

# THE HERITAGE HERALD

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## HES Welcomes New and Returning Students for the 2008-09 School Year

### *Improved Communication a Focus of the PTA!*

Over 800 students comprise the HES student body this year and they're off to a great start. Late July will bring us a new principal and a new school mascot. The PTA is also providing a number of new ways in which we will improve the way in which families learn of school happenings.

Along with the PTA website (see related article), you can expect a Friday afternoon weekly mail notice called *Heritage Headlines*. Just sign up at [www.heritagepta.org](http://www.heritagepta.org) or join the PTA for automatic enrollment.

Additionally, you can look forward to this weekly announcement bulletin, *The Heritage Herald*, to keep you informed in a printed format. The PTA's aim is to reach as many families in a variety of formats and we hope you find it valuable.

So what about the StormTracker, our monthly newsletter? It will now offer more lengthy articles, teacher interviews, and children's section on a bi-monthly basis.

## Parents Join the PTA

Parents are highly encouraged to join the PTA each school year and this year is no exception. The membership form is enclosed in the PTA packet and is also available for downloading from our website. All family members and friends are encouraged to join by completing the form and returning it to your child's teacher with payment.

Why join? In addition to supporting PTA sponsored programs and events; members can take advantage of discounts at offered at Barnes & Noble and Southwest Airlines as well as several other businesses. In fact, you'll also be given a Chick-Fil-A coupon for nearly half the fee you pay for membership! Contact the PTA Membership Chairperson, Brooke Porter ([2beachy@earthlink.net](mailto:2beachy@earthlink.net)) with questions.

## PTA Launches New Website

[www.heritagepta.org](http://www.heritagepta.org)

Need to learn about upcoming school events, find out how to get involved in your child's school or order school spirit wear? Now you have a new place to turn no matter where you are as long as you have access to the Internet. Just visit [www.heritagepta.org](http://www.heritagepta.org). If you have ideas or suggestions for our PTA website, please contact our Communications Chairperson, Angie Hand ([ajhand@nc.rr.com](mailto:ajhand@nc.rr.com)).

## Volunteers Are Essential to Success of HES Hurricanes

"Stop me before I volunteer again!" You may have said it before and yet you still say, "YES!" We applaud all of our volunteers and welcome new recruits in 2008-09. The PTA cannot provide programs and events for our children without reliable and enthusiastic volunteers. In the PTA Packet you will find a Volunteer Interest Form for assignment to committees of interest. Just return the form to your child's teacher.

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE:** *All volunteers must register with the Wake County Public School System every academic year beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration must take place using school computers in the Media Center and clearance takes approximately two weeks. Please make a point to register early in the school year. Contact the Volunteer Services Chairperson, Tricia Ellen ([triciaellen@earthlink.net](mailto:triciaellen@earthlink.net)) with questions.*

Lunchtime Reminder: As tempting as it is, please refrain from visiting your child for lunch during the first 2 weeks. Doing so helps the children establish a routine without interruption or distraction.