

PTO NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- December 20** Winter Entertainer, Half Day 1:05 Dismissal
- December 23-
January 3** No School (Winter Break)
- January** 1st Grade Stock the Lounge
- January 7** Tab Top Collection
- January 15** New Family Welcome Breakfast, 8am
- January 15** Papa John's Night (Valley Park)
- January 16** Half Day 1:05 Dismissal
- January 17** No School
- January 20** No School
- January 29** Early Release Day, 2:00 Dismissal
- January 30** School wide PTO Meeting in the Henry Library @ 7pm
- February 1** PTO Trivia Night, 7 pm

Attention 1st Grade Parents - Please help us stock the lounge for the teachers/staff/administration. **1st Grade is responsible for the month of January.** Please see the Sign Up Genius (coming soon) and sign up to bring items. Thank you for being so thoughtful and generous for those taking care of our teachers!



GET INVOLVED
WITH CLASS
PARTIES

**Save the Date:
Thursday, March
13, 2025**

Kindergarten 12:10-1:10
1st Grade 11:15-12:15
2nd Grade 10:00-11:00
3rd Grade 1:45-2:45
4th Grade: 1:10-2:10
5th Grade: 10:50-11:50

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 link:



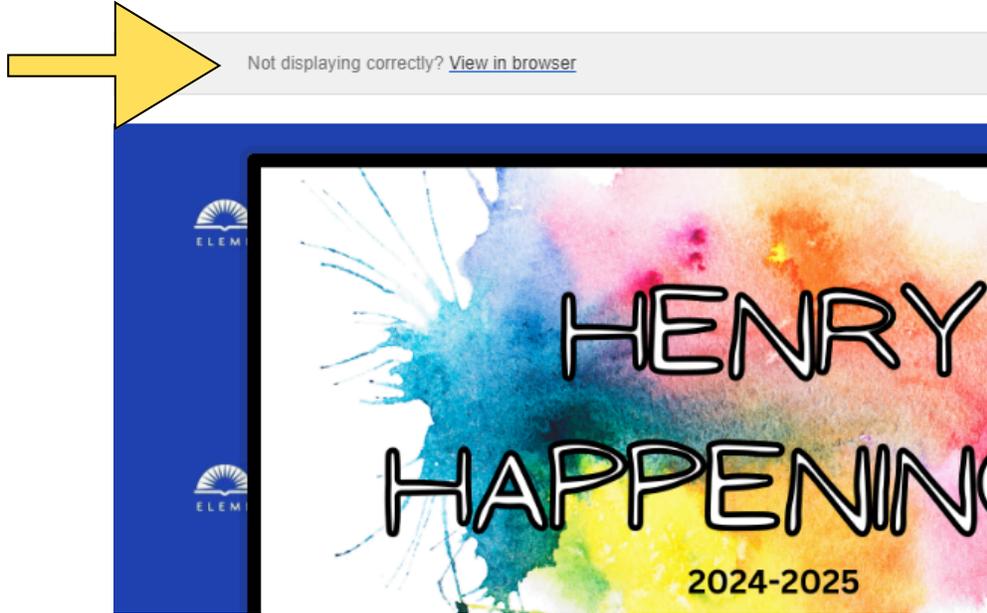
**Spring
Party
volunteer
sign up**

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

**Questions? Email Kim
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Henry Happenings

Having trouble connecting to the Buzz Book and other helpful red buttons in the Henry Happenings Newsletter? At the top of the newsletter please click "View in Browser". This will make the red buttons at the bottom of the newsletter clickable again.



You can also access the links in the latest edition of Henry Happenings while SMORE works to update this feature. Scan this QR code to view it!

- [Bulldog Brags for Teachers/Staff, Click Here to Nominate!](#)
- [Buzz Book \(Password Henry2024\)](#)
- [Henry School Handbook](#)
- [Henry Staff Directory](#)
- [How to Volunteer at Henry](#)
- [Update Your Family Profile](#)



Holiday Assistance

'Tis the season of giving! Some of our Henry families could use a little help during this holiday season! Please sign up below to donate \$25 gift cards for the counselors to deliver to these families. Send the donated gift cards to the school office marked for Mrs. Hermann by Monday, December 16th!



Scan this QR code to sign up!



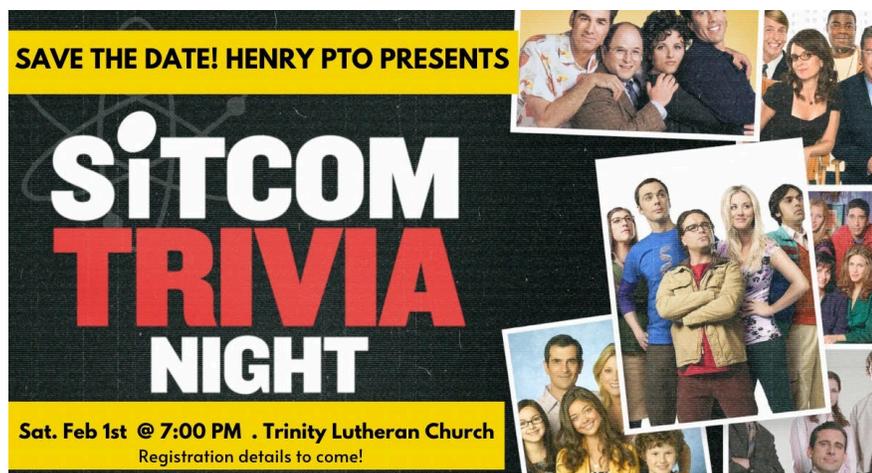
PTO General Meeting– January 30th, 7pm @ Henry

Join us for guest speaker Brian Kuhn, the director of Student Wellness Program ^{BayPal} from Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri. He will be talking about the mental health screening that will be available for 5th grade students. We will also have a vote to approve the purchase of new tables for the art room.

Teacher Wish Lists

The giving season is here and while it's not expected or required, we know families often want to do a little something extra for their child's teacher. If you're wondering what they might enjoy, check out the updated staff wish list ideas and inspiration gathered by the Henry Teacher Appreciation Committee. You can either scan the QR code below, or go to this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/StaffWishList24-25>



Save the Date for Henry PTO's annual trivia night! Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 1, 2025 and start organizing your team of 8. Trivia night is the PTO's biggest fundraiser and a fun adult only evening with the Henry Community. Look for registration details to come home after winter break.

We are looking for Round Sponsors for the evening. Sponsorship starts at \$125. Interested? Reach out to Sara at henrytrivia@gmail.com.



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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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 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.