



# Hidden Oak News

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## DONATIONS NEEDED!

Teachers & staff are opening a school store where students can spend their hard-earned HOOT LOOT. Schools supplies, stickers, games, books—if you think kids will like it, please bring it!

Items may be dropped off in the blue bins in the front office.

Thank you for helping us support positive behavior!

## Principal's Corner

### WELCOME BACK, OWLS!

I sure hope everyone had a wonderful and exciting summer. We're so excited to have everyone back and know this year is going to be even better than the last. One piece of news that's always fun to share is that we are once again an A school! As always, this is due to our teachers, students, and the unending support of our families. Thank you so much.

You may notice some changes in overall campus procedures and security. We are working to implement new requirements from recently passed legislation as well as district policies related to school safety. While these may be cumbersome at times, they are required and, ultimately, provide for increased protections of our precious children. Thank you for your understanding and support. Wishing you and your families a wonderful year!

Mr. Kuhn  
Principal

## Movie Night

### LET'S WATCH A MOVIE!

On **Friday, September 20**, our Hidden Oak PTA will host the first movie night of the school year. Cafeteria doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the movie (to be decided) will begin at 6:00 p.m.

All families are invited to attend at no charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult during the movie. Snacks and drinks will be sold in the cafeteria. Students are welcome to bring a blanket, sleeping bag, or pillow, and parents are welcome to bring a folding chair.

## FUNdraiser | 1st Annual Fun Run!

### OUR NEW FUNDRAISER!

This year, we're trying something new. For the first time ever, the Hidden Oak PTA will be running its own fundraiser, only one time during the year.

This means two important things for our families: First, one fundraiser. That's it! One and done. But second—and most important—by hosting a self-run event, Hidden Oak will keep 100 PERCENT of the proceeds! That's right. Every dollar given stays inside our own school for our kids and their good!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/02 Labor Day  
-No School-
- 9/8 [National Arts in Education Week](#)
- 9/10 PTA Meeting  
Media Center - 5:30pm
- 9/11 \*SPIRIT DAY\*  
Wear RED, WHITE, or BLUE Shirts!
- 9/12 • Picture Day • Title I Meeting, 5:30pm • Open House, 6pm-7pm
- 9/19 Interim Reports Home
- 9/20 \*MOVIE NIGHT\*  
Doors 5:30pm  
Movie 6pm
- 9/25 • Dads Take Your Child to School Day • Dad-Kid Breakfast, 7:15am
- 9/27 Hat Day
- 9/28 County-Wide 5th-Grade Gator Football Game Trip



SAVE THE DATES!!!!!!!!!!

\*\*\*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FUN RUN PEP RALLY & KICKOFF\*\*\*

\*\*\*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, FUN RUN\*\*\*\*



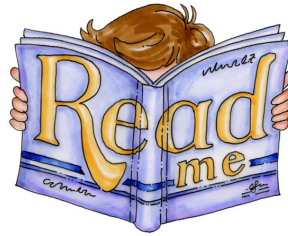


## Hidden Oak | Book Challenge

We are thrilled to announce that the Hidden Oak Book Challenge is back for year FIVE!!! Last year, our students read 29,650 books, and 389 of them met the Book Challenge! This is phenomenal!

The Book Challenge kickoff starts Monday, August 26. This school-wide program challenges every student from Kindergarten to Fifth grade to read 40 books by the end of the school year, May 20.

Students in third through fifth grade are also challenged to read books in eight different genres. September's Genre of the Month is **Realistic Fiction**. In addition, third through



fifth grade students who read a 200-page book can count that as two books, and a 300-page book as three books!

There are checkpoints every nine weeks where students earn new and exciting spirit sticks, bookmarks, and bracelets! A Book Challenge Celebration Party in May will feature fun games, prizes, and activities for students who reach the goal! Be on the lookout for a Book Challenge Reading Log and more information on the Book Challenge coming home with your student.

*And remember ... The more you read, the better you read, so keep on reading!*

## PTA Corner

### JOIN US!

Your Hidden Oak PTA Board is charged with providing you with timely, accurate, and helpful information regarding events and activities at our school. Feel free to email us anytime at [hiddeoakpta@gmail.com](mailto:hiddeoakpta@gmail.com). Or, share your thoughts in person at PTA General Assembly meetings throughout the school year. The first meeting is **September 10 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Media Center.

You can become a PTA member at any time during the school year. In exchange for membership, you will not only directly support our Hidden Oak Family, but will also receive discounts from local and national retailers. Please email PTA Membership Chair Mellody Stocker at [hiddeoakwelcometeam@gmail.com](mailto:hiddeoakwelcometeam@gmail.com) to sign-up.



## Coaches' Corner

### WELCOME BACK, MORNING MILE RUNNERS!

We hope you had an active summer and are ready to get moving in the mornings again.

We were thrilled to continue our morning mile program starting the first week of school. You have an opportunity each day to get those juices flowing before your academic school day. All students are welcome at the PE field from 7:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing many of you running in the mornings!

Coach Lafler & Coach Kear



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### School Hours

7:45 a.m. - 1:52 p.m.  
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