



# H.G. Blake PTO Newsletter

November 2020



The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is a nonprofit group dedicated to improving the educational experience for students at H.G. Blake Elementary School. The PTO works closely with the school administration to meet this goal and foster a community atmosphere. Parental involvement in the school includes class parties, fun events, academic activities, teacher appreciation, and much more. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM. Membership is FREE and all are welcome!

Your 2020 - 2021  
PTO Board Members:

Co-Presidents: Hillary LaMarca & Melissa Miller

Secretary: Amber Urda

Treasurer: Nelson Weber

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do you love shopping on Amazon? Would you like to earn money for Blake? Then it's time to sign up for Amazon Smile!

Please follow these simple steps to get started!



Step 1: Designate us as your charity of choice by searching for: H G Blake Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

Step 2: Each time you shop at amazon start at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from your desktop or mobile site. For app users, add to your cart from the app and then check out on the actual site via browser.

Final Step: Feel good knowing you are raising 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible Amazon Smile purchases!

## UPCOMING Events

November 2nd - 16th  
Spirit Wear Sale

November 4th  
Dine to Donate: Five Guys

November 10  
PTO Meeting via Zoom

November 16th - 24th  
Readathon  
Literacy Spirit Week

November 18th  
Dine to Donate: Courthouse  
Pizzeria and Raspberry & Rose  
shopping

November 24th  
Early Release

November 25th - 27th  
Thanksgiving Break

November 25th - December 4th  
Touchless Santa Shop

December 3rd  
Dine to Donate: Applebee's

December 8th  
PTO Meeting via Zoom

December 17th  
Early Release

December 18th - January 1st  
Winter Break

# MOVE-A-THON



**\$446.46 raised!**

## THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR HG BLAKE PTO!

**We moved, We grooved, We helped Raise Funds for our School – Thank you!**

The grade with the MOST participation was.... **SECOND GRADE!** Nice job Second Graders. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate, donate and share videos and pictures. We hope you and your kids had fun moving during our first Move-a-thon. And thank you to the parents, Melissa Hertvik, Adriana Lockman, and Jacqueline Wahl, that helped organize and plan this event!

A special **THANK YOU!** To **Hertvik Insurance** for donating Sunglasses for each of our Blake Students and **Courthouse Pizzeria** for donating Free Slice Coupons for the Second Graders.



# Readathon



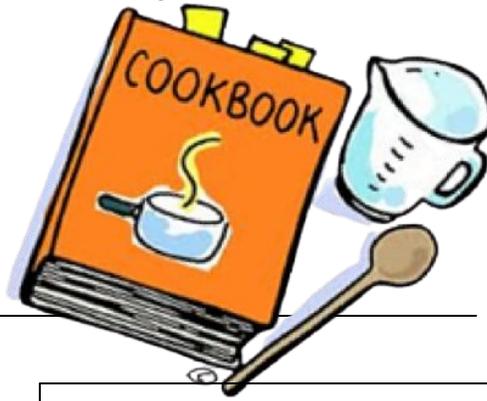
H.G. Blake will be holding its first Readathon this November, and we are very excited to introduce this fundraiser to our school!

Beginning the week of November 16th, students who register to participate in the fundraiser ([via PayPal](#)) will be given specific reading tasks to complete throughout the week. The class that has the most students complete the activities will win a PRIZE! Also, the first 100 students to register for the fundraiser will receive a FREE book, courtesy of the Friends of Medina County District Library. Be sure to sign up today!

We are always looking for volunteers to help plan and carryout many of our activities. Although this school year looks a little different, we are still in need. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please reach out to us at [hgblakepto@gmail.com](mailto:hgblakepto@gmail.com).



We have an exciting new fundraiser this year! We will be putting together an HG Blake Recipe Book. We are still in the early stages of planning, but will be asking for parents to contribute their favorite recipe to the book very soon. The Recipe Books will be for sale this spring, in time for Mother's Day.



Please help stop the spread of COVID-19 by completing the Daily Symptom Check with your child(ren) before sending them to school each day.

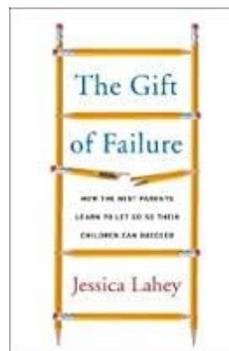
You can find the checklist on the district's website, or you can use the link below to access it.

Thanks for your help!

[Symptom Checklist](#)

## PTO Parent/Teacher Book Club

We have several teachers and parents already signed up for our first PTO Book Club. We will be reading *The Gift of Failure* by Jessica Lahey. If you are interested in joining our reading and discussions, please complete [this form](#). You must either purchase or borrow the book on your own. Looking forward to great discussions and shared strategies!



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CAN BE ANYTHING



# CONNECT WITH US

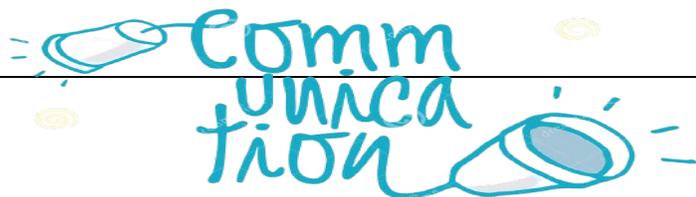
 Looking to connect with us? You can find us on Facebook. Search for us: HGBlakeElementaryPTO

 You can also find us on the H.G. Blake website. Look under "Our School" to find the PTO page.

 Have questions? Email us at [hgblakepto@gmail.com](mailto:hgblakepto@gmail.com)



If you would like to make a monetary donation directly to our PTO, you can do so using PayPal. Visit this link, <https://rb.gy/78oy8s>, to make your donation. As always, thank you for your support!



PTO is hoping to streamline our communications and ensure that all Blake families are receiving notifications. If you haven't done so yet, please take a moment to complete the form below so we have your up-to-date contact information.

[PTO Communication Form](#)



Please send in any Box Top clips that you currently have at home with your child.

Remember that traditional Box Tops are being phased out, so get the Box Top App and scan your receipts any time you buy a product where you see the Box Tops "Scan your Receipt" label.

