

# PTO NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

**October-** 4th Grade Stock the Lounge

**October 1-November 1** We Need You Fundraiser

**October 18** - Trunk or Treat, 6-7:30

**October 22-** Reader in Me Submission Date by 9am

**November-** 3rd Grade Stock the Lounge

**November 1-** Pie Party

**November 2** - Bookfair Breakfast 8:30 am - 11:30 am

**November 4 - November 8** - Fall Bookfair

**November 4-** Teacher Dinner hosted by the Hospitality Committee @ 5:30pm

**November 7** - Fine Dining Day

**November 12** -Tab Top Collection Date

**November 13** - Papa John's Night (Valley Park)

**November 19** - Reader in Me Submission Date by 9 am

**November 21** - School wide PTO Meeting in the Henry Library @ 7pm

**November 26** - Fall Parties

GET INVOLVED  
WITH  
CLASS PARTIES

**We Need  
Your help!**

Our class parties at Henry would not be possible without volunteer help! Please consider helping by signing up as a party volunteer to help out on the day of the party. More information can be found at the following links:

**Fall Party volunteer sign up**

<https://bit.ly/3Y1J2nUU>

**Spring Party volunteer sign up**

<https://bit.ly/486TrDC>

**Questions? Email Kim Torrence**

[kimachappell@yahoo.com](mailto:kimachappell@yahoo.com)

**Trivia**

**Night**

**FEBRUARY 1ST**

Save the Date! More information to come.

# Henry Elementary TRUNK-or-TREAT 2024

Henry Elementary TRUNK-or-TREAT is a SPOOKTACULARLY good time... Register Today!

*This is an outside, Henry families only event. Remember NO access to the school available, but school restrooms will be accessible. Please be respectful of the property and remember it is a drug and alcohol free campus. Parents or adult guardians are required to attend with their children. Plan for the weather. If there is a rainout, the event will NOT be rescheduled. Don't forget to bring your tricks, jokes, and trick-or-treat bag. And HAVE FUN!*

## WHEN:

Friday, October 18, 2024 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

## TIMES:

5:00 - Lot opens for vehicle entry and setup  
5:45 - School driveways close (no vehicle entry/exit)  
6:00 - Begin parade lineup  
6:15 - Henry Elementary Parade of Trick-or-Treaters  
6:30 - 7:30 - Live DJ, pumpkin silent auction, and safe trick-or-treating on Henry Elementary campus!  
7:15 - Announcement of winners of Best Decorated Trunk\* (2) and pumpkin silent auction  
7:30 - Henry driveways open for safe exit



## HOW TO REGISTER:

Complete the Google form and submit \$20 per family using  
1 - Direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/HenryTRUNKorTREAT2024>  
2 - Scan the QR code:



ALL participants must register by 3pm Thurs, Oct 17th - sorry no late registrations will be accepted  
\*Prizes will be awarded to the "Best Decorated" trunk so don't forget to VOTE for your favorite at the ballot box

## Henry TRUNK-or-TREAT FAQs

**What is a "Trunk-or-Treat"?** A fun family event to trick-or-treat with your kids in a safe environment and have a great time with other Henry families!

**How does it work?** The event will be held outside on the front lot of the Henry Elementary campus. The lot will open for families decorating cars at 5:00pm. The lot opens at 6:00pm for families entering without a vehicle. **\*The driveways at Henry WILL CLOSE to vehicle traffic promptly at 5:45pm until 7:30pm. IN or OUT traffic will be prohibited for the safety of all participants. NO vehicles will be allowed to move until 7:30pm for the safety of all humans (big and small)!**

**Don't want to drive?** All Henry families are welcome! Parking spaces are reserved for participating vehicles (decorated & undecorated). There will be limited parking available in the back of the school for non-participating vehicles, but the driveways will be closed from 5:45pm to 7:30pm, so you will not be able to leave until the end. Remember, registration is required for ALL families. **Participants, please check in upon arrival.**

**Do I need to bring treats like I have in the past?** Due to low treat donations at past events, the PTO has elected to increase the price of the event and to supply all candy for the event from the difference in the cost. PTO-supplied treats will be given to all participating cars to hand out. All items will be commercially prepared, individually packaged peanut/nut-free candy options or small toys.

**What will the event cost?** A \$20.00 registration fee is required for ALL families. If the cost prevents you from participating, please reach out.

**What will the event include?** Students will walk in the **Costume Parade** followed by safe **Trick-or-Treating** from car-to-car. Get your ghostly groove on to a **Live DJ** spinning spooky dance music. Support your students' classes in the decorated **Pumpkin Silent Auction**. Show your spirit in the **Best Decorated Trunk Contest** and don't forget to vote for your favorite!

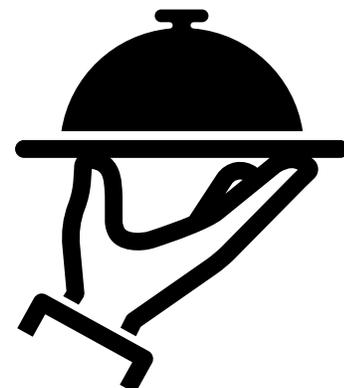
**Questions?** Email us at [henrypto@gmail.com](mailto:henrypto@gmail.com)

## Fine Dining Day November 7, 2024

**What is it?** Every year around Thanksgiving Break, Henry PTO hosts a "Fine

Dining Day" where all students are invited to dress fancy and dine fancy. They will have the opportunity to buy a "Thanksgiving Dinner" lunch or they may bring a lunch from home. The cafeteria will be transformed into a fancy dining experience.

**How can you help?** Volunteer to decorate the cafeteria, greet and serve students during their lunch period or clean up after the event. Questions? Email Abby Smith [abbywargel@gmail.com](mailto:abbywargel@gmail.com)



# Henry PTO's **WE NEED YOU** Campaign

**🐾 Goal = \$10,000**

**🐾 For every \$2,000 raised, a teacher/staff/administrator (volunteers only) will be selected for our “pie in the face activity.”**



**🐾 Students will be selected from a raffle for the opportunity to pie a staff member in the face.**

**🐾 Please send in your donation now**

- 🐾 Send in a check with your donation to the school in an envelope marked "WE NEED YOU" campaign
- 🐾 Venmo your donation to @henrypto2 (or scan the QR code below)
- 🐾 PayPal your donation to [henrypto@gmail.com](mailto:henrypto@gmail.com) (or scan the QR code below)



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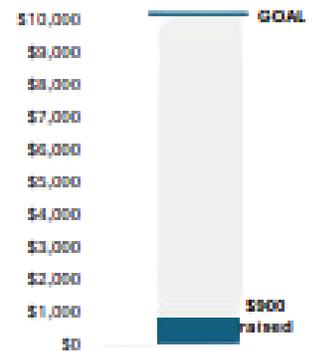


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**🐾 We will provide status updates in Henry Happenings and on the Henry Elementary Parents Facebook page.**

**🐾 “Pie in the Face” activity will occur on 11/1.**

**🐾 Please help our WE NEED YOU thermometer grow!**



## Why we Fundraise ...



Although we are a public school, the funds we receive are limited and do not cover the many enrichment and support programs provided. PTO raises money to make Henry a better place for ALL students, staff and our families. We use the hassle-free format to avoid door-to-door sales, which allows us to retain 100% of the proceeds.



# HENRY ELEMENTARY **THE READER IN ME**



Google form opens 9 a.m. the Friday prior to the date below and will close at 9 a.m. on the date below. No submissions will be accepted during December.

Tuesday, Sept 24, 2024  
Tuesday, Oct 22, 2024  
Tuesday, Nov 19, 2024

Tuesday, Jan 28, 2025  
Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025  
Tuesday, Mar 25, 2025  
Tuesday, Apr 22, 2025

## **2024 - 2025 TAB TOP PROGRAM AT HENRY**

The **tab top program** invites people and groups of all ages to collect aluminum tabs from beverage cans to support The House That Love Built! Thanks to our friends at Didion Orf Recycling, the tabs are recycled and turned into a monetary donation to RMHC St. Louis. Annually, these little tabs help generate almost \$25,000 thanks to the generosity of the St. Louis Community! **Last year Henry collected over 80 pounds!!**

At Henry we will be collecting on the first school Tuesday of each month starting in October. At the end of the year the tab tops will be turned in to the St. Louis Ronald McDonald House Charities and we will announce our grand total! For a visual reminder of their generosity, the class with the highest weight total of tab tops each month will receive a traveling trophy for their classroom.



### **Collection Dates**

**Tuesday, 10/1**

**Tuesday, 11/12**

**Tuesday, 12/3**

**Tuesday, 1/7**

**Tuesday, 2/4**

**Tuesday, 3/4**

**Tuesday, 4/1**

**Tuesday, 5/6**

**HAVE QUESTIONS??**

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## Save the Dates

October 31st- Nov 1st - Student Previews  
 Saturday, 11/2, 8:30 am- 11:30 am Book Fair Breakfast  
 Monday, 11/4, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm (student shopping)  
 Monday, 11/4, 4:00 pm- 7:30 pm (during conferences)  
 Wednesday, 11/6, 9:00 am-12:00 pm (student shopping)  
 Thursday, 11/7, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm (student shopping)  
 Thursday, 11/7, 4:00 pm- 7:30 pm (during conferences)  
 Friday, 11/8, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm (student shopping)

### Volunteer

Our Book Fair wouldn't be a success without our parent volunteers. Please see the link below or scan the code to view available volunteer opportunities. \*\*\*Volunteers for this event will need to have completed the Parkway Volunteer screening process\*\*\*



Sign Up Here: <https://bit.ly/3XWiHb2>



### Book Fair Breakfast- Saturday, 11/2

The Henry PTO will be ordering donuts! Each attendee can get a donut (until we run out) and browse the book fair. Join us Saturday, 11/2 from 8:30 am- 11:30 am in the Henry Library.



### Payment Options

The book fair accepts cash, card, Apple Pay, and eWallet. Scan QR code for eWallet set up. Additional instructions on the back of the flier.



Online shopping can also be done at: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/henryelementary>

# LET'S CONNECT

Join your child's grade specific Facebook group.

- These pages are for the families of the specific Henry grade level. The grade level page is used to communicate information specific to the grade level (events, opportunities to sign up to support the Henry teachers and staff, etc.).
- It is also helpful to use if you have a grade level specific question for parents/caregivers.
  - Kindergarten: "Henry Kindergarten Class 2024-25 (Class of 2037)" on Facebook
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1666440657424764>
  - First Grade: "Henry First Grade Group 2024-25 (Class of 2036)" on Facebook
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1247917712751203/>
  - Second Grade: "Henry 2nd Grade Parents 2024-25 (Class of 2035)" on Facebook
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/441328600999105/>
  - Third Grade: "Henry Elementary 3rd Grade Class 2024-25 (Class of 2034)" on Facebook
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/229680085194839/>
  - Fourth Grade: "Henry 4th Grade Parents 2024-25 (Class of 2033)" on Facebook
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.parkwayschools.net/>
  - Fifth Grade: "Henry 5th Grade 2024-25 (Class of 2032)" on Facebook
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/357265314841811/>

✓ Join the "Henry Elementary Parents" group on Facebook.

- This is for Henry parents only and used to ask general questions and share information
- The PTO will also share information and events to this page.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/henrypto/>

✓ Like the "Henry Elementary PTO" page on Facebook

- The Henry PTO posts events and PTO happenings on this page.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/henryelementarypto>

✓ There are many ways to get involved and support the Henry community.

- Please join our monthly Henry All School General PTO meetings.
- Please feel free to email [henrypto@gmail.com](mailto:henrypto@gmail.com) and inquire about what you can do!
- Bookmark the Henry PTO website found on the Henry School website under the Families tab.
  - <https://www.parkwayschools.net/domain/614>

✓ When requesting to join the Facebook groups, please make sure to answer ALL the membership questions. This helps to protect our families and ensure only Henry families are joining.