



Audubon Public Schools

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Greetings Haviland Families,

As the President of the Haviland Avenue School PTA, I would like to personally welcome you back to what is sure to be a very unique school year. The 2020-2021 year will truly be unlike any other. As we start this special year together during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to assure you that the PTA will assist our HAS families in bridging the gap between our students, parents, and teachers. To our new Hornet families: we are so happy to have you here with us and hope you soon feel at home in this hive as many of us do. To our returning Hornet families: we are excited to see what this year will bring with all of your continued support.

Our Executive Board has been working tirelessly this summer to brainstorm ideas and cultivate a plan to best help our school community thrive and excel in a time of virtual learning. Endeavors include, but are not limited to, Virtual Bingo, Themed Sing-A-Longs, Chalk the Walk, Fall Pumpkin Decorating, Family Scavenger Hunts, a Run-A-Thon, Holiday Fundraisers, Virtual Field Trips, and our Inaugural Haviland 5k in the spring.

We will continue with the fundraisers that were successful in the past including our Thanksgiving Pie Sale, Fall Scholastic Virtual Book Fair, School Supply Boxes, Spiritwear sale, and Haviland's "Opt Out" fundraiser. To increase the convenience of partaking in fundraising efforts, our PTA under the guidance of the NJPTA, implemented an HAS PTA Venmo Account. New fundraisers that we are implementing this year include our mask and lanyard sale, Hammer and Stain projects, and Shop & Script gift cards.

This year the PTA plans to put our fundraiser earnings towards Haviland Hornets water bottles for students to use at the water stations throughout the school, a Hornet Mascot Costume, a sensory hallway, technology updates for classrooms, and teacher appreciation gifts and luncheons.

The HAS PTA also values innovative ways to give back and build community in our school. We will continue this effort by raising funds for Mrs. McManis' PBIS Initiative and an all school service project for Martin Luther King Day in January.

As many of you know, it takes a village to provide the support to our teachers through these fundraising and school spirit raising events. We are asking that all parents and guardians consider joining our PTA. For the nominal fee of \$10, you allow special events to continue at Haviland like Visiting Author, the School Musical, and supporting teacher specific activities and needs as they arise. Our PTA Meetings will be monthly via Zoom. We ask that you consider helping/attending as your schedule allows. Our PTA is made up of mothers, fathers, guardians, and grandparents who work in and out of the home. There is a role and place for everyone and we ask for your membership. By getting involved, you'll be part of the solution, helping to make positive change for the children of Haviland.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to our Executive Board: Bridget Wilson, Vice President; Lindsey Urbano, Treasurer; Angel D'Achille, Corresponding Secretary; Valerie Bowers, Recording Secretary. These women are the epitome of service and selflessness and our school community is fortunate to have them. We are so very appreciative of our current chairs and volunteers and Mrs. McManis, Superintendent Davis, Mrs. Nolan, and all of the teachers and district staff for their continued and unending support.

Please never hesitate to reach out to me with questions and concerns.

Again, Welcome Back to the Haviland Hive where our kids are so lucky to learn and grow together!

Raye Martin, HAS PTA President