

Friday, June 18, 2021

Dear Hale Families,

As we officially conclude this past year and focus our attention on next fall, I want to welcome all of you to Hale School for the 2021-2022 school year. While this spring brought major changes to Hale and so many other Minneapolis schools, we are busy preparing for the next chapter and excited to have you with us as we make this transition.

Most Hale staff members have left for the summer and our main office is officially closed until August 12<sup>th</sup>. To guide you through the next couple months, I have included some different events below for planning purposes and encourage you to save the dates. I have also included some frequently asked questions and answers to assist as we prepare to kick off the 2021-2022 school year. Finally, I have attached a letter from Lisa Roberts, Hale's PTA chair person.

Be well and enjoy your summer! We look forward to seeing you this fall.  
Steve Uhler

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| Wednesday, July 14     | The Hale PTA will host Kindergarten Playground Night here on the Hale playground, from 6pm – 7:30pm. Bring your kindergarten child to play with others and meet other Hale families. Please bring water and use the restroom before you come as the building will not be open. PTA members will be on hand to answer questions about Hale. |
| Wednesday, August 11   | The Hale PTA will host Kindergarten Playground Night here on the Hale playground, from 6pm – 7:30pm. Bring your kindergarten child to play with others and meet other Hale families. Please bring water and use the restroom before you come as the building will not be open. PTA members will be on hand to answer questions about Hale. |
| Week of August 16      | Student classroom/teacher assignments are shared with families.  |
| Monday, August 30      | *Tours will take place through the day for families wanting an opportunity to see Hale before students return.   |
| Tuesday, August 31     | *Tours will take place through the day for families wanting an opportunity to see Hale before students return.   |
| Wednesday, September 1 | *Hale Open House<br>5pm – 6:30pm Kindergarten Students<br>6pm – 7:30pm First and Second Grade Students   |
| Wednesday, September 8 | First Day of School for students entering first and second grades.   |
| Friday, September 10   | First Day of School for students entering kindergarten.  |

*\*May need to be adjusted depending on restrictions and protocol pertaining to COVID*

In addition to the “save the dates,” I thought it might be helpful to share some common questions/answers that families have had in years past. If you have questions that haven’t been answered here, please feel free to reach out to me at [Stephen.uhler@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Stephen.uhler@mpls.k12.mn.us).

- What is Hale’s main office number? The phone number for Hale’s main office is 612-668-3760
- What are Hale’s student hours? Hale School will have new start and end times beginning in fall, 2021. School will begin at 9:10am and end at 3:40pm.
- What time will Hale open their doors for student arrival? Because Hale staff will be meeting and planning, doors will be locked until 9:00am. At 9:00am, we will unlock our doors and allow students in the building.
- Does Hale offer a childcare option before and after school? Hale offers a program called Minneapolis Kids that offers childcare both before school and after. More information can be found at <https://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/Home>
- When will we find out our child’s teacher and classroom assignment? We will not share student classroom/teacher assignments until the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>. This allows us some flexibility over summer as enrollment may change.
- Will Hale host an Open House in fall, before school starts? Hale is planning on hosting an Open House for families on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Kindergarten Open House will be from 5pm-6:30pm and first and second grade Open House will be from 6pm-7:30pm. \*The specifics of Open House will be more clearly defined as we get closer to fall and receive more guidance from the state and district around COVID protocols.
- Will there be an opportunity for families to tour the school before classes begin in fall? We are planning to offer tours throughout the day on both Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. \*Similar to Open House, we will need to wait for further direction from the state and district around having visitors in our building.
- Is the school office open through summer? The main office is closed for the summer and will reopen on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- I have a question that cannot wait until August 12<sup>th</sup>. What do I do? If you have a question that cannot wait, please email Steve Uhler, the school principal, at [Stephen.uhler@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Stephen.uhler@mpls.k12.mn.us) Know that Mr. Uhler too will be taking some vacation time and will get back to you when he is able.
- Does my child need to buy school supplies over the summer or pay money to the PTA for supplies? No! We are trying something new with student supplies and at this point in time, need nothing from families. Your child will have what they need provided to them.
- Who can help me with busing questions? If you have busing questions or concerns, you can wait and talk to our school secretary, Ana, after August 11<sup>th</sup>, or call the District transportation line at 612.668.2300.
- How might I get a hold of the Hale PTA with school questions or information about participating here at Hale? You may email Lisa Roberts, PTA Chair, at [haleptachair@gmail.com](mailto:haleptachair@gmail.com) If interested in receiving school communication, please click on this link <https://bit.ly/3q2XmLz>.

Dear Hale Families,

The Hale Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is delighted to welcome new and returning students to Hale Elementary school for the 2021-22 school year!

Hale is a wonderful school filled with exceptional teachers, staff, and administrators. Hale also has an active PTA that works to support a quality educational experience for your child. Our goal is to both encourage school involvement, as well as raise money for programs within the school. The funds raised by the Nathan Hale PTA support a variety of educational programming and school-supported events, including:

- Online software for student use at home and in the classroom;
- Subscriptions to educational magazines and readers;
- Grade-level and classroom supplies;
- Field trip activities;
- Teacher appreciation;
- Annual school events;
- Annual teacher stipends.

The Hale PTA relies on adult volunteers to run events and chair committees that raise money for our great school. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out - there are many ways to donate your time. Currently, we still need to fill many committee co-chairs seats.

**2021-22 Hale PTA Board Position OPENINGS:**

- **PTA Co-Chair (1 co-chair needed)**

**2021-22 Hale Committee OPENINGS & volunteer opportunities:**

- **Family Dine-Out Fundraiser (1 co-chair needed)**
- **Hale/Field Directory (1 chair need)**
- **Lunchroom Recycling Program (1 co-chair needed)**
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation (1 co-chair needed)**
- **Spirit Wear (1 co-chair needed)**
- **Wellness Committee (2 co-chairs needed)**
- **Yearbook/ Picture Day (2 co-chairs needed)**
- **Lost & Found Support (2 co-chairs needed)**
- **No-Sale Fundraiser/Give to the Max Day (1 co-chair needed)**
- **Spring/Summer Adult Fundraising Party (2 co-chairs needed)**

Please sign up for the 2021-22 PTA newsletter, even if you already have an older child at Hale or Field. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/tIaLLqA>. This will lead you to all the sign-ups and information you might need. All adults of students are welcome and encouraged to get involved in the PTA. Everyone is welcome at our meetings!

### **SUPPLY LIST**

The Hale PTA provides all students with classroom school supplies. Your student should be ready to go with the following:

- 1 large backpack with your child's name – no wheels
- Tennis shoes for gym class. Have your child wear them on P.E. days. They should be able to tie them; otherwise, Velcro shoes are appreciated.
- **KINDERGARTEN ONLY:**
- 1 new white T-Shirt (a few sizes larger than the child's actual size labeled with your child's name)
- Snack – enough to share with the class (26) NO NUTS!!!

**KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Hale Kindergarten playground nights will be -

- July 14th, 6:00-7:30 pm
- August 11th, 6:00-7:30 pm

Meet other incoming Hale Kindergarteners, expose your student to the Hale playground. Current Hale adults/caregivers will be on hand to welcome you and answer any questions about Hale! Please remember to bring a water bottle and use the bathroom beforehand as the school will be locked.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Roberts  
Hale PTA Chair  
[haleptacochair@gmail.com](mailto:haleptacochair@gmail.com)

Have your students ready to rock their blue and yellow Hale Bears attire on the first day of school! Grab your Hale Spiritwear today! [halefieldspiritwear.square.site](http://halefieldspiritwear.square.site)