



Kinder High School for the
Performing and Visual Arts

Kinder HSPVA PTO News Welcome Students and Parents!

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to our new school year! Your PTO has been working diligently throughout the summer preparing programs and activities for students, parents, faculty and staff. From school supplies and stocking the store to an Artist Panel on Careers in the Arts, the All School Musical in the Spring, and Teacher-Staff appreciation programs, as your parent-teacher organization, our goal is to enhance and enrich our students and community experience at Kinder HSPVA. Below you will find news from our various programs. Please join us throughout the year, as a member and/or volunteer, as we support the magic that is our school. We look forward to a fantastic school year! **Maria J. Gomez** (hspva.president.pto@gmail.com)

SCHOOL STORE

Our school store is a PTO volunteer project staffed by parents and alumni. Proceeds fund academic and art area enhancements. This past year, the PTO purchased a piano, theatre lighting, books, a scientific scale, debate materials, enrichment text books, tutus, guest lecturers and a camera, just to list a few. Be a patron: shop at the store, buy school supplies, volunteer!

- **Pre-order school supplies** through August 3rd for pick-up at Artist Academy. No waiting in long lines. **NO TAX!** Easy changes. Simply order on-line at: <https://goo.gl/forms/b8dkqgA6eUs70iNx1>
- Any family needing help purchasing school supplies can contact Mr. Springfield (tspringf@houstonisd.org). PTO provides school supply scholarships.
- **Store hours:** (before school) 7-8am, (lunch) 12-1pm, (after school) 3:30-4:30.
- **Volunteer Opportunities: Christine Peters**, Store Volunteer Coordinator Chair (wytutors@gmail.com)
 - August 6-10, 9am-4pm, join us to fulfill school supply pre-orders. Sign up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4dabad2ba2fe3-school> or show up!
 - Work the store during the school year. Sign up for shifts or as a substitute by emailing us.
 - Like going to the bank and simple accounting? Work as School Treasurer Assistant

Rachel Price, VP Store & **Judith Hiott**, School Supplies Chair (HSPVASchoolStore@gmail.com)

PARENTS OF BLACK HISTORY – COMMITTEE DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (PBH-CD&I)

Dedicated parents from each art area, committed to providing educational and monetary support as well as countless volunteer hours, for the annual HSPVA All-School Spring Production, as well as Student & Parent Programs highlighting our rich and diverse community.

- Committee Meetings every 3rd Monday of the month, 6-7pm, except 9/18 & 5/21. Everyone Welcome!
- Fall Parent/Student Program (Arts Professional Panel) 10/2/18, 7-8:30pm
- Koffee House – Showcases students, fundraiser 2/2/19
- All-School Spring Musical - 2/20-2/24/19
- Diversity Series: 9/20=Hispanic Heritage Celebration., 10/25=LGBT History Celebration, 2/2=Black History Celebration, 3/20=Women's History Celebration, 4/23=Asian Pacific Celebration

Mignonne Anderson, VP Engagement (vpengagement2018@gmail.com)

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership contribution is an important piece of funding for the school. Vendors providing goods and services will enquire about parental participation in the PTO, and with a high percentage of participation our discounts are increased.

- Join the PTO on-line: <https://hspvpto.wufoo.com/forms/qcenwy40qkijf6/>

Dena Linda, VP Membership (HspvaPtoMembership@gmail.com)

DIRECTORY

PTO offers its members an online/smartphone directory through [MySchoolAnywhere.com](https://www.myschoolanywhere.com).

- If you are a new family, please help us gather your child's and parent/family's accurate contact information by entering it at: [join.MySchoolAnywhere.com](https://www.myschoolanywhere.com). Use HSPVA code: **HSPVA2017**

You will be asked to use an email and password to join. It's easy to use and includes directions for data entry. If you use MySchoolAnywhere with another school, you can use the same email and the site will link all your accounts. One email, access to all schools.

- **PRIVACY:** You will be asked what type of information (address, email, phone) should be hidden (OPT OUT) from others.

Donna Lax-Edison, Directory Chair (hspvadirrectory@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you in August. Thank you for supporting Kinder HSPVA!