



Back-to-School Night

& PTA Meeting

September 10, 2026 · 5:00–7:00 PM

Welcome from the

Hearst PTA!

SY 2026-2027 PTA Executive Board



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Co-Teacher Liaison



Beth Prince
WTU Representative

What Does the Hearst PTA Do?

- Supports school, teachers, and parents
- Comprised of teachers and parents
- Fundraises for the school
- Responsible for PTA budget and spending
- Holds events to bring the community together
- Welcomes everyone to participate in all meetings and any PTA voting
- Communicates information

Communication & PTA Meetings

Communication

- Weekly newsletter posted on Bloomz and the Hearst listserv
- PTA Community and School Events
- Volunteer Needs
- Urgent notifications via Bloomz and listserv
- Hearst Website — PTA Contact Information

PTA Meetings

- Second Thursday of each month, 6:15–7:30pm
- Hybrid: Hearst library + Zoom (broadcast starts 6:15)
- Free childcare and pizza during PTA meetings
- Guest speakers from school and community
- Next meeting: October 8, 2026

Upcoming PTA Events

Sept 24	LSAT Meeting — Zoom info shared in Bloomz and on listserv
Sept 22	Dining Night — Nando's
Oct 1	Owl Fund Begins
Oct 7	Dining Night — Surfside
Oct 8	PTA Meeting, 6:15–7:30pm (meet us in the library or online)
Oct 24	Community Day
Oct/Nov	Screen on the Green (TBA)

Meet Your LSAT

Teacher/Staff Representatives

- Jonyce Cole
- Dawn Gray
- Skyelar Haith
- LaToya Hutchins
- Takiyah Thompson
- Beth Prince, WTU Representative

Parent Representatives

- Sem Anthony
- Breanna Heslin
- Andrew Paciorek
- Sara Rastegar (PTA co-P)
- Shari Rose
- Glenn Stanley (PTA co-P)
- Darria Turner

Source: hearstes.org/pta, LSAT Members 2026-27

What Does the LSAT Discuss?

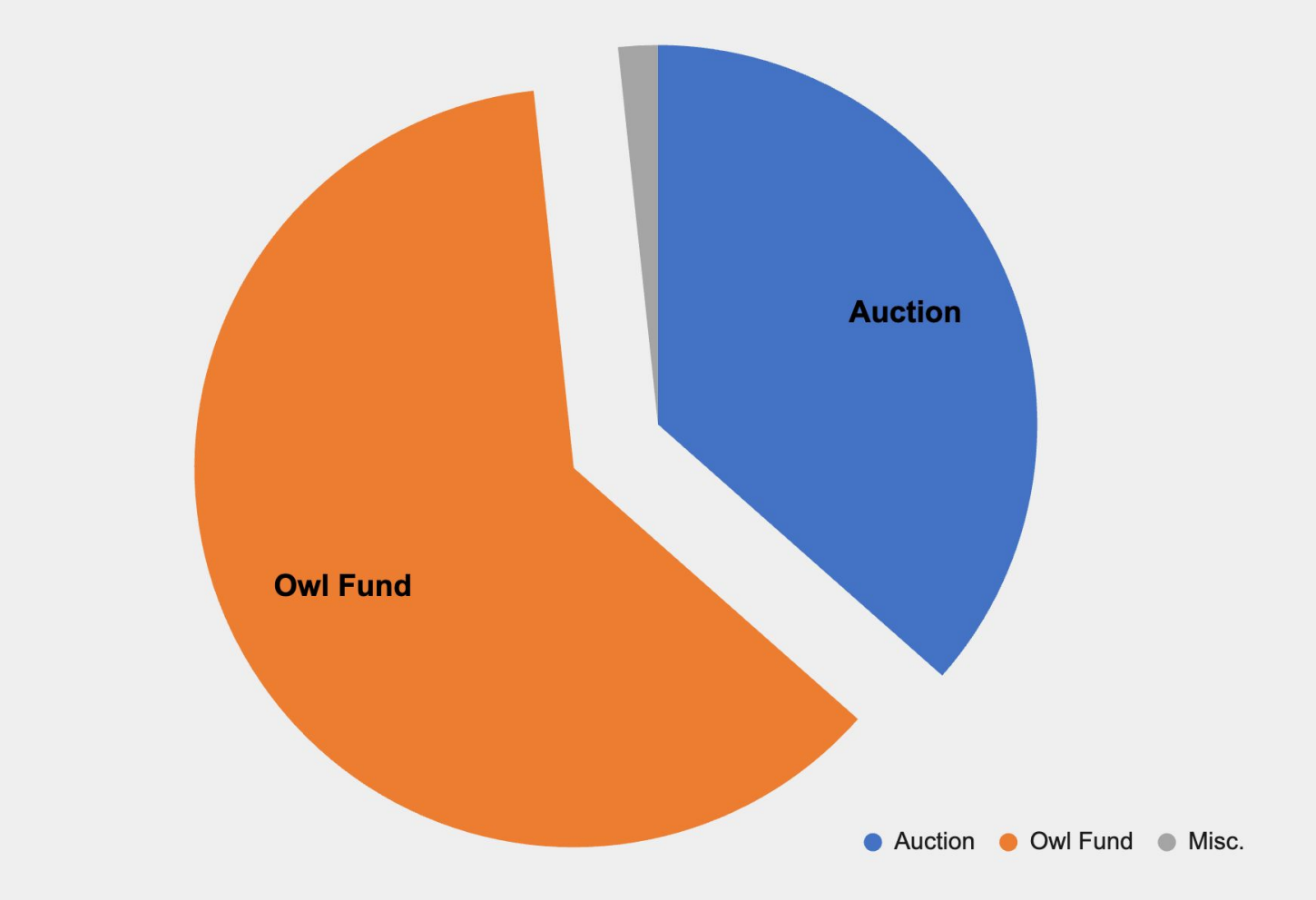
- School budget and spending
- School goals within the Comprehensive School Plan
- Available school performance and community data
- Resource allocation
- School culture and family engagement
- Advocacy efforts around school priorities

Need to get in touch with the LSAT? Reach out to any LSAT member listed on the previous slide, or via hearstes.org/pta.

LSAT Meetings

- Each school in DCPS has a Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) that meets regularly throughout the year
- Comprised of teachers, staff, parents, and community members
- Ensures decisions are made collaboratively with a diverse group of stakeholders
- Welcomes observers to attend most meetings
- Meeting notes posted on the school website

26-27 Anticipated PTA Revenue by Source



Total anticipated income: \$178,000 (does not include pass-through income) - Source: Approved 2026-27 Hearst PTA Budget

What Do PTA Funds Support?

The Owl Fund provides \$759 for EVERY Hearst student

- Teacher Classroom Funds
- After School Tutoring
- CLS Partnership
- Field Trip Transportation
- CLS Scholarships

...and so much MORE!!



What Your Gift Buys

\$25

5 books for the library

\$100

Classroom supplies

\$250

Room parent seed money for one classroom

\$1,000

Funds one teacher for ten weeks of afterschool tutoring

\$2,500

Funds the composting program at Hearst for one school year

\$5,000

Supports the PE aide for one semester

5 Reasons to Give a Hoot

1. It feels GREAT to participate!
2. Every gift celebrates and supports teachers and learners!
3. Together, gifts to the Owl Fund provide 55% of the PTA's budget.
4. Classroom funds, field trips, tutoring, CLS scholarships? Made possible by YOU!
5. Please give as generously as you are able. Every gift makes a true difference.

It's EASY to Give!

VISIT: givebutter.com/OWLFUND

- Now accepting: Credit & Debit Cards, Venmo, PayPal, Donor Advised Funds (DAFs), CashApp, ACH transfer
- All contributions to the Hearst PTA/Owl Fund are tax deductible as permitted by law (EIN 52-1121375)

OWL FUND OFFICIALLY STARTS OCTOBER 1

Get an early start by making your gift today!

DUNKIN' AT DROPOFF

Hosted by the
Owl Fund and PTA



Join the HOOT Force*

- PTA committee supporting educational equity across DCPS
- 6th year of our partnership with an organization serving five DCPS neighborhood schools in Brookland, all with dramatically fewer resources than we have at Hearst
- Donate 15% of Owl Fund proceeds as a key element of partnership
- Goal to find more ways for Hearst students and staff to get involved this year
- See the impact of last year's support and learn more via two handouts available at the door—join us in continuing to grow this important work!

**That's the Hearst Optimizing Opportunity Task Force!*

Our Biggest Party of the Year!

Hearst Auction — Coming Spring 2027

Leave the kids at home and dance the night away! Or at least until 9pm!

Join us for a night of giving and celebrating our community!

How Can I Get Involved?

- Room Parents needed (please email our Room Parent coordinator, Monica monicalucas1985@gmail.com)
- Community Day (October 24)
- Auction Planning
- Volunteers (get in touch with our FEC co-chairs hello@hearstes.org)
- Teacher Staff Holiday Luncheon (December 2026)
- Staff Appreciation Week (May 2027)
- 5th Grade Promotion (June 2027)

Before You Go...

CLS Families

Sign out at 6pm from CLS care, then complete a simple check-in with PTA care (parent sign-out required in person before the handoff).

Stack your chairs on the way out — but not like this:

Non-CLS Families

PTA childcare + pizza starts at 6pm!
Please sign in with our PTA childcare staff.



Contact the PTA Co-Presidents

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