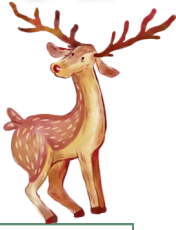




# HOUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 2025

## PTSA NEWSLETTER



### Meet the PTSA

Hello, my name is Rachel Ferraris, our Treasurer, and the mom of twin 3rd grader's, Caspian and Sylvia. This is my second year on the PTSA board, and I am excited to be a part of all that we do here at Hough. I'm very excited about the Winter Wonderland Shopping event and Showcase events coming up. Christmas is my favorite! I love biking, my dog Pippin, and drinking coffee.



### Important Dates

12/11 - WINTER WONDERLAND SHOWCASE  
12/16 - WINTER WONDERLAND SHOPPING - PK, TK, K, 1  
12/17 - WINTER WONDERLAND SHOPPING - 2, 3, 4, 5  
12/19 - BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

01/16 - MOVIE NIGHT IN THE GYM 6:00PM  
01/30 - BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



**Next PTSA Meeting**  
Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm  
Hough Library  
Membership not  
required to attend.  
Kids welcome.



**Contact Us:**  
houghpts@gmail.com  
@houghpts  
www.houghpts.org



**Interested in  
volunteering?**  
We want your help!  
Sign up at  
houghpts.org/volunteer

### Spirit Days

Countdown to winter break with fun Spirit Days. Please remember, that all spirit days are just for fun and are not required. Choose none, one, a few, or all!



### Fundraisers

**BURGERVILLE RESTAURANT NIGHT**  
FRI., DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup> 4-8PM  
2200 E FOURTH PLAIN BLVD  
VANCOUVER, WA 98661

MENTION 'HOUGH' - OR -  
SHOW THE FLYER (SEE IT ON OUR FACEBOOK)



THURS., JAN. 22<sup>ND</sup>  
DETAILS COMING SOON!



### School Dates

12/03 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY  
12/22 - 01/02 - WINTER BREAK

01/19 - NO SCHOOL DAY  
01/26 - NO SCHOOL DAY



**JOIN US**

The Hough PTSA is a 100% volunteer-run organization.  
Without volunteers our programs and events would not be possible.  
Join today! The more voices we have, the better we can serve our school community.



**Hough Elementary  
PTSA**  
everychild.onevoice.®

# NEW HOUGH SPIRIT WEAR



**Online orders close Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at midnight!**

NEW HOUGH SPIRIT WEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE! GO CHECK OUT THE NEW ITEMS AND GRAB YOUR NEW GEAR BEFORE THE STORE CLOSING ON DEC. 5TH.

DISCOUNTED VINTAGE STYLES AVAILABLE AT  
[HOUGHPTSA.ORG/SPIRITWEAR](http://HOUGHPTSA.ORG/SPIRITWEAR)

Place your order!



## Battle of the Boxes Results

The generosity of the Hough community is incredible! Through the Month of November 1,814.1 pounds of food were collected for Hough Families in need!

Congratulations to the top three classes...

1. Artman - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
2. Dodds - Kindergarten
3. Quinn - 1<sup>st</sup> grade



Thank you Hungry Sasquatch and Bleu Door Bakery for sponsoring!

## HOUGH WINTER WONDERLAND

### FAMILY WINTER WONDERLAND EVENT - DEC. 11

COME CELEBRATE WINTER MAGIC AT OUR WINTER WONDERLAND FAMILY EVENT. THERE WILL BE A CHOIR PERFORMANCE, A CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG, FOOD, CRAFTS, RAFFLE, PLUS AN APPEARANCE BY MR. & MRS. CLAUS!

### STUDENT SHOPPING BAZAAR - DEC. 16 & 17

EVERY YEAR THE HOUGH PTSA HOSTS A SHOPPING BAZAAR WHERE ALL STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR THEIR FAMILIES AT PRICES THEY CAN AFFORD (\$0.50 - \$3.00). THE GIFTS ARE WRAPPED AND SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS. THIS EVENT IS VERY SPECIAL TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND FOR MANY STUDENTS THIS IS THEIR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE GIFTS FOR THEIR FAMILY.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED (VOLUNTEER, DONATE) AT  
[HOUGHPTSA.ORG/WINTERWONDERLAND](http://HOUGHPTSA.ORG/WINTERWONDERLAND)

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP! SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE.

PTSA MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER!



## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Dry Food Pantry

A dry food pantry will soon be available to all of our Hough Families. It will be in front of the school. Please take what you need and if you are able, please put items into the pantry. Fresh vegetables will be available on 11/13 and dry goods on any day in the FCRC.

### Hough Tee Shirts for Sale

We will be creating Hough t-shirts to sell in time for the holiday season. Proud residents of Hough will be able to share with people how to correctly pronounce 'Hough.' Keep an eye on [houghfoundation.org](http://houghfoundation.org) for more information.

### Honoring Paul E. Christensen

This season, as we celebrate generosity and community, we also honor one of Vancouver's most generous hearts - Paul E. Christensen, founder of the Hough Foundation. Paul's kindness, vision, and lifelong support of youth and the arts has touched countless lives. To continue that legacy, the Hough Foundation is proud to launch the Paul E. Christensen Fund for Youth Arts & Enrichment, a special initiative that will help young people discover their creativity and potential for years to come. If Paul's life or values inspired you, please consider a year-end gift in his honor.



Donate to the Paul E. Christensen Fund for Youth Arts & Enrichment:

### Hough Hoedown 2026

The Hough Hoedown will be happening February 7, 2026 at the Hilton Vancouver. This is our primary fundraiser that helps fund all of the great programs we are able to offer our families of Hough Elementary. If you would like to be a sponsor or purchase a ticket to attend, please go to [www.houghfoundation.org](http://www.houghfoundation.org)

