

The NEST

January 14, 2026



Nurturing. Encouraging. Students. Together.

Nest Events

- ★ **January 5-31**
Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
- ★ **January 12 -**
Valentine Grams Sales
- ★ **January 14-31:**
See's Candy Fun-Raiser
- ★ **January 21:**
CA Fish Grill Dine Out
- ★ **January 23:**
Travellin' Tom's Coffee

Running Club:
Thursday and Friday mornings @ 7:15
(if it is not raining)

LOOKING AHEAD

- ★ **Feb. 7 (tentative), with
Feb. 21 as back-up**
- ★ Beautification Day
- February 8**
eWaste
- ★ **February 18**
- ★ L&L Hawaiian Dine Out
- ★ **February 23-27**
- ★ Scholastic Book Fair



Treasurer Report

Financial Report:

Prepared 01-05-2026

As of 12-31-2025

Budget

Increased \$20,000 from 24-25 to pay for LIM, field trips, playground updates, & teacher stipend.

| Line Item | 25-26 Approved | 25-26 Actual | \$ Remaining |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Administrative | \$ 2,500 | \$ 1,696 | \$ 804 |
| Assemblies | \$ 2,500 | \$ 1,503 | \$ 997 |
| Beautification | \$ 1,000 | \$ 167 | \$ 833 |
| Educational Materials/Software/Field Trips | \$ 27,000 | \$ 11,779 | \$ 15,221 |
| Events | \$ 5,600 | \$ 5,025 | \$ 575 |
| Health and Wellness/Nurse Supplies | \$ 1,000 | \$ 199 | \$ 801 |
| Hickman Swag | \$ 2,000 | \$ 585 | \$ 1,415 |
| Leader In Me | \$10,000 | \$3,611 | \$6,389 |
| Library/PE/Playground | \$ 6,000 | \$ 2,235 | \$ 3,765 |
| Running Club | \$ 750 | \$ 548 | \$ 202 |
| Safety | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,000 |
| Staff Appreciation | \$ 3,000 | \$ 1,427 | \$ 1,573 |
| Student Recognition/Pledge Drive/Purple Up | \$ 2,000 | \$ 411 | \$ 1,589 |
| Teacher Stipend & Yearbook | \$10,000 | \$2,296 | \$7,704 |
| Total | \$ 74,350 | \$ 31,482 | \$ 42,868 |

VP of Fundraising Report:

- Monthly Fundraising Themes
 - Fundraiser Updates
 - Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Ongoing Fundraisers
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Monthly Fundraising Themes



AUGUST 01

Back to School Boost

Super Pledge
Supports:
Classroom Supplies
Teacher Wish Lists
Start-of-Year Programs

SEPTEMBER 02

Enrichment in Action

Super Pledge
Supports:
Art & Music & STEAM
Assemblies
Guest Speakers

OCTOBER 03

Garden Glow-Up

Supports:
Hickman Garden
Supplies &
Maintenance
Programs

NOVEMBER 04

Community & Gratitude

Supports:
Teacher Appreciation
Staff Appreciation
Family Fun Events

DECEMBER 05

**Holiday Giving &
Student Support**

Supports:
Holiday Shop Seed
Student Assistance
Equity Funds

JANUARY 06

Field Trip Fund

Supports:
Grade-Level Trips
Transportation
Entry Fees

FEBRUARY 07

**Healthy Minds &
Bodies**

Supports:
PE Equipment
Wellness Programs
Playground Updates

MARCH 08

**Big School Fundraiser
Focus**

Fun Run Supports:
Programs for the
Remainder of the Year
and New School Year

APRIL 09

**Technology &
Innovation**

Supports:
Classroom Tech
STEM Tools &
Subscriptions

MAY 10

**End of Year
Celebrations**

Supports:
School-Wide
Celebrations
Student Recognition

JUNE 11

NEST Planning:
Budget Meeting

JULY/AUG 12

NEST Planning:
Calendar Meeting

New, cause-specific monthly fundraising themes.

Monthly fundraisers help to supplement what may have fallen short after district funding, Fall Super Pledge, and Spring Fun Run.

Each month, funds raised will go directly to that month's goal.

Fundraising Report

FUNDRAISER UPDATES

Holiday Shop - \$1800

Mrs. Fields - \$2956.60

Jungle Tea/Little Caesars -
\$30

Raising Cane's - \$55

New Hickman Sponsor - Rite
Click, LLC. - \$500

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Krispy Kreme - ends 1/30

CA Fish Grill - 1/21

eWaste - 2/8

L&L Hawaiian - 2/18

Scholastic Book Fair - 2/23-2/27

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

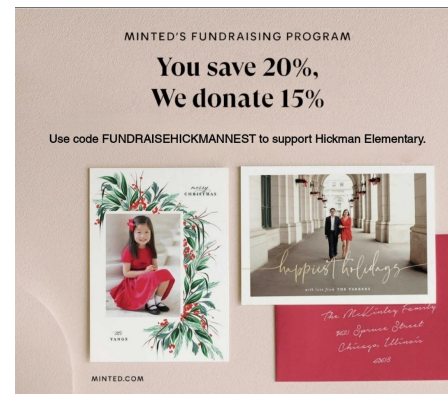
\$27.20



\$156.17

1ST PLACE 
Spiritwear

\$23.90 (2025)



Jan
5-31



WE'RE RAISING MONEY *with* DIGITAL DOZENS!

A great way to support our cause virtually! Digital Dozen Certificates are valid for 1 Original Glazed Dozen and will be *sent directly to you via email*.

These can be redeemed at your convenience at any Krispy Kreme location.



Scan Me to Order



PRICE PER DOZEN \$15.00

Hickman Elementary via The Hickman NEST

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO Pay for grade-level field trips
<https://tinyurl.com/Donuts4FieldTrips>

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT Claire Gorsuch, Fundraising Chair

AT fundraising@hickmannest.com

San Diego!

Eat to support
The Hickman NEST



♥ 25% Donated Back

📅 Wednesday, January 21st / 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

🎫 Promo Code: **FUND2025**

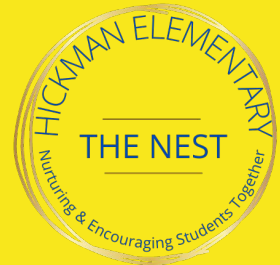
California Fish Grill

groupraise.com/events/318071 8285 Mira Mesa Blvd., Ste. 2, San Diego

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Club Updates:

- Gardening Club
- STEAM Committee
- 5th Grade Committee
- Scholastic Book Fair



GARDENING COMMITTEE



Garden Club (3rd-5th grades)

- ***Mondays & Fridays, 11:30am - 12pm***

Class Visits / STEAM (all grades)

- Help classes explore, taste and learn in the garden
- Schedule determined by class teacher
- ***Friday, Jan. 16, 9:30 - 10am:*** garden science lesson with Mrs. Carroll's 4th grade class

Beautification Day

- ***Feb. 7 (tentative), with Feb. 21 as back-up***

And more! Scan the QR code to sign up

Did you know? ~50 students visit the garden each week!

STEAM Committee



Are you interested in bringing more hands-on science and creative technology activities to Hickman?

We are looking for volunteers to help promote engaging programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

Our goals include:

- ✓ Bringing more hands-on science programming
- ✓ Supporting Science Saturday
- ✓ Exploring new technology and art projects
- ✓ Developing fundraising ideas and grants to support our initiatives
- ✓ STEAM in the Garden -a collaboration between our committees



First in person meeting: January 22 at 5:30PM at Embolden Brewery

Join Us!! STEAM@hickmannest.com

5th Grade Committee

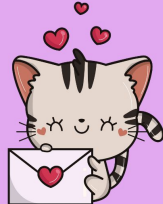


—HAPPY—
**VALENTINES
DAY**

Support the 5th grade class by purchasing Valentines Day Grams for friends and family. Each gram is \$1 and includes a special treat.

Paying by cash: Use the envelope to return payment and fill out gram messages.

Paying online: Use the QR code below and send an email to 5thgradecommittee@hickmannest.com to let us know who the grams are for, who they are from, and what classroom they should go too.



Purchase by Friday Feb. 6
Grams delivered on Thursday Feb. 12

Valentines Day Grams are Available

- Grams are \$1 each and include a special treat
- Sale runs until Friday February 6th
- Grams will be delivered in class on Thursday, February 12th.

5th Grade Committee

Sees Valentines Day Candy

- Purchase sweet treats for your friends and family.
- Sale runs thru January 31.
- Proceeds benefit 5th grade promotion and end of year activities.



Spread the love with our See's Candy Valentine's Fundraiser. Share yummy treats with friends, family, and teachers to make the day extra sweet. Every purchase helps support 5th grade promotion and end of year activities.



Sale Ends 1/31



Scholastic Book Fair

Fair Dates: February 23rd – 27th

Teacher Visits: You can volunteer during your kiddos class visit!

Parent volunteer sign ups open – QR code available at the end of this presentation.

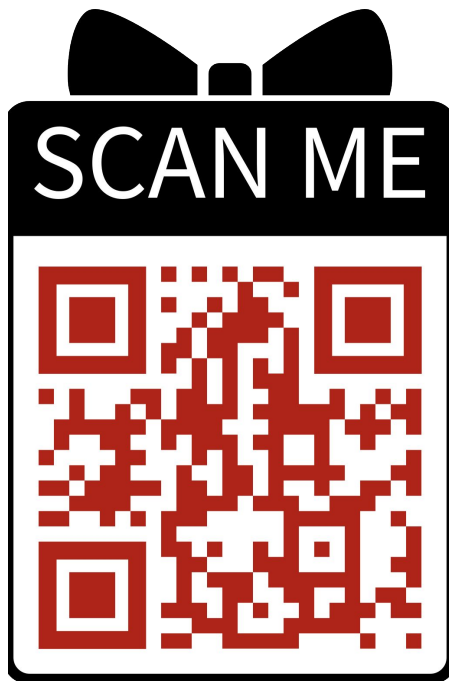
- Setup
- Class Shopping / Before & After school
 - Register
 - Help students with money
 - Keep fair tidy & stocked
- Tear down after movie night on Friday, February 27th



Fair website & Create E-wallet: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hickmanelementaryschool>

50th Anniversary - Amy Dichoso

Holiday Shop -Volunteers Needed!!!



The Hickman Holiday Shop is one of our most heartwarming fundraisers of the year!

It gives students a chance to experience the joy of giving while picking out special gifts for family and friends, all while helping raise funds to support our school programs.

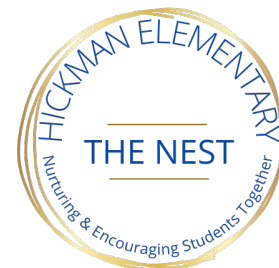
We need your help to make it a magical experience for all our little shoppers!

Volunteer Hours:

- **Setup:** Thursday, December 4, Time TBD
- **Monday - Wednesday:** 7:30-8am & 2:20-2:50pm
- **Thursday:** 7:30-8am & 2:20-2:50pm
- **Friday:** 7:30-8am & 2:20-2:50pm; clean-up after

Scan the QR Code or sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B49ADAD2AA2FA7-60309072-2025>



Upcoming Fundraisers



Wednesday, November 19



Sat & Sun, December 13-14



Now - November 14



Little Caesars

Thursday, December 4



SKY ZONE®

Friday, December 19

Ongoing Fundraisers

EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS WITH BOX TOPS

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1ST PLACE
Spiritwear

MINTED FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

You save 20%
Minted donates 10%

Hickman Sponsors

For a \$500 donation to the NEST, your business will get the following:

- **Proud School Sponsor Banner in front of Hickman Elementary School**
 - 2'x3' banners on Montongo St.
- **Your logo & URL added to weekly ClassDojo for HES**
 - More than 1000 recipients each week
- **Your logo and web link added to the NEST [website](#)**

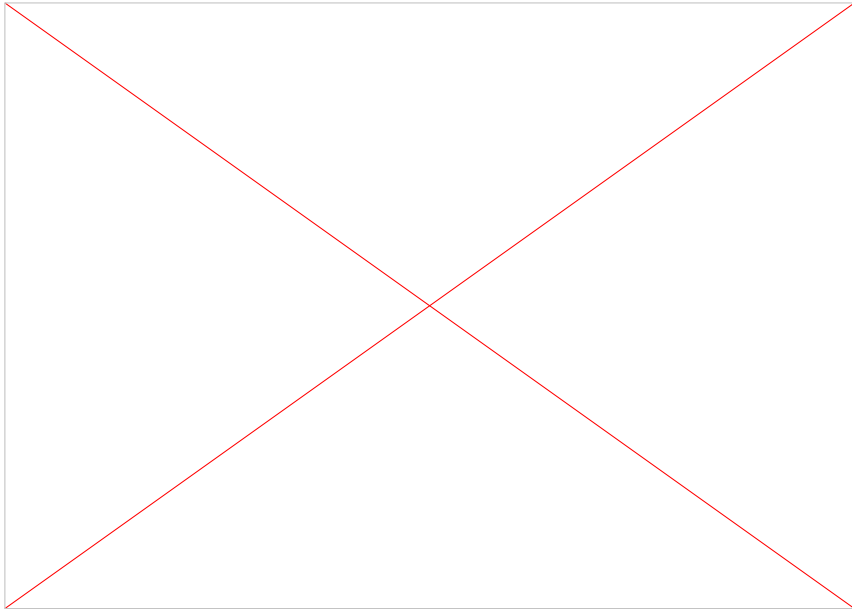


Email fundraising@hickmannest.com for more details



Dine Out Initiatives:

Every time you join us for a dine-out event, you're directly supporting our students and classrooms! These events make a real impact on our fundraising goals, helping us provide even more resources and opportunities. With many more coming up this year, we'd love for you to grab a bite and help us reach new heights for our school!



Kabob Shop: \$745.38

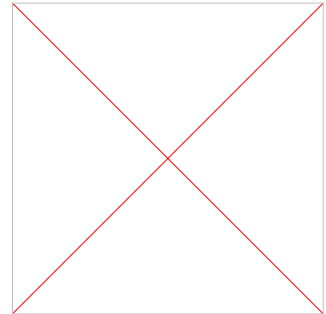
Chipotle: \$347.98

Chick-fil-A: \$171.76

Annapurna: TBD

El Pollo Loco: \$118.17

Urbane Cafe: TBD



Upcoming Fundraisers

TASTE OF MIRA MESA

Saturday, April 26, 2025
5:00pm to 9:00pm
Veloce Motors the Vault
9340 Dowdy Drive, Suite
102
San Diego, CA 92126
(off Miramar Road)

CLUSTER SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISING PARTICIPATION

TICKET PRICES & INFO
\$50 Purchase online at
miramesahighschoolfoundation.org by April 22nd
\$60 at the Door

*Price includes 1 drink (beer, wine, soda, or water
and one drawdown ticket)
*Adult only event.
*No discounts for large groups or school
employees.

BASKET INFO
*Provide baskets for silent auction.
*Baskets need to be completely decorated and
ready for auction with description tag including
title, list of items included, and total retail value.
*Email a copy of the description tag to Christine
Hight at chight@sandi.net by April 9th.
*Completed baskets need to be delivered to Mira
Mesa High School by April 16th.
*Must sell at least two tickets for every basket
provided.

NOTE: Late entries will not be
accepted.

Contact
Christine Hight
858-414-6602



EARN \$15 FOR EVERY
TICKET YOUR SCHOOL
SELLS

RECEIVE 90% OF EVERY
BASKETS FINAL BID



Saturday, April 26

Family Art Night

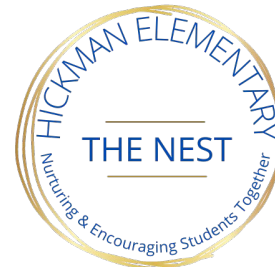


FAMILY ART NIGHT 2024-25



Family Art Night is a fun, creative and relaxing opportunity for students and family members to experience art together in a casual, multi-generational setting with professional instruction by Art Corps leaders. Families choose from one of three one-hour lessons inspired by a famous artist and their work. Each family member will take their completed artwork home with them at the end of the evening.

Thursday, March 13



Online Fundraisers:



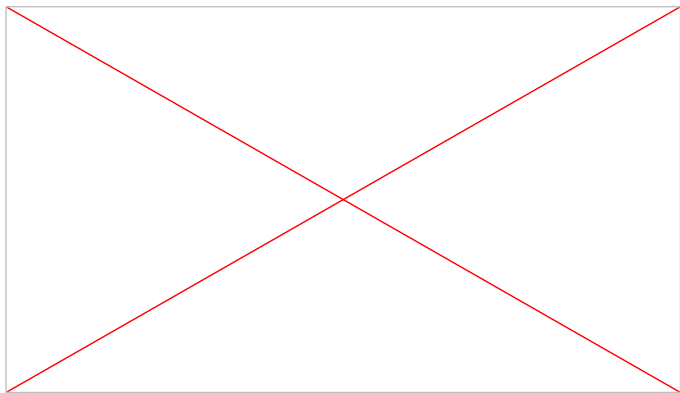
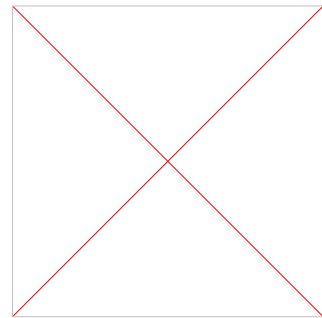
Spring into action! Help us reach our goal of \$700 by March 11! Stay tuned for the link to our virtual candy store.



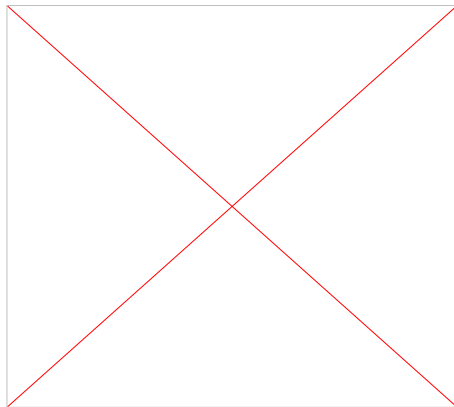
You can also purchase SpiritWear directly from the NEST at various events!

Last Call for Current Fundraisers:

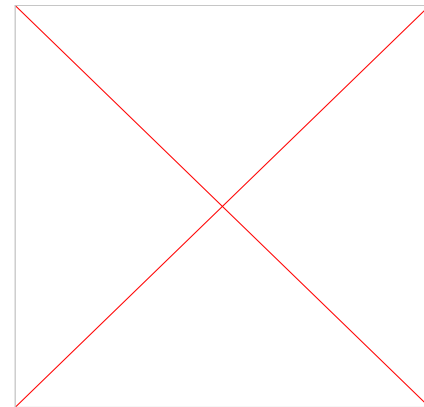
It's not too late to participate in the fundraisers below! Place your order now and make a difference before time runs out!



Last day to order
Square 1 Art items is
tomorrow, Nov. 8



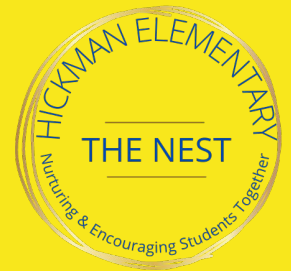
Believe Kids
Sales end 11/15



Ms. Fields cookie
sale runs from 11/1
through 11/18

VP of Volunteering Report

- Scholastic Book Fair



Scholastic Book Fair Coming Up -Volunteers Needed!!!



SCAN ME



Book Fair Hours (February 23-27):

- **Monday:** 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM and 2:20 PM - 2:50 PM
- **Tuesday:** 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM and 2:20 PM - 2:50 PM
- **Wednesday:** 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM and 2:20 PM - 2:50 PM
- **Friday:** 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM and 2:20 PM - 2:50 PM; 8:00pm (to help pack up the book fair)

The book fair will also be open for family movie night on Friday, February 27th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

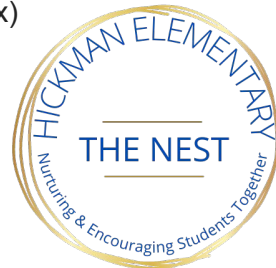
Volunteer Opportunities:

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this a fun and organized experience for the students. Volunteer duties include:

- Assisting students with managing their budgets
- Adding up item costs and calculating total expenses (including sales tax)
- Running the cash register (training provided)
- Keeping the fair tidy and restocked
- Managing traffic flow during busy times

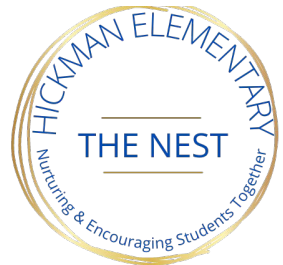
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A HUGE Thank you to Volunteers!

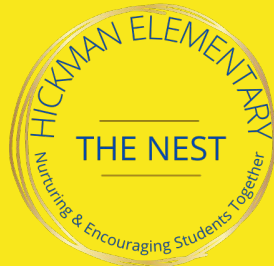
Please raise your hand and be recognized if you volunteered for Hickman and/or the NEST this year!



New Business/ Roundtable:



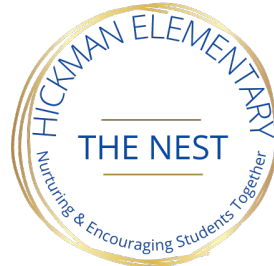
- 2026-27 NEST Board Elections



NEST Board Elections:



- Timeline:
 - Deadline to submit nominations: Monday, March 15, 2026
 - Elections: Monday, April 13, 2026
 - New position announcements during Open House on April 16th, 2026
- Expectations:
 - Monthly board meetings with Mrs. Beane (first Tuesday of every month @ 8:15 am)
 - Committee Chairs: Depends!
 - Approving expenditures by vote; not applicable to in training roles (email is acceptable)
- Available Roles:
 - President
 - Vice President- Fundraising
 - Vice President- Volunteers
 - Vice President - Communications
 - Treasurer in training (Patty will remain treasurer to offer support and transition)
 - Secretary



NEST ELECTIONS: Committee Positions

- 5th Grade Committee/4th Grade Committee
- Gardening Club Committee
- Military Family/Purple Up Committee
- Book Fair Committee
- Hickman Hallows Committee
- Science Night Committee
- Heritage Night Committee
- Square1 Art Committee
- Running Club
- Yearbook Committee
- Website Coordinator



Elections

PARENT
FOUNDATION

THE N.E.S.T. ∞

BOARD
MEMBERS

President

Set-up, prepare agendas and lead meetings, guide & oversee operations, communicate with the school, and support events and committees.

Vice President

Supports the President, helps lead meetings when needed, and takes on assigned tasks. Connects the NEST with the school, families, and community. Assists with events, attends board meetings, and may oversee committees and records.

Treasurer

Manages NEST funds, prepares the budget, tracks spending, provides monthly financial updates, and ensures all money matters stay organized and compliant.

Secretary

Record and share minutes, document decisions, organize documents, and support meeting prep, share updates with families, and assist with meeting details.

Take-away

These core members are responsible for meetings, finances, and communication, with flexibility for other positions like Fundraising Chairs or Teacher Liasons, all working to support the school community

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/15 Nominations
- 4/13 Voting begins
- 4/16 New board and committee members are announced

COMMITTEE
CHAIRS

THE N.E.S.T. ∞

TEACHER
LIASONS

Teacher Liasons

Attends meetings to share teacher feedback, needs, and volunteer interests, while keeping staff informed about NEST plans, helping organize classroom support, and ensuring school initiatives align for better student success, acting as a trusted voice for the faculty within the parent organization.

Fundraising

Leads the planning and execution of all money-raising activities for the NEST, overseeing sub-committees, setting goals, managing budgets with the Treasurer, choosing events, handling logistics, and ensuring successful outcomes that benefit the school, acting as the main point person for fundraising initiatives.

Communications/Media

Manages all parent-teacher communication, runs social media (FB, IG, Dojo), creates newsletters/reels, collaborates with school admin, and sometimes organizes creative projects or events, ensuring community connection through digital and visual channels. This role blends traditional marketing with digital content creation to keep families informed and engaged.

Volunteer Coordinator

Recruits, trains, schedules, and manages parent volunteers for school events and ongoing needs, acting as the key link between committee chairs needing help and available parents, maintaining databases of volunteers, promoting opportunities, and ensuring clear communication about roles and responsibilities.

Book Fair/Holiday Shop

Organizes and manages the school's book fair, acting as the main contact with the book fair company, coordinating volunteers for setup, sales, and cleanup, promoting the event through newsletters and posters, managing sales/cash with the treasurer, and ensuring funds support school library/teacher purchases, making it a key volunteer role for literacy and fun.

Hospitality

Creates a welcoming atmosphere by organizing refreshments, food, and setup for meetings and events, often coordinating volunteers for things like NEST meetings, staff appreciation, teacher luncheons, and special events like bake sales or dances, managing supplies, and ensuring school food policies are followed. They act as the official host, ensuring comfort, belonging, and smooth operations for attendees.

YOU
GOT
THIS!

REMEMBER

Committee chairs lead entire committees, setting agendas and overseeing broad policy, while subcommittee chairs lead smaller groups focused on specific tasks or subjects, reporting recommendations up to the main committee

5TH
GRADE

THE N.E.S.T. ∞

PARENT
COMMITTEE

5th Grade Committee

Plans and fundraises for end-of-year activities for promoting 5th graders

Contact Info

- **Contact Info:** We have new emails!
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 - Claire Gorsuch, VP Fundraising: fundraising@hickmannest.com
 - Scott Eisold and Pascale Susi, VP Volunteers: volunteers@hickmannest.com
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