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### Mark Your Calendars

**28: First Day of School  
for Grades 1-4  
First Morning Coffee;  
PTA volunteer sign-ups**  
**30: First Day of School  
for K  
First Morning Coffee;  
PTA volunteer sign-ups**  
**31: Band/Strings  
Orientation Night**

### September

**1: First Spirit-Wear  
Friday (each Friday  
during the school year  
wear your spirit wear!)**  
**4: No School - Labor  
Day**  
**5: Parkway Pizza -Hale  
school gets 5% of any  
orders that day.**  
**8: Scholastic Book Fair  
starts**  
**9: Pancake Breakfast,**

## Hello Hale Community!

It's here. It's happening. **Back to school!**

If you're new to Hale, **Welcome!** If you are returning to Hale, **Welcome Back!**

I, along with Samantha Mendiola, are your PTA co-chairs this year. In order to get you all the information you need, the PTA will send you a **monthly newsletter** and a **weekly "this week at Hale" email**. I have attached a copy of the [PTA calendar](#), the [PTA Event Committees](#) and [our meeting dates](#). Please know that **everyone is welcome** to attend our meetings, and please feel free to [contact us](#) if you have any ideas, questions or concerns. I'm **so excited about this year** and I look forward to seeing you around school and at these upcoming events.

Wishing you and your family **all the best this school year,**

**Stef Thompson**  
PTA co-chair  
[haleptacochair@gmail.com](mailto:haleptacochair@gmail.com)

## Back to School Coffee

On both Monday and Wednesday the PTA will have coffee available for parents in the lunchroom. **Stop by and grab a cup!** We will be there if you have any questions about volunteering at school.

## Pancake Breakfast

Come to the **Back to School Pancake Breakfast**  
Hosted by the 4th grade class!

**Saturday, September 9th  
8-10 am**

In the Hale lunchroom  
\$5 per person suggested donation

## Scholastic Book Fair

open

**10: Box Tops  
Collection Day**

**18: School Picture Day**

**23: Hale Carnival**

**30:**

**TC marathon kids  
event**

## PTA Meetings

**PTA meetings are held  
the 2nd Thursday of  
the month 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](#)

## Kindergarten Helpers

We're in need of people to **help Kindergartners** with some key transition times the first 3 days of school ( **arrival, lunch, and dismissal**). If you can **lend a hand**, please email Stef Thompson at [haleptacochair@gmail.com](mailto:haleptacochair@gmail.com).

## Hale/Field School Directory

Want to know how to invite your child's new best buddy over for a play date? Need to round info for an evite list? Moved recently?

**The Directory!** Sign up/edit your info [here!](#)

## Box Tops for Education

An easy way to **raise money for Hale school** is to collect box tops from products you buy. There is a box outside the Main Office to turn in your box tops. We regularly **raise more than \$1500 each year** for Hale just by collecting and turning in box tops!

**Hale is having a special Box Tops Clipping Drive on Sunday, Sept. 10.** Volunteers from General Mills are going to every house in the Hale school boundary and dropping off bags to place box tops in. On Sept. 10, the volunteers - along with Hale volunteers and **HGTV-star Genevieve Gorder**, a south Minneapolis native -- will be collecting the bags that can be left on front doors of each house.

By participating, you can **help our school earn cash for supplies and technology.** You can clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products, like **Cheerios, Go-Gurt, Nature Valley** granola bars, **Kleenex** tissues, **Ziploc** bags and much more. For a full list of participating products, [click here](#).

Every Box Top you clip is worth **10 cents cash** for Hale. They add up fast! We will be **collecting box tops at Hale all year long.**

To learn more or to **volunteer** for the Sept. 10 clipping drive, [click here](#). For questions, please contact Amira Holden at [amiraholden@gmail.com](mailto:amiraholden@gmail.com).

## Save the Date: BEAR FEST 2017

The **Carnival** is one of Hale kids' **favorite days of the year!**

**BEAR FEST 2017**  
**Saturday, September 23rd**  
**11A-2P**

Last year, we **raised \$4,500** thanks to all of the parent volunteers who donated their time!

**We absolutely cannot do this without your help!** Please consider **volunteering** for just one or two hours, either before or on September 23rd. We promise it will be fun!

For pre-carnival help, please contact Karen Strand at [karenEstrand@gmail.com](mailto:karenEstrand@gmail.com).

To volunteer the day of the carnival, [sign up here](#).

## PTA Numbers

- Remember the Summer Party last May? The Hale PTA **raised over \$11,000!**
- In June the PTA approved raising **annual teacher stipends** from \$200 to **\$250**.
- Last spring the board approved giving **\$5000 to each grade** for capital improvements.
- Recent PTA purchases/approvals include: **Dreambox, First in Math, BrainPop, Wixie, new tables for 4th grade, snowshoes, Chromebooks, globes, maps, folders, weekly readers, books, teacher breakfast and food for the Open House. Your generous donations are being put to good use!**

## Hale Spirit Wear

**Now is the time** to get Hale spirit wear!

The fall sale will include **cotton & Under Armour t-shirts, long sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, zip-up sweatshirts, PJ pants, and hats.**

Spirit wear will be available for purchase from **Monday, September 11th** through **Sunday, September 17th**. Look for flyers to be sent home with students soon after school begins. Completed order forms and payment can be left in the office with Janine. Items can also be ordered online at [www.etsy.com/shop/DypwickCustomApparel](http://www.etsy.com/shop/DypwickCustomApparel). Spirit wear will arrive at Hale 2-3 weeks after the end of the sale and will be distributed to student classrooms.

**Fridays are spirit wear days at Hale!**

## Wild West Book Fair: Saddle Up & Read

Please plan to attend this year's Scholastic Book Fair, which runs **Sept. 8-14th**, including Sat., Sept. 9th during the Pancake Breakfast.

The Book Fair is located in the Hale School Media Center at these times:

**Fri., Sept. 8th 1:45 - 3:30 p.m; Sat., Sept. 9th 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Mon., Sept. 11th 7 - 8 a.m., 1:45 - 3 p.m.; Tues., Sept. 12th 7 - 8 a.m., 1:45 - 3 p.m.; Weds., Sept. 13th 7 - 8 a.m., 1:45 - 3 p.m.; Thurs., Sept. 14th 7 - 8 a.m., 1 - 7:45 p.m.**

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for parent volunteers to help run the check-out registers each day of the fair. If you are able to help out, please email Shannon at [sdrahoshood6554@gmail.com](mailto:sdrahoshood6554@gmail.com).

**Thanks for your generosity! Happy Reading!**

## **Get those smiles ready!**

Hale School Picture Day is **Monday, Sept. 18th**. Order forms will be sent home in folders with your student(s) prior to Picture Day. **For those new to Hale, you order your package prior to Picture Day.**

**Picture Retake Day will be Wednesday, October 25th** for those who were either absent on September 18th or who would like a different photo taken.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for parent volunteers on either day between 7:40 am -1:50 pm. If you are able to help out, please contact Chau Johnson at [Chau.Johnson@gmail.com](mailto:Chau.Johnson@gmail.com).

## **Band/Strings Orientation Night**

**Thurs. 8/31, 6 - 7:30 p.m.** in the **Hale cafeteria**.

Bring your **4th grader** and let them sample many different instruments! Registration also begins that night.

## **Lunchroom Helpers**

**Parent volunteers** are needed in the Hale lunchroom everyday! Sign up [here](#).

## **Thank You Corner**

Thank you to the numerous people that helped pull off the **Summer Party** last June! Thank you to **Casey Roberts** and all who volunteered to pull weeds and work on landscaping over the summer. Thank you to **Nicole Starks, Abby Weis** and all the volunteers for putting on the Kindergarten Playground Nights. Thank you to **Emily Koski** and **Kristen Garrett** for the "first day back" staff breakfast. Thank you to **Mandy Huber** for the enormous amount of work she put into the School Supply Fundraiser, and thank you to everyone who volunteered on Thursday morning to sort and deliver all of those supplies!

A huge thank you to the PTA board members who stepped down last spring. **Randy Newton, Amira Holden, Kristin Farrell** and **Terri Link**. **Thank you for the countless hours of work that you've done for Hale through the years!**

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