

Baseball Installation

The PTA brings together parents, teachers and other citizens of the community as part of a team whose sole purpose is the welfare of society's greatest asset – its children. Tonight, we are forming a new team for the next year's PTA season.

Will next year's PTA Team please come forward as I call your name?

Parliamentarian: _____. You are the **Umpire** of this team. It is up to you to justly lay down the laws, to rule the actions of the games, to guide the players on the right path to successfully win the game for the welfare of the children. Your President, the Team Manager, will look to you for guidance and must not find you lacking when your assistance is requested.

Financial Secretary: _____. You are the **Right Fielder**. You are to make sure are always on the right side financially. You make sure the center fielder (Treasurer) stays in her spot.

Treasurer: _____. Your place is in **Center Field**. True, it is far from the catcher, but be sure that her watchful eye is ever on you. She will help you to guard your position so that your team can come out on top with the correct financial score. It is also your job to make sure the team stays "centered" financially.

Recording Secretary: _____. **Score Keeper** is your spot, because you record the plays so that they can be read back and studied. You keep a record of each game so that new players can benefit by your scores.

1st VP Education: _____. You are the **1st baseman**. It's up to you to get us started with our assemblies and programs. Yours is one of the most pivotal positions on our team. Every runner, or child, will pass by you. You will do what it takes to provide excellent programs and assemblies for the kids as they pass by you on their way to an outstanding education here at Hickory.

2nd VP Fundraising: _____. You are the **2nd baseman**. You are the center of the infield for without you and your efforts the game would be over.

5th VP Communications: _____. You are the **Announcer**. It is your voice we look forward to hearing-explaining the plays we just saw and to learn what to expect in the next inning. Your newsletter will give our PTA its voice. In your position it's important to be quick with your tongue to get the word out about Hickory events when needed.

4th VP Volunteers: _____. You are the **3rd baseman**. You round out the infield and are the rock of the team. For without you and all the volunteers, we could not accomplish all the runs we will make this season.

3rd VP-Health, Welfare & Safety: _____. You are the **Facilities Manager and Head Groundskeeper**. It is your job to make sure that the fields are safe for all the players and students in times of emergency. You will also ensure that this team contributes to the Hickory community and continues to make the world a better place for all children.

Auditor: _____. Your position on the team will be **Catcher**, for it is up to you to protect the plate and catch any mistakes should they occur in the financial division of the team. At all times, you will be alert to make sure the team adheres to the policies in money – making affairs.

Principal: _____. You are **the Base Coach**. From your position on the field you are capable of directing the plays to the best advantage of the team and for the benefit of the children in your care. Your advice and encouragement will be needed; and with your wisdom and experience, will help steer the team to victory.

Executive VP: _____. Your position on the team will be **Head Coach**. Your job is to support the Team Manager and guide her in playing the game, bail her out when needed, and pull the team through the tight spots with experience and skill when your experience and skill are most needed. Your job will be to save the day; make the whole team look good....and let the Manager get credit for the win.

President: _____. You are the **Team Manager**, for it is up to you to lead this team to victory. It's your job to keep an eye on all the players on the field and to make sure the players are doing their jobs, and assist when needed. Practice, patience and endurance (and a ready sense of humor) are needed.

There are other members on this team-the committee heads. They are important players on the team and work tirelessly to make Hickory the best.

The supporters in the stands are the officers who have successfully served our PTA in the past. Their trials and errors have been corrected and a clear path for a new team made ready. To them our thanks and appreciation now and always. They will continue to cheer the team on.

Your warm up time is over team, and I now declare you duly installed in the offices to which you were elected or appointed.

Madam President, may I present your team for next year's season? May you direct them well, coach them wisely, and lead them to become champions for the children.

Notes and suggestions:

Create a baseball diamond on the floor with masking tape, and have each "Player" take up their position on the field during the installation. In the end, the field will be full and everyone will be standing there looking at each other and enjoying the laugh. It's a great icebreaker, and a warm and friendly start to the "Season." Enjoy!

Gifts to give to the participants:

Give a baseball and a colored sharpee to everyone on the team. Have everyone get the signature of everyone else. By the end of the day, everyone will have a team ball to take home.