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## CURRENT REPORT

October 27, 2011

# The Hershey Company

Delaware

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23-0691590

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-4200

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 27, 2011, The Hershey Company (“the Company”) announced sales and earnings for the third quarter of 2011. A copy of the Company’s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report, including the Exhibit, shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 27, 2011

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 27, 2011

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

By: /s/ Humberto P. Alfonso  
Humberto P. Alfonso  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and  
Chief Administration Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description                                              |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1        | The Hershey Company Press Release dated October 27, 2011 |