

The NEST

January 14, 2026

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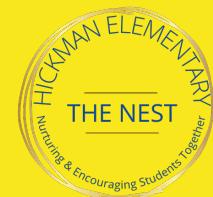
Nest Events

- ★ **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 Fudraisers
- Ongoing Fundraisers

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

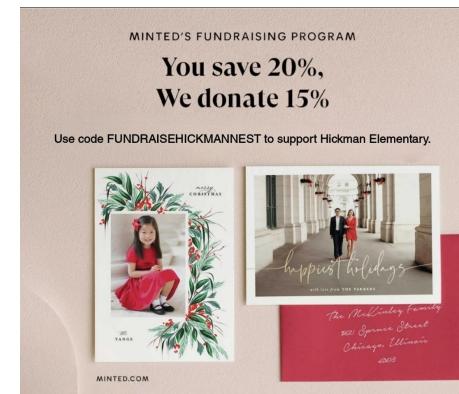
\$27.20



\$156.17

1ST PLACE
Spiritwear

\$23.90 (2025)



Jan
5-31



FUNDRAISING

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.



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

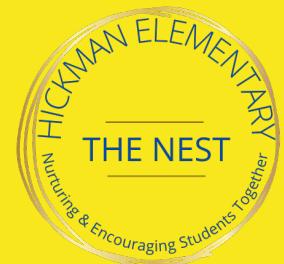
Promo Code: FUND2025

California Fish Grill

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

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



A pink-themed Valentine's Day advertisement for the 5th Grade Committee. It features a cartoon character of a pink heart with a bow and a small gift box. The text "HAPPY VALENTINES DAY" is written in a stylized font with hearts. Below the title, a message encourages purchasing Valentine's Day Grams for friends and family, with each gram costing \$1 and including a special treat. It provides two payment methods: cash (using an envelope) and online (QR code and email). An email address is provided: 5thgradecommittee@hickmannest.com. The sale runs until Friday, February 6th, and grams will be delivered on Thursday, February 12th. A postage stamp illustration and a QR code are included.

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.

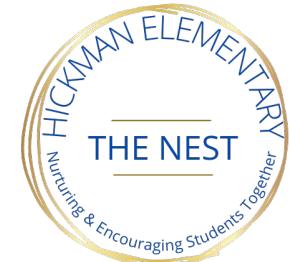
We need your help to make it a magical experience for all our little shoppers!

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



Now - November 14



Little Caesars

Thursday, December 4



Sat & Sun, December 13-14



Friday, December 19

Ongoing Fundraisers

HICKMAN
OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE
NEW STYLE
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TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

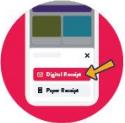
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You save 20%
Minted donates 10%



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](#)**

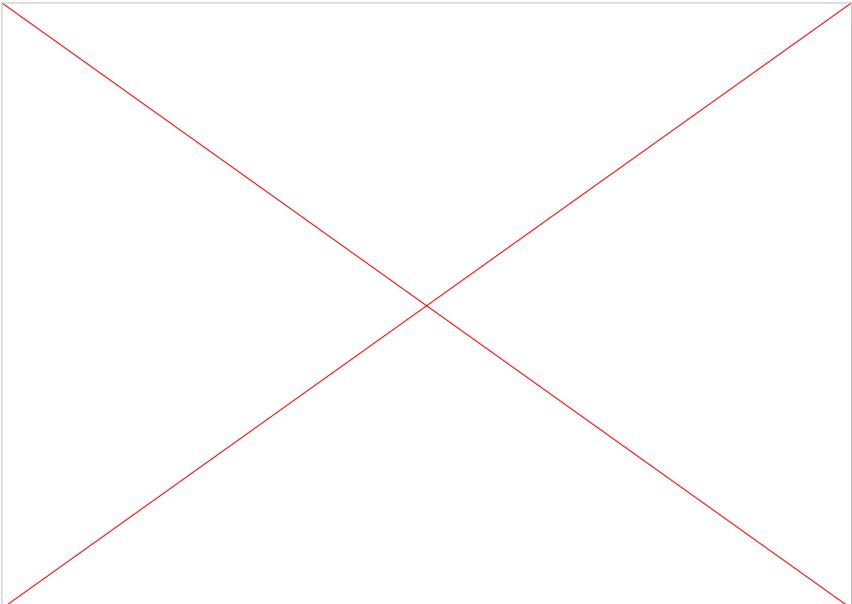


Email fundraising@hickmannest.com for more details

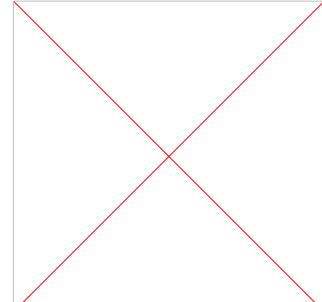


Dine Out Initiatives:

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!

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Kabob Shop: \$745.38
Chipotle: \$347.98
Chick-fil-A: \$171.76
Annapurna: TBD
El Pollo Loco: \$118.17
Urbane Cafe: TBD

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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@sandie.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

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

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:

See's CANDIES.

Help Us Reach Our Goal

A display of See's Candies Easter treats, including "Marshmallow & Scotchmallow Eggs" and "Hawks" chocolates, arranged in a grassy field with Easter eggs and chicks in the background.

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

HICKMAN

SPIRIT WEAR STORE

A display of Hickman Spirit Wear, featuring a black t-shirt, a grey hoodie, and a blue t-shirt, all featuring the "HICKMAN HAWKS" logo. The background is a white and grey geometric pattern.

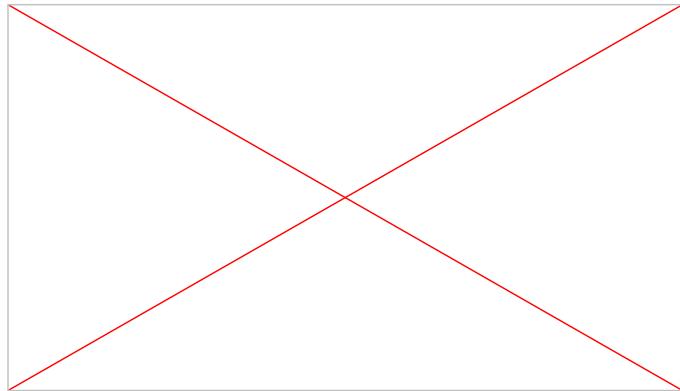
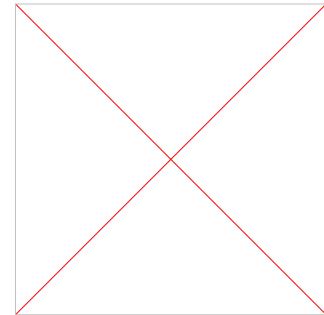
1ST PLACE Spiritwear

SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/12165

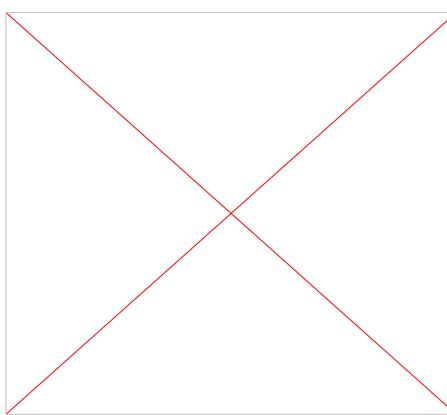
You can also purchase SpiritWear directly from the NEST at various events!

Last Call for Current Fundraisers:

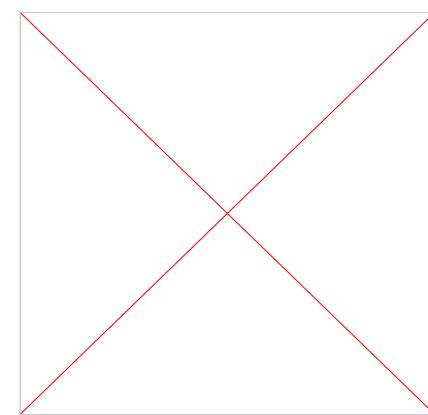
It's not too late to participate in the fundraisers below! Place your order now and make a difference before time runs out!



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



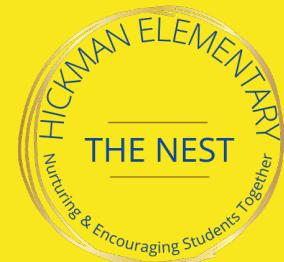
Believe Kids
Sales end 11/15



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!!!



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.

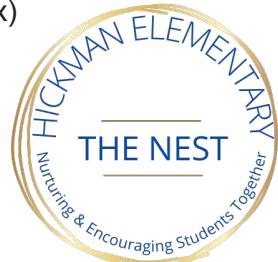
Volunteer Opportunities:

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

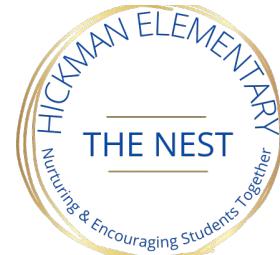
Scan the QR Code or sign up here:

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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!

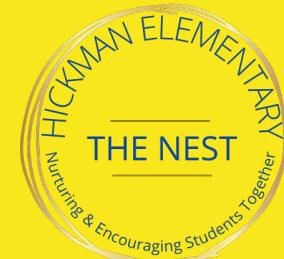


New Business/ Roundtable:

- 2026-27 NEST Board Elections

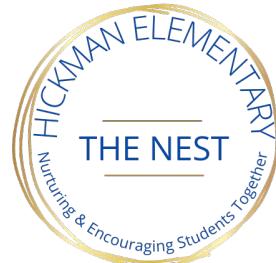


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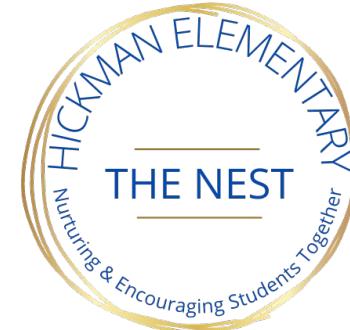
NEST Board Elections:

- 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

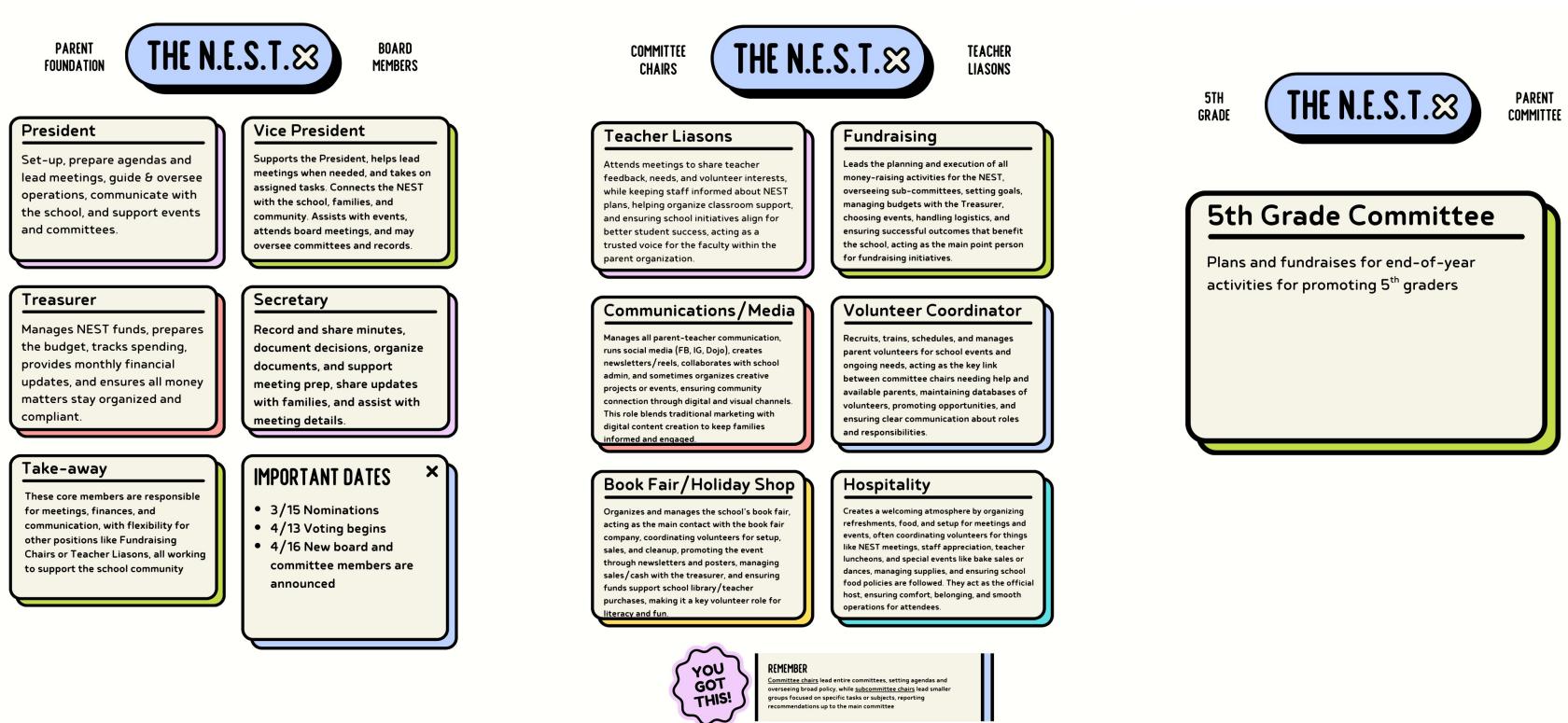


NEST ELECTIONS: Committee Positions

- 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



Contact Info

- **Contact Info:** We have new emails!
 - Dominique Fite, President: president@hickmannest.com
 - Claire Gorsuch, VP Fundraising: fundraising@hickmannest.com
 - Scott Eisold and Pascale Susi, VP Volunteers: volunteers@hickmannest.com
 - Amy Dichoso, VP of Communications
 - Patty Kotnik, Treasurer, treasurer@hickmannest.com
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