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**Mark Your
Calendars**

September

30: TC marathon kids event

October

2: Read-a-Thon begins

2-6: Walk & Bike to School Week

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

9: Site Council Meeting 3:30-5pm (location TBD); Principal Forum on Hale Assessments/FAS

T 6-7:30 in the Hale Media Center

10: Flu Shot Clinic 2:30-6 in the Field gym

12: PTA meeting 7pm at Turtle Bread

13: Box Tops due

14: Arts & Crafts Fair

17: Staff Appreciation Dinner

18-20: NO SCHOOL -

Hello Hale Community!

Greetings Hale Families!

Is anyone else shocked that it's already the end of September? I can tell it is by my annual "beginning of school" cold and the fact that I never know if I should bundle up in the morning or dress for summer, but to me **it still feels like the first day of school.** Our kids have already been at it for four weeks, and what a fun, exciting and busy time it's been. **Please continue to contact the PTA with questions and ideas,** and don't forget that you are invited to attend our meetings. Our next one is at Turtle Bread on Thursday, October 12th at 7pm.

Cheers to Fall!

Stef Thompson

PTA co-chair

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Read-a-Thon

Howdy, Hale Readers! It's time to giddy-up with some good books and get ready for the **2017 Reading Round-Up.** This year's Read-a-Thon will happen **Oct. 2-27. The class that has read the most minutes** by the end of the month will **win a pizza party!!** And **the grade with the most minutes** will win a **popcorn party!!** Look for more information and tracking slips in this Wednesday's communication folders.

For more information contact Abbey at abbeyweis@yahoo.com or Amber at athyren@hotmail.com. Yipee-yay for books !

Fall Arts Festival

HPDL Association's Fall Arts Festival is happening soon & Hale is going to be there! **Volunteer at Hale Elementary Art & Craft tables** on Chicago Avenue anytime **11am-2pm**

Conferences & MEA
25: School picture retake day
26: Kindergarten Open Gym Night 6-7:30
27: Read-a-Thon ends
28: Fall clean-up day

PTA Meetings

PTA meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, usually at 7 p.m. at Turtle Bread on Chicago Ave., and are open to anyone wishing to attend.

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](#)

on Oct. 14. Help kids make **slime, water color tiles,** & more. Contact Deborah Rogers at drogers@smumn.edu for more information.

Walk & Bike to School Week

Oct. 2-6 is our fall Walk & Bike Week. **Ride, scoot, or walk to school each day!** Hale has several **new bike racks** to accommodate all those bikes! Bus students will also have an opportunity to walk around the block on the north side of the school once their bus arrives at Hale.

Parents and students-- **We NEED your help!** You can volunteer to give stickers to participants each morning or to walk with bus students around the block at Hale. Both **volunteer jobs run from 7:10-7:30 am.** Use [this link](#) to sign up; there's a tab for "**Stickers**" and a tab for "**Walking**."

If you have any questions, please email Lori Kaufman at lorigramlich@yahoo.com.

Walking Wednesdays

Get moving each Wednesday! Bus students will be dropped off one-half mile from school to walk to Hale through Nov. 15. Students are accompanied by their **friends, Hale staff members, and parent volunteers** as they **socialize and exercise their way down 13th Avenue** (starting at E. 50th Street) to Hale Elementary. Not a bus rider? Join us along the way! Please wear proper shoes and outdoor gear to stay warm and dry while walking.

Volunteers are needed to walk with students from **7:10-7:35am** on Wednesdays. If you can help, please contact Brooke Darst Rice at brookedarstrice@gmail.com or 612-730-4211.

Twin-Cities Marathon Kids' Events

Hale is participating in the Medtronic TC Family Events at the **State Capitol on Sat., Sept. 30.** Running events include the **TC 5K, TC 10K, & the Diana Pierce Family Mile & Half Mile,** giving children of all ages the chance to run to meet personal goals at their physical fitness level.

Registration for this event is done online by parents, for their children. Please select HALE SCHOOL in the wave selection (drop-down menu). You can access the registration [here](#).

The cost for the event is \$10 for the mile and half mile

distances, \$30 for the TC 5K and \$35 for the TC 10K (kids prices). **All run participants will receive a T-shirt, medal & race number.**

Kindergarten Open Gym Night

Join us for some fun participating in **recreational activities** in the **Hale gym** on **Thurs., Oct. 26 from 6-7:30pm!**

Wear gym-appropriate clothing & footwear. Age-appropriate equipment will be available.
Siblings welcome!

Keep Clipping Box Tops

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sept. 10 box tops clipping drive! **7,000 box tops were collected in one day! That equals \$700** going directly to Hale.

Hale regularly earns around **\$2,000 each year** from box tops. Those are the small pink labels on so many products like **yogurt, granola bars, cereal, veggies, Kleenex, and much more.**

Please keep collecting box tops! **They are worth \$.10 apiece!** Send them to school and please drop them off in the main office in boxes on the window ledge. Box tops are submitted twice a year and the **first collection deadline is mid-October.** Please send in those labels soon!

If you have questions, please contact Amira Holden at amiraholden@gmail.com .

Fall Clean Up

Sadly, it's almost **time to get Hale's garden beds ready for winter.** Happily, we have a school full of wonderful families who might be willing to help out. If you're available **Sat. Oct. 28 from 9:30-11:30am** & want to help, sign up [here](#). Bring your own gardening gloves, tools, & water bottles.

Not sure if you're free that day? No problem. Just show up. We won't turn you away.

PTA Numbers

- This month, we spent **\$1700 on supplies for the 1st grade class!**
- This year, for the first time, the **PTA is funding the 4th grade band program at Hale.** This will **cost the PTA over \$6000!** Your continued support is important as we take on this new expenditure.
- **Teacher stipends are being paid** out & the PTA continues to examine other **capital improvements around the school.**
- The **First Annual Pancake Breakfast** was a ton of fun & raised just under **\$2000** for our school!

- Hale School was once again flooded with families enjoying Bear Fest, our annual **Carnival**. **\$6,000 was raised** from all the fun!
- One thing is for sure: Hale kids love to read! The **Scholastic Book Fair** brought in **over \$3,500**.

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 & we might be able to **help**.

Volunteer Opportunities

- 10/2-6 **Walk & Bike to School Week** - [Volunteer here](#)
- 10/28 9:30-11:30am **Fall Landscaping Clean Up** - [Sign up here](#)
- 10/14 11am-2pm **Fall Arts Festival** - Contact Deborah Rogers at drogers@smumn.edu
- **Walking Wednesdays** - Contact Brooke Darst Rice at 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
- **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 all of our amazing **parent volunteers & staff** that **helped transition students back to school**, especially those new kindergartners. Thank you to **Angela Harki, Shannon Hood, Rebecca Major**, & all of the volunteers who helped run the **Scholastic Book Fair**. Thank you to **Melissa Schramm, Anne Krocak**, & countless **4th graders (& their parents)** who helped put on our first annual **Pancake Breakfast**. Thank you to **Chau Johnson** and **Megan Bell** for helping organize **picture day**. And thank you to **Karen Strand** & all the **Carnival volunteers** who worked so hard to throw our annual "**Bear Fest**."

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