

Hale PTA

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Mark Your Calendars

August

21: Drop off donations for the staff breakfast 6:45-7am;

School Supply Sorting 9am-noon;

Landscaping Clean Up 5-7:30pm

23: Open House: 4-5:30pm for Kindergarten, 5-6:30pm for Grades 1-4

26: WE Culture Club 2-4 at Triangle Park

27: First Day of School for Grades 1-4;

First Morning Free Coffee 7-8am

29: First Day of School for Kindergarten

September

3: NO SCHOOL - Labor

Hello Hale Community!

Welcome Back! If you're new to Hale, Welcome! I, along with **Molly McLain**, 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 & a weekly "this week at Hale" email.** Please know that **everyone is welcome to attend our meetings,** & please feel free to **contact us if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.** I'm so excited about this year & I look forward to seeing you around school and at these upcoming events.

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

Samantha Turnock Mendiola
PTA co-chair
haleptacochair@gmail.com

Be there, Hale Bears!

Do you remember your **school carnival**? It was one of the **best days of the year!**

Announcing: **BEAR FEST 2018 being held Sat., Sept. 22nd @ 11am-2pm**

Last year, we **raised over \$5,000** 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

Day
7: PTA meeting 7pm at Mt. Zion Church
12-15: Scholastic Book Fair
15: Pancake Breakfast 8-10am
17: Picture Day
22: Bear Fest Carnival 11am-2pm
29: Brew & Stew 11am-8pm at Todd Park
30: Lost & Found emptied (the last day of every month)

PTA Meetings

PTA meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend . This month, our meeting will be held on Fri., Sept. 7 at 6:30pm at Mt. Zion Church (5645 Chicago Ave.).

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

Please contact [Samantha Turnock Mendiola](#) or [Molly McLain](#) 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](#)

22nd. We promise it will be fun!

For pre-Carnival help, please contact Karen Strand at karenEstrand@gmail.com.

For fun on Sat., Sept. 22, [sign up here](#).

Open House is Happening (already?!?)

Open House is this Thurs., Aug. 23 from 4-5:30pm (Kindergarten Only) & 5-6:30pm (Grades 1-4).

The PTA will be out in force that night & we'd love it if **you could help**. Check out [how you can help](#) (& you'll still have time to do parent stuff, too).

Room Parents

This year, a group of Hale parents are working to establish "**room parents**" in each classroom to boost **opportunities for community building at the classroom level**. Our hope is that the lead parent (or group of lead parents) in each room might do things like:

- Organize a playground meet-up for kids & parents in your child's classroom
- Organize mom's/dad's night out for parents in your child's classroom
- Reach out to a new student/ family who arrives in the classroom mid-year to welcome them
- Make a special effort to invite students & families that you haven't seen attend Hale events

This is our first full year trying this out so **you can really make it what you want!** The room parent is not involved in organizing classroom

volunteers - teachers & the PTA take the lead on that task.

If you would like to receive information about activities organized in your child's room, please sign up [here](#) or update your information [here](#).

This is a parent-led initiative so if you have questions, feel free to reach out to Hale parents [Katy Sen](#) (katysen@gmail.com), [Dawn Feddersen-Poindexter](#) , or [Jenny Jendro](#).

Looking forward to meeting you!

Clean it Up

Guess who keeps our landscaping looking pretty? Hint: It's not Mpls Public Schools.

We're hoping you can help us **weed, haul woodchips, & generally beautify Hale on the evening of Tues., Aug. 21 from 5-7:30pm**, or whenever in that time frame you can make it work!

Bring your kids, bring your favorite gardening tools, & bring some newspaper if you've got it (for under the woodchips). And if any of you city folks have a **wheelbarrow** - we could use a few of those, too.

We've been weeding & working on things this summer, but we can't do it alone - it takes a village!

Please RSVP to Landscaping Chair Shannon Ganje Elkins at shannelkins@hotmail.com, if you can. If you don't RSVP, come anyway, because we need the help!

Sort it Out

Our school supply program was a success again this year! But now there's a massive stash of **supplies at Hale that need sorted & delivered to their classrooms**.

Last year, a group of **parents made quick work of the task**, & we're hoping this year will be the same. We're also hoping to have a few parents volunteer to supervise the kiddos of those sorting out on the playground.

Tues., Aug. 21

9am-noon

Email Mandy Huber at mandy.huber@gmail.com if you can help!

Keeping Up With the PTA

You've already updated your calendar with the Mpls Schools important dates (hello new last day 6/7!), but don't forget to plan for your **favorite PTA events**. Find them all [here](#).

Do you have a friend who wonders why they don't **receive PTA communications**? Tell them to sign up [here](#). Or follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Tried to contact your kid's new best friend & couldn't find them in **the directory**? Spread the word that they can sign up [here](#). Or just update their info [here](#).

Want to attend a PTA meeting? **New this year, we will have FREE BABYSITTING at all of our meetings!** Find a list of meeting dates [here](#). And, as always, we'd love to see you there!!

Welcome Back, Super Staff

Let's fuel our **school staff with a back-to-school breakfast on Tues., Aug. 21**, as they prep for a busy school year.

St. Paul Bagelry (on Nicollet & 54th) has generously donated bagels & cream cheese, while we ask Hale Families to [sign up](#) to **donate fruit & granola bars**. Food donations may be **dropped off in the Hale Main Office Tuesday morning between 6:45-7am**. You may also arrange to drop donations off with Greta Wicker by contacting her at ggarbog@gmail.com .

Click [here](#) to sign up.

WE are Hale

The **Welcoming Equity Committee** has several things in store for the Hale community!

Mark your calendars:

"How to Talk to Your Kids about Race"
5:30-7:30pm

Tues., Oct. 9

Hale Culture Club: Where kids of color connect!

Kids bring your adults. Adults bring your kids.

Join us for monthly meetups to celebrate everything that makes you, you!
Families will find fun & friendship on the playground.

Next meetup:

Sun., Aug. 26 (mark your calendars for the 4th Sunday of every month)

2-4pm

Triangle Park (1489 E. 54th St./54th St. & Bloomington Ave.)

Who Doesn't Like Pancakes?

Come to the **Back-to-School Pancake Breakfast**, hosted by the 4th grade class!

Sat., Sept. 15

8-10am

In the Hale lunchroom

\$5 per person suggested donation

And while you're at school, check out the **last day of the Scholastic Book Fair**. It'll be available select hours Sept. 12-15 in the Media Center.

Also, coffee

FREE coffee, that is! Stop by the **lunchroom on the first morning of school 7-8am** for some free coffee to help you get going on that first early morning!

Box Tops are Big Money

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!

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 & 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.

Questions? Please contact Katie Frey at haleptatreasurer@gmail.com.

Our neighborhood is so cool, you guys!

Did you go to **Brew 'n Stew** last year? If not, don't worry, because it's back & better than ever!

Sat., Sept. 29

11am-8pm

Todd Park (5600 Chicago Ave.)

This event brings together a wide variety of local artists and gives them an opportunity to showcase their work and Hale School is going to be there! Volunteer at the **Hale Elementary Arts & Crafts table** located in Todd Park anytime from **11am-5pm**. We are looking for volunteers to give their time in hour shifts, we have two booths where **WE NEED YOU to help kids make slime, paint with string, & more.**

Sign up to volunteer [here](#) or contact Jessica Tupper at tuppej@gmail.com for more information.

There will be plenty of other **fun stuff for kids & grown-ups to do, like beer, food, bands, art, inflatables, & rabbits performing on an agility course** (um, we want to see this live as much as you do!)

Get Those Smiles Ready!

Hale School **Picture Day is Mon., Sept. 17**. 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 Wed., Oct. 24** for those who were either absent on September 18 or who would like a different photo taken.

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 Megan Bell at megan@meganbell.net.

PTA Financials

Remember the **Summer Soiree last May**? The event **raised \$44,000**, with **\$22,000 going to the Hale PTA!** At the Summer Soiree we asked teachers to provide their wish lists for our **Giving Tree**. **Many generous parents helped fulfill those wishes & the PTA purchased the remainder.**

Recent PTA purchases/approvals include: **weekly readers, ipad covers, a refrigerator for the Health Office, teacher breakfast, & food for the Open House.** Your generous donations are being put to good use!

Thank You Corner

Thank you to the **numerous people that helped pull off the Summer Soiree** last May! Thank you to all who volunteered to **pull weeds and work on landscaping** over the summer. Thank you to all the volunteers for **putting on the Kindergarten Playground Nights**. Thank you to **Mandy Huber** for the enormous amount of work she put into the **School Supply Fundraiser**. A huge thank you to the PTA board members who stepped down last spring, **Rachel Walker & Laura Randgaard**. Thank you for the **countless hours of work** that you've done for Hale through the years.

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

- Our beloved **Bear Fest Carnival** takes over 80 volunteers to put on. There are plenty of different ways to help, big & small. Sign up [here](#).
- Help us spread the word to families at **Open House** to sign up for PTA Communications so they don't miss a thing! Sign up [here](#) to help.
- Being a **room parent** can be as big or small of a commitment as you

want to make it, but it's always so rewarding. If you want to be involved, contact Katy Sen at katysen@gmail.com or Dawn Feddersen-Poindexter at tralfamadawn@hotmail.com.

- We're also going to need a new **Co-Chair & Secretary on the PTA Board**. We'd love to have you! For more info, contact Stef Thompson at haleptacochair@gmail.com.
- Interested in being a **room parent or their helper**? Contact Katy Sen at katysen@gmail.com.
- Help our **teachers** ease back into the school year with a yummy breakfast for them on Aug. 21. **Food drop off** is 6:45-7am. Sign up [here](#).
- **Help kids** make slime, string art, & more at the Hale PTA craft tables at the 2nd annual **Brew & Stew** in Todd Park. Contact Jessica Tupper at tuppej@gmail.com for more information.
- **School supply program** supplies have arrived, but now they need **sorted & distributed** to their classrooms. Help us out on Aug., 21 from 9am-noon. We're also hoping to have some parents to keep an eye on all the kids at the playground. To volunteer for either, contact Many Huber at mandy.huber@gmail.com.
- Help make our school look great by helping out on **Landscaping Clean Up night** on Tues., Aug. 21 5-7:30pm. An RSVP to Shannon Elkins at shannelkins@hotmail.com is appreciated but not necessary. Don't forget your gardening tools & some gloves.
- Bring a smile to kids' faces when you help out on **Picture Day**, Sept. 17, or Picture Retake Day, Oct. 24, between 7:40am-1:50 pm. If you are able to help out, please contact Megan Bell at megan@meganbell.net.
- Parent volunteers are needed everyday in the **Hale lunchroom**. Sign up [here](#).
- **Teachers need parent volunteers in the classroom every day!** [Contact your child's teacher](#) to find out how to help.
- Do you or someone you know work for a **large retailer that sells school supplies** (i.e. Office Max, Target, etc.)? The school supply drive was a huge success but we think it could be even bigger & better with a connection to **introduce the PTA**. Contact Amanda Huber at haleptasupply@gmail.com.

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