2026–2027 October General Meeting

October 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. - Hanover Council on Aging

Topic	Notes
Welcome, Introductions & President's Updates	• **School Committee approval request:** preparing for the Oct. 28 meeting to share updates on Kindness fundraiser and Mom Prom; approval is needed for fundraisers expected to raise over $10,000. • **Kindness fundraiser:** running Nov. 2–13 at Cedar and Center, encouraging students to complete acts of kindness. Prizes will be offered along the way, with an emphasis on giving back. Board planning to follow up with principals on logistics, roles, and responsibilities. • **Toy Box fundraiser:** scheduled for Nov. 16, with 20% of proceeds from purchases being donated to HPTA (including on mahjong). • **Mom Prom:** scheduled for May 8, with a fundraising goal of $20,000. • **Forefathers Classic:** event was successful; final numbers to be confirmed. Proceeds will be donated to the HPTA to fund scholarships.
Treasurer's Update	• **One-Time Donation Campaign:** completed this campaign in September, focused on the Middle and High School. Funding supports in-year expenses. Discussed the possibility of pushes at other times of the year. • **Fundraising:** reviewed Forefathers Classic, Mom Prom, and the Kindness fundraiser. • **Specialist supplies:** requests have been fulfilled across schools with the exception of a delivery expected for Center with music supplies. Well-received from specialists across schools. • **HPTA financials:** information available on the website (hanoverpta.org)
Building Updates	**Cedar — Sabrina Parsons, Eliza Kennedy & Alexa Sadler** • **Pumpkin Stroll:** planned for Friday, Oct. 23. Pumpkins to be dropped off from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sabrina

	coordinated for leftover pumpkins to be donated if not claimed by noon on Saturday, Oct. 24. • **Halloween parade:** planned for Friday, Oct. 30 (weather permitting). • **Kindness fundraiser support:** collaborating with the art teachers on a bulletin board project, and kindness spirit day planned. • **Book fair:** looking for volunteers Nov. 16-20, including after-school help. • **Turkey Trot:** timing still to be determined; a new arch or plan for a finish line needed. • **Holiday crafts:** December planning to begin in mid-November. **Center — Diana Biega, Kristina Tracy, & Meg D'Andrea** • **Trunk or Treat:** planned for Friday, with approximately 50 cars expected. Collecting candy donations and assessing ways to gauge attendance. • **Family Classroom Coordinators:** assignments are in place; working with administration on tweaks to the classroom contact list process for next year. • **Staff appreciation:** aligned on collaboration with Cedar reps for appreciation week in May. • **Holiday crafts:** December planning to begin in mid-November. **Middle School — Alicia Chiasson & Chrissy Hoadley** • **Harvest Fest:** planned for October 30; secured volunteers but encouraged people to sign up for waitlist • **Veterans Day assembly:** helping with breakfast and activities; Hanover plans to livestream the event • **Turkey Trot:** planned for November • **Black History Month speaker:** working with the Board to solicit suggestions to secure a speaker • **BMX presentation:** working on the contract for a February presentation **High School — Jodie Phillips** • **Programming**: supported school with funding for Model UN expenses, coins for student recognition, and

	gift cards from local businesses for attendance incentives • **Staff appreciation:** using staff appreciation budget to offer a snack and drink cart • **Budget:** working on ideas for High School programming, including possible speakers
District-Wide Updates	**Mom Prom — Lauren Esper, Diana Biega, Kristina Tracy** • Planning: continuing for Mom Prom on May 8; tickets went on sale on Oct. 1; strong interest so far, and tickets still available on hanoverpta.org • Community partnerships: continuing to build sponsorship and community support for the event • Event experience: reviewing plans for the overall attendee experience and finalizing key event elements in the coming weeks

Calendar & Communication	• **Calendar:** continuing to keep the central HPTA calendar current on hanoverpta.org
	  ○ Ask of building reps and committee leeds: continue sharing events with the Board to add to the calendar and social
	• **Social media:** looking for ideas and submissions from the school communities so we can get ahead of Nov. events and share more of what is happening across the schools
	  ○ Ask of building reps and committee leeds: continue sharing ideas and events with Alicia Opie to promote; continue using school social channels for HPTA to reshare

Upcoming Dates	Upcoming dates & follow-ups • Oct. 23: Cedar Pumpkin Stroll • Oct. 28: School Committee meeting presentation • Oct. 30: Cedar costume parade, Center Trunk or Treat, and Harvest Fest • Nov. 6: HMS Veteran's Day assembly • Nov. 2–13: Kindness fundraiser for Cedar and Center • Nov. 16: Toy Box fundraiser • Nov. 16 - 20: Cedar Book Fair • Nov. 20: HPTA meeting (9 a.m. at Center School) • May 8: Mom Prom


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