



Helman PTA News

Thank You Class Reps!

Helman PTA Volunteer Coordinators, Vivian Dygert and Kristie Cox, have worked hard to establish two point people for each classroom at our school. The primary responsibilities of classroom representatives are to work with their child's teacher to prepare and throw a Halloween party as well as a Valentine's Day party. These volunteers are also asked to help a bit during Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

Another big part of being a classroom rep is organizing two booths for their classroom at Mayfaire. Class Reps need to secure volunteers for any needed supplies, setup, work shifts during Mayfaire, as well as assist with cleanup for both booths. If classroom representatives are unable to fulfill these duties for any reason, they are charged with locating another parent in the class to take over these duties.

We are very grateful that Derek Snyder will be leading the classroom representatives in an effort to choose from existing booths for Mayfaire and to get organized in preparation for the event.

If you have any questions about becoming a classroom rep or volunteering for the Helman PTA, please contact:

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Preparing for Mayfaire

January signals the time to start preparing for our largest fundraising and volunteer event of the school year – Mayfaire! The 6th Annual Mayfaire will take place on Sunday, May 6 from 3:00-6:00pm.

Mayfaire is an event that raises needed funds for the PTA as well as providing an exciting afternoon of activities for families and students of our community. Not only is Mayfaire a family friendly event that our students look forward to each year, but it encourages us to come together in a big collaborative effort. Each classroom will have classroom representatives attend meetings and organize two booths for parents from their classroom to help run before, during, and after the event.

In addition to the fun booths that feature carnival-style games, Mayfaire has a large silent auction as well as a few large raffle prizes. Families are encouraged to bid up the fabulous donations that will be collected over the next few months, and hope that they have purchased the winning raffle ticket for a fabulous raffle prize! The Helman PTA needs a Mayfaire Silent Auction and Raffle Coordinator (or coordinators). Collecting donations is an effort that happens over many months and requires the help and dedication of several people. Please contact Becky Sniffen at becky.sniffen@gmail.com or Arianna Van Heusen at ariannavh@gmail.com if you would like more information!

One of the many benefits of Mayfaire is that it also encourages recycling and reusing. Prizes in the form of gently used toys, games, and equipment are gathered throughout the school year and cleaned and organized for the big event. Please bring your donations to Malinda in the office or you can contact Heidi Loftus at jhkloftus@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like to help with this effort. During Mayfaire, children earn tickets as they play games and those tickets are then used to "buy" prizes.

Mayfaire setup and organization is a huge task, but also a labor of love. If event coordination is something you are interested in, please consider working along side Becky Sniffen to see if Mayfaire Event Manager is a position you would be interested in taking on! We look forward to seeing you at Mayfaire!

Help the Helman PTA Earn Money!

Do you know that while you do your normal shopping you can earn funds for the Helman PTA? Below are several ways you can support our school without any additional cost to you.

- **Escrip:** Go to Escrip.com and register your credit and debit cards. Use these cards at Escrip vendors, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to Helman School without any additional cost to you. This is also a great way for your friends and family around the country to support our school. Visit www.escrip.com and search for "Helman Elementary School" in the group name.
- **Amazon:** Sign up to support Helman Elementary PTA through the smile.Amazon.com website and a percentage of all your Amazon purchases will support our school.
- **Box Tops:** Don't forget to turn in your box tops too. You can bring them to the library or to Malinda in the office.

Thank you for all you do to support the Helman PTA and your child's education! We hope to see you at our next meeting on February 1, at 6:30 pm in the Library.

Upcoming Helman PTA Events

OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) February 20-22	<i>Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade can participate by reading some, or all, of the 16 books selected and compete in teams. Judges are needed during the two days of battles.</i>
Yearbook , April 14 deadline to submit photos and customize pages	<i>Please log in to Tree Ring (www.treering.com) to submit photos to include in this year's yearbook and to pre-order a yearbook for your child and customize pages specially for their yearbook.</i>
Science Fair , 5:30-6:30pm April 19	<i>Open to all Helman students! Students can display and explain their projects to parent judges. Science-minded volunteers needed for "judging" student projects.</i>
PTA Board Elections , 6:30pm April 5	<i>Parents that are interested in serving on the PTA board are encouraged to run for positions for the 2018-2019 school year!</i>
Mayfaire , 3-6:00pm May 6	<i>Mayfaire is a family-friendly, carnival style event that is the second big fundraiser of the year for the Helman PTA. In addition to carnival games, there is a silent auction, raffle, bake sale and more! Lots of parent volunteers are needed before and during the event!</i>
Teacher Appreciation Week Week of May 7	<i>PTA sponsors one or two days of celebrating the Helman teachers and everything they do for our children! Coordinator needed!</i>

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