Please contact Michelle Crawford  
[crawfordfirm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crawfordfirm@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.



### Smile for the camera

Please bring any photos you have from the first day of school to the front office to be included in the Hassler scrapbook, or e-mail them to Donna Erdman at [dperdman@earthlink.net](mailto:dperdman@earthlink.net).

### Calling all ExxonMobil Parents

If you or your spouse is an ExxonMobil employee, you are in a unique position to earn money for Hassler while you volunteer. Through the ExxonMobil VIP program, Hassler receives \$500 each time you accumulate 20 hours of volunteer time here at the school. We also work on Team Grants where at least 5 people work a total of 20 hours toward one project - such as Hearing and Vision, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation and Field Day. Even if you are a working parent or have a small child at home, sometimes your one hour could make the difference of \$500 for Hassler! Last year we raised over \$2,000 and we continue to fund the Science Lab here at Hassler. Please contact me if you would like to learn more or could donate just an hour or two toward a team grant - the difference could mean \$500!

Thank You, Michele Peterson  
 Hassler ExxonMobil Volunteer Coordinator  
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### Team Curtis 2010

Mark your calendars for Team Curtis 2010. The Christopher's Heart Fun Run benefiting Mitochondrial disease research will be on Saturday, February 6, 2010. If you would like to help promote Team Curtis, please contact Laura Jackson at [TLjax4@entouch.net](mailto:TLjax4@entouch.net) or 281-225-8103.



More details coming soon!

### Make a Difference with Box Tops



- **Clip** Box Top coupons from your favorite products and send them to our school.
- **Shop** at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace<sup>SM</sup> ([btfe.com/marketplace](http://btfe.com/marketplace)), and up to 8% of your qualifying purchase will automatically be donated to Hassler with no additional cost to you!
- **Purchase books** through the Box Tops Reading Room<sup>SM</sup> at Barnes & Noble.

Simply keep a ziplock bag with all your Box top clippings and when you reach 50 points send them to school with your child in the bag addressed to the teacher. The class per grade with the most Box Tops will win a popcorn party.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Donna Calhoun at [dbcalthoun@mindspring.com](mailto:dbcalthoun@mindspring.com) . BOX TOPS DEADLINE is 10/23

### Communication Link

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