

EL SEMANAL

26 de Noviembre 2014

Noticias de la semana



**HoLa 5th Graders give thanks by preparing and delivering over 200 sandwiches for Hoboken's homeless.**

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**Please join us for the next PTO Board meeting**  
Tuesday, December 2nd at 7pm in the HoLa cafeteria

You're not going to want to miss this meeting. We have a full agenda and a lot of important topics to cover, including an update on our **Annual Appeal**, **Talent Show** survey results and ideas about this year's **Sabor de Hola**. Barbara Martinez will provide an update on the **BoE's lawsuit** and community advocacy efforts, and Jen Sargent will provide information on **PARCC** and **Common Core**.

**Babysitting is available for \$5 per child.** If you're interested, please email Margarita Garcia ([mgarcia@holahoboken.org](mailto:mgarcia@holahoboken.org)) so we can plan accordingly.

\*\*\*\*\***SCHOOL NEWS**\*\*\*\*\*

**School photos** are now available for viewing and purchase using the following link: <http://dovephotography.smugmug.com/event/HoLa2014School-Portraits/UW7gLYNMjwOrw>  
The password to view them is "holarocks". **The photographer has donated a limited number of scholarship prints** to those families who qualify; please contact Marta for more information. **NOTE: the link will become inactive as of Dec. 19th, so order your portraits now!**

**“Scratch to Give” during Thanksgiving!** While you’re enjoying your friends and family this Thanksgiving holiday, ask them to “Scratch to Give” to help HoLa raise up to \$20K for technology. Last week, parents should have received a PTO envelope in their child(ren)’s homework folder, which included a scratch card. During the next two weeks – over Thanksgiving or just around town – **students can ask family and friends to scratch a dot and donate the amount(s) uncovered.** Dots range from \$1 to \$5. As a special “thanks,” anyone who scratches to give will receive a valuable coupon sheet to use at various businesses. Contact Annual Appeal Co-chairs Bernadette Brennan at [bbrennan80@hotmail.com](mailto:bbrennan80@hotmail.com) or Alison Schultz at [alisonschultz2@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonschultz2@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Parent teacher conferences** will be held the week of **Dec. 1-5.** Sign-up links to schedule appointments will be sent out by each grade level team. Please note that there will be **no tutoring or Fast ForWord** after school during parent teacher conferences, but **Enrichment will be held as usual.**

**The 6th Grade Class Coffee** will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11th (\*\*please note this is a change of date\*\*).

**HoLa’s Winter Extravaganza** will be held on Friday, Dec. 12th at 6:30pm in the HoLa gym - all grades will be performing in this **mid-year musical celebration.** More details coming soon.

**Good news!** You can now become a **PTO member online.** Join today at [http://holahoboken.org/parents/pto/PTO\\_membership](http://holahoboken.org/parents/pto/PTO_membership).

\*\*\*\*\*OTHER FUNDRAISING\*\*\*\*\*

Before you dive into your holiday shopping, please make sure your **Target REDcard** is registered with the Take Charge of Education program and **HoLa Charter School is your designee (use school code # 151987).** Don’t have one? You can apply for a card online <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home>

**Shoparoo** allows people to raise funds for community schools by **taking snapshots of their grocery receipts** - whether they're from large retail chains or a local mom and pop shop. Receipts under \$10 convert into a one-cent donation for a local school, those between \$10 to \$49 convert into a two-cent donation, purchases of \$50 to \$99 translate into a four-cent donation, and those over \$100 are six-cent donations. Download the free app here: <http://www.shoparoo.com/r/clom5620>. Available for Android or IOS. Use referral code **clom5620.**



**Holiday shopping time is here. Shop to Benefit HoLa** on [www.smile.Amazon.com](http://www.smile.Amazon.com) and select HoLa. Amazon will make a donation to our school every time you shop!

**Save Your Boxtops:** HoLa's PTO collects Box Tops throughout the school year. Start collecting now to help raise money for our school. We will also be collecting **Labels for Education** this year.

\*\*\*\*\*FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE\*\*\*\*\*

**Student Outreach:** It's that time of year again where we need **Ambassadors** for student recruitment. One of the most important objectives of the outreach team is to ensure **EVERY family in Hoboken is aware of HoLa** as an option for their child, regardless of their economic background. That means that every year, a group of parents are needed to knock on doors at subsidized housing and public housing units in our city and to put posters up and talk to prospective parents about HoLa. If you can spare 3-5 hours total between now and Jan. 5 to help with outreach, please email Felicia Palmer at [fpalmer@holahoboken.org](mailto:fpalmer@holahoboken.org).

**It's Cold Out There!** We send our students outside for recess if the temperature is above freezing, so **please remember to dress your child warmly!**

**Self-Dismissal:** If your child self-dismisses please remind him/her that the gym is NOT available for after school play. The Boys & Girls Club and the HoLa Enrichment program use the gym immediately after school, and we must clear out right away after dismissal.

\*\*\*\*\*COMMUNITY NEWS\*\*\*\*\*

HoLa is proud to sponsor its **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Coat Drive**, which will run from Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting coats for infants, children and adults to be distributed by the Jersey City Boys & Girls Club to those in the community who are most in need of a coat. Please encourage your kids to write a note or draw a picture to put in the pocket of the coat as it would be a nice surprise for the recipient (i.e., "Happy Holidays", "This was my favorite coat, enjoy!"). If you have questions, contact 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent Lynn Danzker [lynn@thehuntergroupllc.com](mailto:lynn@thehuntergroupllc.com) or (201) 970-8153.

**Babysitter Meet & Greet!** Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 4-6pm at the Hoboken Senior Junior High School, 800 Clinton Street. Come out and meet and greet a dozen local and qualified high school sitters for date night or after school. Presented by Hoboken Family Alliance and Hoboken High School.

**El Semanal:** Have something to share? Send a few lines of information and/or related materials, including dates, times, and contact information to PTO communications officer [fpalmer@holahoboken.org](mailto:fpalmer@holahoboken.org) by Wednesday evenings. If you do not have Internet access, please inform [Paola Verdejo](#) in the main office.

**FECHAS:**

- Thurs-Fri 27-28 — School Closed / Thanksgiving
- Tues, Dec 2 — PTO meeting
- Weds, Dec 10 — HoLa Board of Director's Meeting
- Thurs, Dec 11 — 6th Grade Class Coffee
- Fri, Dec 12 — Winter Extravaganza
- Weds, Dec 17 — Open House
- Dec 22-Jan 2 — School Closed / Winter Recess
- Mon, Jan 5 — Admissions application due
- Wed, Jan 7 — HoLa Board of Director's meeting
- Fri, Jan 9 — Admissions lottery