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### Mark Your Calendars

#### October

**31:** Last day to turn in Read-a-thon slips; Happy Halloween

#### November

**2-3:** NO SCHOOL

**7:** Parkway Pizza - Hale School gets 5% of any orders that day

**9:** 1st & 2nd Grade Open Gym Night 6-7:30pm; Hale & Field Desegregation Event 6-8pm

**13:** Principal Forum 6-7:30pm

**16:** No sale fundraiser; Open gym night for 3rd & 4th grades 6-7:30; School tour for prospective parents 6pm; PTA meeting 6pm at Hale

**22-24:** NO SCHOOL

**23:** Happy Thanksgiving!

### PTA Meetings

## Greetings Hale Families!

I've finally chosen what I'll be for Halloween: **Exhausted Mom**. All I need are pajama pants, a comfy sweatshirt and a mug of coffee. This actually has the potential to be quite frightening, but the "costume" should reflect that **October was a busy month**, and yes, **take some candy**.

I hope you enjoy this **magical time for your kids**, and look forward to all of the **great things happening at Hale in the month ahead**. Please make special note of our **No Sale Fundraiser on Give to the Max Day (November 16)**. As an "exhausted mom" I fully support the idea of my **kids not having to sell anything** (wrapping paper, candy, etc.) to **raise money for our school**. **A one time financial donation is all you and your friends/family need to do**. Hooray! Happy Halloween!!

**Stef Thompson**

**PTA co-chair**

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## Open Gym Nights

As the season of "I'm bored" begins, join us for some fun as we **open up the Hale gym** for Open Gym Nights!

**Age appropriate gym equipment** will be available. Children are encouraged to **wear their gym shoes**. **Bring your other children**, too, as they're welcome to come & join in the fun. And

**PTA meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend .**

**This month, our meeting will be held on Thurs., Nov. 16 at 6pm at Hale.**

If you have a topic to discuss you must be on the agenda prior to the meeting.

Please contact [Stef Thompson](#) or [Samantha Turnock Mendiola](#) to be added to the agenda.

#### Quick Links

[Hale PTA Website](#)  
[Hale School Website](#)  
[Mpls Public Schools](#)  
[National PTA](#)

[Hale/Field School Handbook \(link opens PDF\)](#)

[Hale PTA on Facebook](#)

don't forget to come along & have some fun because **parental supervision is required.**

**1st-2nd Grade: Thurs., Nov. 9 from 6-7:30**  
**3rd-4th Grade: Thurs., Nov. 16 from 6-7:30**

See you there!

## Help us Help Hale with the No Sale Fundraiser in November!

**November 1** kicks off our annual Hale/Field **No Sale Fundraiser** and **Give MN Day on November 16**. What is the No Sale Fundraiser? It is a way for **you (and your family and friends) to support our schools.**

**Instead of having your child sell wrapping paper or cookie dough we ask for a monetary donation.** This way the PTA's get all the money donated, not just a portion of the money when we sell for other businesses.

We use **November 16, Give MN Day**, as a way to use our donations to **earn extra prize money** through their program. **Watch for more information each Thursday** about what the No Sale Fundraiser is, how your donations are spent at the schools and about Give MN day and how you can help us win prizes and donate through their site.

## Hale Holiday Helpers Needs Volunteers Like YOU!

Since 2005, the Hale Holiday Helpers Program has been **making a difference in the lives of Hale students** & their families who could not afford some of the things many of us may take for granted during the holidays. Holiday "helpers" are anonymously matched with a Hale family member to provide **gifts based on a wish list & other essential needs.** **Last year alone, over 100 Hale students** & family members had a brighter holiday season thanks to **generous contributions** from Hale students, families, staff & local businesses. There are several volunteering options to choose from:

**Gift drop off - morning shift (week of Dec. 4-8)**  
**Gift drop off - afternoon shift (week of Dec. 4-8)**  
**Gift Prep/ lunchroom staging - evening of Fri., Dec. 8**  
**Gift wrapping/Distribution Day - morning of Sat., Dec. 9**

**If you would like to volunteer**, please complete the [online form](#).

If you have any immediate questions, please contact Lindsey Daugherty at 612-270-2839 or Meggan Berlute at 651-226-0530.

**Thank you!**

## **Amazon Smile for Hale :)**

As holiday shopping starts gearing up, a few simple clicks will make **your purchase on Amazon a win for Hale school!**

**Start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)** & use your normal Amazon login. Choose your charitable organization by searching something simple like "Hale 55417" & you'll find us as "**PTA Minnesota Congress 004912 Nathan Hale PTA**". And that's it!

Whether you're buying Legos, cute boots, or toilet paper, they'll all **earn 0.5% of your total purchase for Hale school!** Just remember to start at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)!

## **Staff Appreciation**

We wanted to give **a big thank-you to all that donated time, funds and/or talents in order to help pull off the Staff Appreciation Dinner** last week. It was a great success and the teachers and staff were appreciative.

The **winners** of the chili and cornbread contest were:

The **Jendro family** with their chicken chili. [Recipe here](#).

The **Komomua family** with their cornbread. [Recipe here](#).

**We'll be reaching out to the teachers to coordinate a popcorn party for their kids' classrooms!**

## **School Release Days**

There will be **no school on Nov. 2 & 3** due to staff development. Enjoy another great long weekend!

## Principal Forum

Join Mr. Fitzgerald for his next forum on **Nov. 13 from 6-7:30pm**. And bring the kids because the **PTA will be providing babysitters!**

## Join us at the next PTA meeting

The **November PTA meeting** will be held on **Thurs., Nov. 16 at 6pm in the Hale lunchroom**. We would love for you to see how your generous donations help to make Hale school a better place every single day!

## Register for the Minne-Loppet for FREE now through Nov. 30!

The Minne-Loppet is a **FUN, cross-country ski event** for youth that is part of the larger Loppet ski festival near Lake Calhoun Center on Lake Calhoun. Hale students learn cross-country skiing skills in PE, & the Minne-Loppet is their opportunity to show off those skills. Plus, everyone is a winner & receives a medal, cookie, & hot chocolate!

**Registration is free through Nov. 30!** After that, there is a registration fee. There are two course choices: 1.5K & 3K. Last year, Hale had participants in each course. You don't need your own equipment. The Minnesota Youth Ski League will **provide equipment for the event for FREE**.

The Minne-Loppet is on **Sat., Jan. 27 at 4pm** near Lake Calhoun Center on Lake Calhoun.

**Register [here](#)** & don't delay!

If you have questions, please email Lori Kaufman at [lorigramlich@yahoo.com](mailto:lorigramlich@yahoo.com).

## Walking Wednesdays are still happening until Nov. 15

Please make sure that **your child is dressed in appropriate attire** & ready for a quick morning walk.

**We could really use some adult volunteers** to assist in getting students from the school bus drop off point (50th St. & 13th Ave.) to Hale. Volunteers can meet us at the corner of **50th & 13th at 7:10am** & walk down to Hale with our students. It's a great way to start everyone's morning! If you'd like to help, please contact Brooke Darst Rice at [brookedarstrice@gmail.com](mailto:brookedarstrice@gmail.com) or 612-730-4211.

## PTA Numbers

The PTA is in the final stage of purchasing grade level supplies, including **storage items, classroom learning materials, and computer licenses**. We also **raised the Teacher Appreciation budget** and increased some of our **teacher stipends**. Your generous donations do wonderful things for our school!

## We can help (or at least try :)

Is there **something at Hale that you don't understand** ? Or maybe you're **curious & you don't know who to ask**. Every parent at Hale was new or under-informed (way more than) once!

**Ask us** at [haleptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:haleptainfo@gmail.com) & we might be able to **help** .

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Walking Wednesdays** - Contact Brooke Darst Rice at [brookedarstrice@gmail.com](mailto:brookedarstrice@gmail.com) or 612-730-4211.
- Are you a **CPA** ? Great! Would you be willing to do the PTA's taxes this year? Double great! - Contact Stef Thompson at [haleptacochair@gmail.com](mailto:haleptacochair@gmail.com)
- **Hale lunchroom** - Parent volunteers are needed everyday! Sign up [here](#)
- **Teachers need parent volunteers in the classroom every day!** Contact your child's teacher to find out how to help.

## Thank You Corner

Thank you to **Deborah Rogers** for organizing the Hale craft table at the 1st annual HPDL neighborhood Brew & Stew, & thank you to the volunteers who helped that day. What a fun event! Thank you to **Amber Newton, Abbey Weis**, & all the volunteers who helped with the Read-a-thon this month! Thank you to **Emily Koski, Kristen Garrett** & all of the volunteers for the amazing staff appreciation chili dinner & gift bags! Thank you to **Katie Kelley** for her continued efforts with Spirit Wear. Thank you to **Lori Kaufman, Brooke Darst Rice**, & all the volunteers for making walk/bike to school week happen.

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