

HYES PTO



Two Schools, One Community

Oh, the Places We'll Go...

When We Work Together!

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**2017-2018
HANDBOOK**

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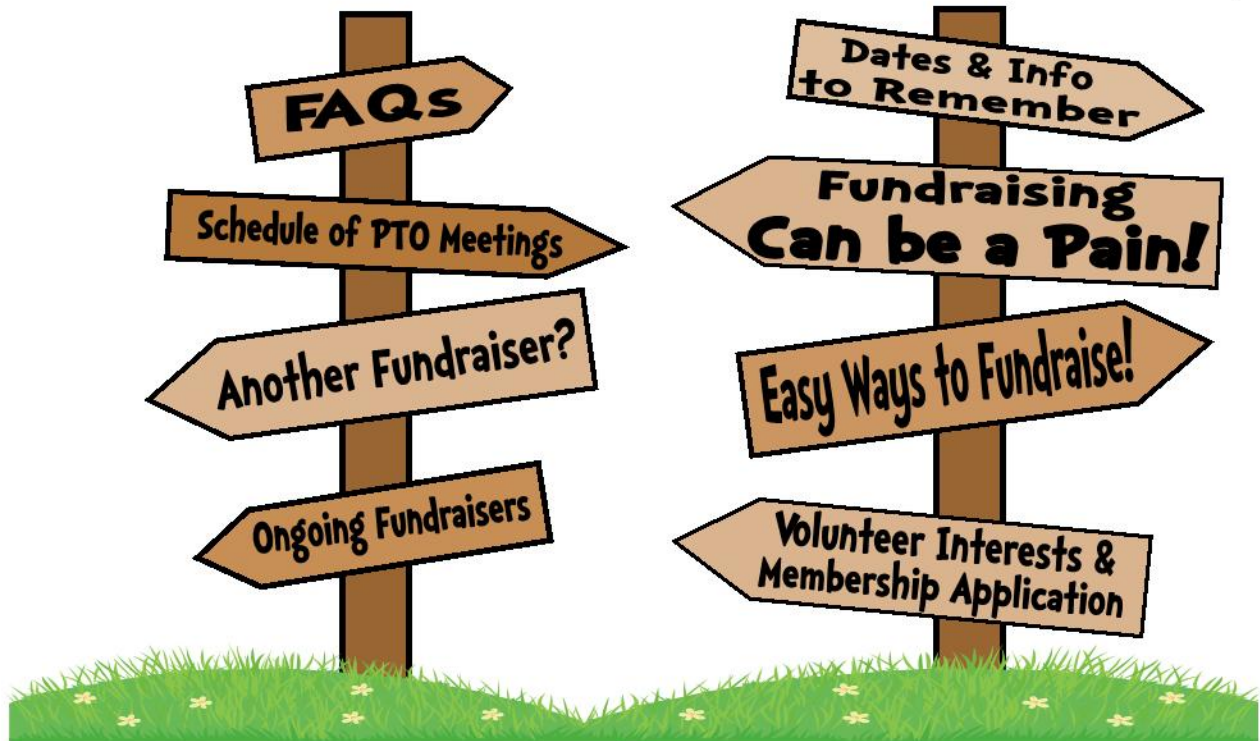
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Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

Dear Families,

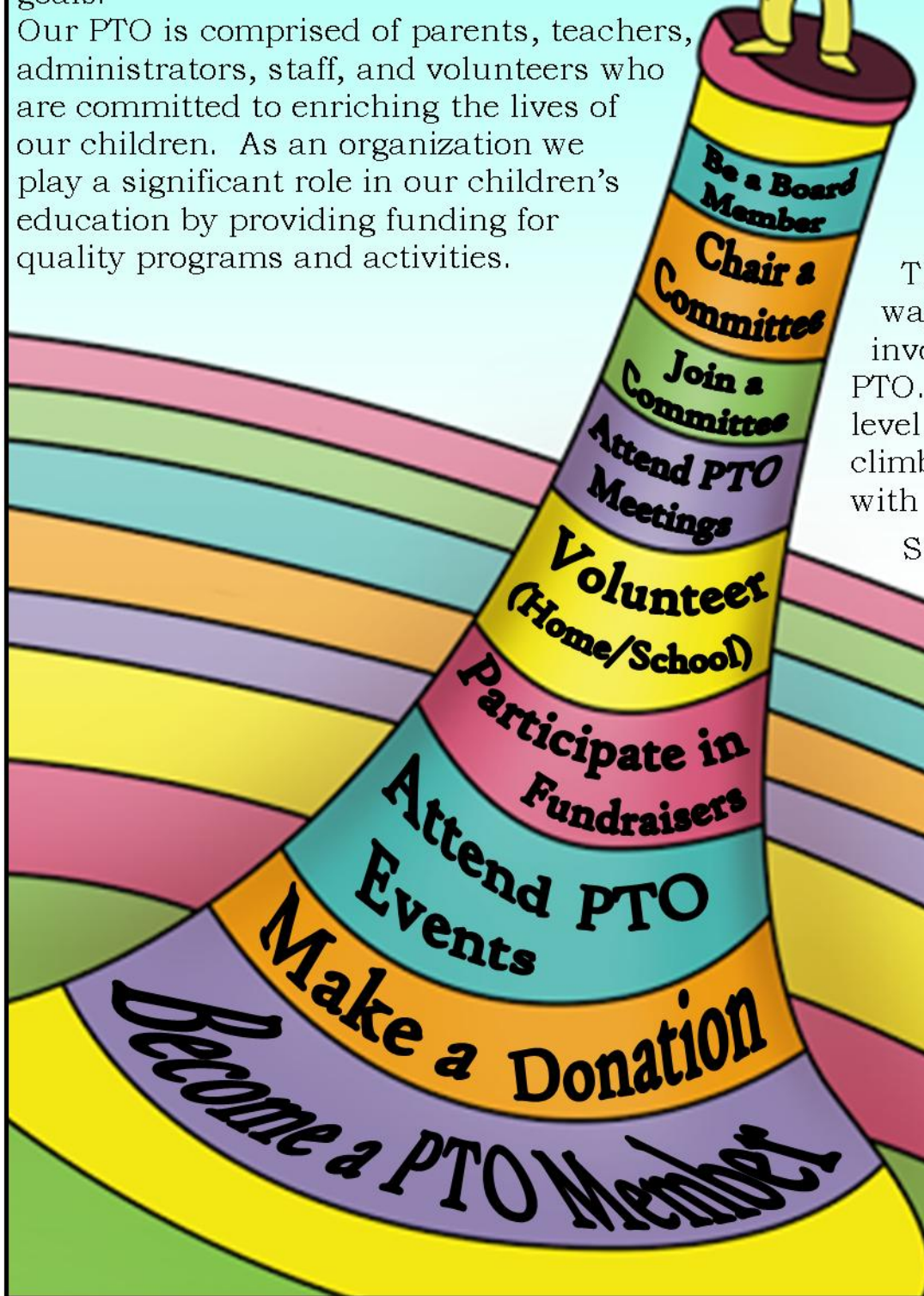
We have lots in store for an exciting year! As members of the HYES PTO, we hope this handbook will provide you with an overview of our organization and will help explain our goals.

Our PTO is comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, staff, and volunteers who are committed to enriching the lives of our children. As an organization we play a significant role in our children's education by providing funding for quality programs and activities.



There are lots of ways to become involved in the HYES PTO. Please find your level of comfort and climb the mountain with us!

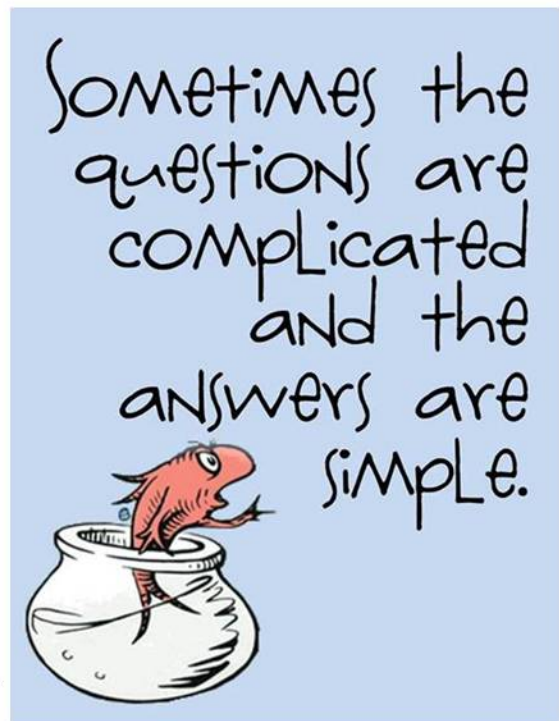
Sincerely,
The HYES PTO



FAQ

Why should I join the PTO?

The number one reason to join the PTO is for your child's success. When children see that we are invested in their education, they learn to value school. Being a part of the PTO allows you to connect with other families, make your voice heard, and stay informed. Furthermore, it can give you the chance to volunteer at school or from home.



How can I be involved?

Involvement comes in all shapes and sizes. If your schedule does not allow for much flexibility, you may find that donating and enjoying PTO sponsored events are the most worthwhile ways to support our schools. We hope many of you will find ways to participate in the vast variety of fundraisers, which drive our programs and events. In addition, we invite you to volunteer. Throughout the year we will be looking for parents to help in school, as well as from home. We hope we can call on you! Lastly, we encourage you to attend PTO meetings and let your voice be heard. You may have a great idea we have yet to discover. Bring your ideas to our meetings and consider joining or chairing a committee. Any amount of involvement is appreciated by our children. Only you can decide what's right for you!

How do I become a PTO Member?

By filling out the Membership Form and sending in your dues, you can become a member. Membership dues are \$15 per family. Stay connected and receive information regarding all PTO happenings. Once you're a member, your level of involvement is up to you!



**Unless someone
like you cares
a whole awful lot,
nothing is going
to get better.
It's not.** Dr. Seuss

You're Invited!

Who? YOU!!!

What? PTO* Meeting

Where? Media Center—Highland/Fritz (Yalesville)

When? Monthly, Wed 6:30pm

Why? Because our children matter!!!

Come share your ideas with our community
of dedicated parents and teachers.

We look forward to working together!

*PTAC Meetings will be held *every other* month prior
to the PTO portion of the meeting.

2017-2018 PTAC/PTO MEETINGS

6:30 PM IN THE MEDIA CENTER

SEPTEMBER W 13 FRITZ (YALESVILLE)

OCTOBER* W 11 FRITZ (YALESVILLE)

NOVEMBER W 15 HIGHLAND

DECEMBER* W 13 HIGHLAND

JANUARY W 10 FRITZ (YALESVILLE)

FEBRUARY* W 21 FRITZ (YALESVILLE)

MARCH W 14 HIGHLAND

APRIL* W 11 HIGHLAND

MAY W 9 FRITZ (YALESVILLE)

JUNE* W 6 FRITZ (YALESVILLE)

*Parent Teacher Advisory Council (PTAC) is a group of parents and teachers who work collaboratively with the superintendent and principals regarding implementation of the strategic plan and all matters regarding the operation of the Wallingford Public School System. Meetings will begin at 6:30 and will be followed by the PTO portion of the meeting.

**What's this?
Another fundraiser?**

YES! Our budget for this year's expenses is \$34,345. We can not raise that much money without a lot of successful fundraisers. Because we don't know if you like green eggs and ham



or if you prefer apple pies, we've chosen a variety of fundraisers to reach our goal. We *do not* expect parents to participate in *every* fundraiser, but we *do* expect that you will use this handbook to choose which ones are right for you. There are so many ways to contribute and be involved. So consider yourself warned and decide how YOU will make a difference! Our children will thank you!

Monetary Donations

Holiday

Shopper

SkyZone Nights

BOX

Clothing Drive

TOPS

Amazon

Shoparoo

Mixed Bags

Yankee Candle

Matched Donations

Volunteer Incentive Programs

GIFT CARD SALE

Membership Drive

Lyman Science
Orchards Center
Pies Tickets

Shopping

Cards:

Stop & Shop

ShopRite

Mr. D's

Cards

Craft

Fall Catalog Fundraiser

Fair

BOOK FAIRS

Mum Sale

Mother's Day

Plant Sale

Ongoing Fundraisers

Mr. D's Ice Cream

Cards

Cards cost \$10 and can be redeemed for

4 small cones/cups at Mr. D's.

Retail Value= \$13

Our schools earn 25%

To order your cards throughout the year,

find the order form online

(hyespto.com) or

contact Kelly Rainey

(kelly.rainey@aol.com).

There are lots of great reasons to order Ice Cream Cards!

Stocking Stuffers • Easter Basket Fillers • Birthdays • Mother's/Father's Day •

Academics use



CT Science Center

Tickets

Everyone pays the kids' rate of \$15 per ticket.

Our PTO earns \$5 per ticket.



Though we've tried our best to organize these events and dates, they may be subject to change! We apologize for any inconvenience.



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SEPTEMBER 2017 DATES & INFO TO REMEMBER

9/5	T	Cherrydale Fundraiser Kick-Off Assembly
9/7	TH	Fritz's Back to School Picnic 5-7 pm (Rain Date 9/8)
9/12-14	T-TH	Highland's Book Fair
9/13	W	PTO Meeting—Fritz 6:30pm
9/14	TH	Highland's Open House 6:30—8:30pm
9/22	F	Cherrydale Fall Fundraiser Orders Due
9/26-28	T-TH	Fritz's Book Fair
9/27	W	Highland's Ice Cream Social 6-8pm
9/28	TH	Mum Fundraiser Orders Due
9/28	TH	Fritz's Open House 6:30—8:30pm

Cherrydale Catalog Fall Fundraiser

This fundraiser includes seasonal wrap options, assorted household and kitchen items, and many other surprises. There is something for everyone in their signature brochures! During the kick-off assembly, students will be motivated by "Forest Friends" incentive prizes! Please take note of the turn-in dates.

In-school Kick Off & Forms Sent Home: Tuesday, Sept. 5th

"Forest Friends" Turn-In Dates: Fridays—9/8, 9/15, 9/22

Orders due: Friday, Sept. 22nd

Pick-Up: Thursday, Oct. 26th 6-8 at Fritz (side entrance)

Contact: Nick Passariello nickpasspto@gmail.com

Beaumont Farms Mum Fundraiser

Preorder mums, cabbages, corn stalks, pumpkins and hay bales for fall decorating.

Forms to be sent home: Friday, Sept. 8th

Orders due: Thurs, Sept. 28th

Pick-Up: Friday, Oct. 6th at Fritz 3:30-6pm

Contact: Shannon Sorvillo (sorvillofamily@att.net)



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OCTOBER 2017 DATES & INFO TO REMEMBER

- 10/6 F Mum Fundraiser Pick-Up—Fritz 3:30-6pm
10/11 W PTAC/PTO Meeting—Fritz 6:30pm
10/16 M Lyman Orchards Fundraiser Due
10/19 TH Sky Zone Fundraiser (**early release day**)
10/20 F Box Tops Deadline for Fall Submission
10/26 TH Cherrydale Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up—Fritz 6-8
(side door entrance)
10/27 F Monster Mash—Sheehan 6-8pm

Lyman Orchards Fundraiser

Order your pies for the holidays!

Forms to be sent home: Monday, October 2nd

Orders due: Monday, Oct. 16th

Pick-up: Thursday, Nov. 2nd from 3:45-6:00 at Fritz

Contact: Cheryl Tansley (ctansley@gaylord.org)

Monster Mash-Oct 27th

Dress in costume and join us for a night of Halloween fun at Sheehan from 6-8pm. Volunteers needed before/during/after. Parents are asked to donate snacks, drinks, & raffle prizes.

Contact: Lynn LaValley (lynnlav1@sbcglobal.net)

Sky Zone Fundraiser—Oct 19th

Don't let your kids bounce off the walls at home! Let them bounce off the walls at Sky Zone and support our schools at the same time! Provided we have a minimum of 50 jumpers throughout the day, Sky Zone will donate 25% of **ALL*** the revenue raised from the sale of jump passes for the ENTIRE day! Jump passes can be purchased on-line or at the door. Contact: Nick Passariello (nickpasspto@gmail.com)

*excluding birthday parties and group events

Box Tops for Education

Continue to clip Box Tops off participating products and send them in a bag/envelope marked "PTO Box Tops."

Fall Submission Deadline: Friday, Oct. 20th

Spring Submission Deadline: Friday, Feb. 16th

End of Year Submission Deadline: Friday, May 18th

Contact: Mary Beth Francy (mbfpto@yahoo.com)



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 DATES & INFO TO REMEMBER

11/2	TH	Pie Pick-up—Fritz 3:45-6pm
11/3	F	PTO Membership Drive deadline
11/3	F	Mixed Bags Fundraiser Due
11/15	W	PTO Meeting—Highland 6:30pm
11/29	W	Gift Card Orders Due
12/2	Sat	Highland Craft Fair 9am-3pm
12/5-7	T-TH	Fritz's Holiday Shoppe
12/7	TH	Gift Card Pick-up—Fritz (side door) 6-8pm
12/12-14	T-TH	Highland's Holiday Shoppe
12/13	W	PTAC/PTO Meeting—Highland 6:30pm

Gift Card Fundraiser

Purchase gift cards from stores and restaurants you frequent regularly or to give as gifts for upcoming birthdays or the holidays. Our schools earn 2-20% in profits.

For a list of retailers, go to www.glscrip.com.

Forms to be sent home: Tues, November 14th

Orders Due: Wed, November 29th

Pick-Up: Thurs, December 7th 6-8pm Fritz (side door)

Contact: Megan Malanson (megmalanson@yahoo.com)

Mixed Bags—Fall Catalog

Mixed Bags is a green fundraiser with eco-chic reusable bags and so much more! Check out the new designs for the fall.

www.mixedbagdesigns.com

Forms to be sent home: Friday, October 13th

Orders due: Friday, Nov. 3rd

Delivery: Orders will be sent home with students unless otherwise arranged. Delivery will be in time for the holidays.

Contact: Shannon Sorvillo (sorvillofamily@att.net)

Highland Craft Fair

Come shop at the Highland Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9am-3pm. With over 60 crafters, you're sure to find something for everyone on your holiday wish list!

We'll need volunteers before, during, & after the fair!

Contact: Mrs. Hajjar (DHajjar@wallingfordschools.org)

Miss Denya (ADenya@wallingfordschools.org)

Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe

Students can shop for their family during school hours, giving them a great sense of independence and pride. It's one of the few times \$10 is more than enough, as students can easily purchase five or six inexpensive gift items for loved ones.

We hope you can volunteer to help our little shoppers!

Fritz: Tues, Dec. 5th-Thurs, Dec. 7th

Highland: Tues, Dec. 12th –Thurs, Dec. 14th

Contact: Nilvio Perez (Nilvio.perez1@gmail.com)



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018 DATES & INFO TO REMEMBER

1/10	W	PTO Meeting—Fritz 6:30pm
2/2	F	Sweetheart Dance (snow date 2/9)
2/8	TH	Yankee Candle Fundraiser Due
2/16	F	Box Tops Deadline--Spring Submission
2/21	W	PTAC/PTO Meeting—Fritz 6:30pm

Box Tops for Education

Continue to clip Box Tops off participating products and send them in a bag/envelope marked "PTO Box Tops."

Spring Submission Deadline: Friday, Feb. 16th

End of Year Submission Deadline: Friday, May 18th

(Box Tops collected after this time will be submitted next year.)

www.boxtops4education.com

Contact: Mary Beth Francy (mbfpto@yahoo.com)

Sweetheart Dance-Feb. 2nd

Highland and Fritz girls are invited to bring their special valentine (dad, grandpa, uncle) to this dance. Flowers, DJ, raffles, photos, hair and makeup will be available. (Snow date: 2/9)

Parents are asked to donate snacks, drinks, and raffle prizes.

We hope we can count on you to make this night a special one!

Contact: Shannon Sorvillo (sorvillofamily@att.net)

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Order your favorite fragrances and candle accessories from Yankee Candle. More than just candles, this fundraiser also includes plants, magazines, and gourmet popcorn. You'll find something for everyone!

Catalogs will be sent home in January and delivery will be early in March.

Orders Due: Thursday, Feb. 8th

Pick-up: Highland Foyer, date & time TBD

Contact: Mrs. Hajjar (DHajjar@wallingfordschools.org)



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MARCH/APRIL 2018 DATES & INFO TO REMEMBER

3/14	W	PTO Meeting—Highland 6:30pm
3/13	T	Sky Zone Fundraiser (<u>early release day</u>)
4/11	W	PTAC/PTO Meeting—Fritz 6:30pm
April (Date TBD)		Fritz's Book Fair

Sky Zone Fundraiser—March 13th

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WE NEED YOU!!!!

Volunteering opportunities coming up in May: Teacher Appreciation Week and Plant Sale



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MAY/JUNE 2018 DATES & INFO TO REMEMBER

5/7-5/11	M-F	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/7-5/11	M-F	Mother's Day Plant Sale
5/9	W	PTO Meeting—Fritz 6:30pm
5/18	F	Box Tops Deadline—End of Year Submission
5/25	F	Highland's Field Day
6/1	F	Fritz's Field Day
6/6	W	PTAC/PTO Meeting—Fritz 6:30pm

Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 7th to Friday, May 11^h

Show our wonderful teachers how much we appreciate them by pampering them throughout the week! We will be looking for many volunteers to help make this a successful event!

Contact: Mary Beth Francy (mbfpto@yahoo.com)

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Monday, May 7th to Friday, May 11th

A wide variety of flowers, herbs, and vegetables will be available from Beaumont Farms.

We will also be featuring Teacher Appreciation Gift Cards.

Children and parents can show their appreciation by presenting their teachers with a gift card to pick out a plant.

Contact: Shannon Sorvillo (sorvillofamily@att.net)

Field Days

Highland—Friday, May 25th

Fritz—Friday, June 1st



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Although we know that fundraising *can* be a PAIN,
When we fundraise, just LOOK what our children GAIN!

cultural events

classroom Monster Mash

contributions

literacy nights

math nights

student folders

library donations

bus orientation

Ice

Cream

Social



field trips

Sweetheart Dance

appreciation week

FIELD DAY

student planners

gaga ball pit

5th grade activities

Back to School Picnic

activities

Kindergarten orientation &

staff

Easy Ways to Fundraise!

Box Tops for Education When you clip Box Tops from participating products and send them to school in a marked bag or envelope, our schools earn money. Last year we earned almost \$1,000 and with your help we hope to increase that to \$1,500. Look for Box Tops on a variety of products like General Mills Cereals, Avery Office supplies, Green Giant produce, Hanes T-shirts, and more.



Program details and a list of products can be found at boxtops4education.com.

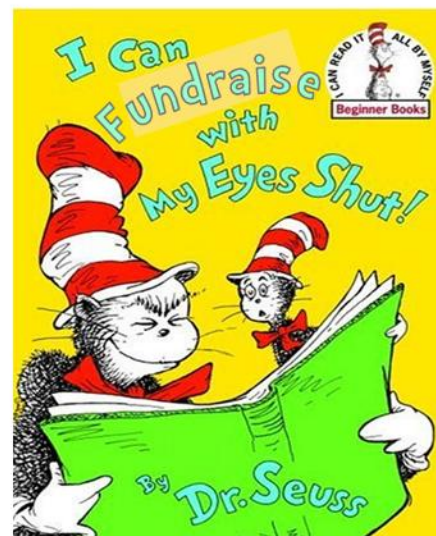
Matched Donation/Volunteer Incentive Programs Does your employer have any programs that could help our schools? HYES PTO is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) and can benefit from such programs. In the past we have received donations from Travelers, Verizon, Aetna, and Anthem. Please check to see if your employer offers programs like this and consider helping our PTO. Contact a board member if you have questions or can help.



Amazon The HYES PTO is an Amazon affiliate! Help our schools by visiting www.hyespto.com and clicking on the Amazon link *before* placing your order online. Or you can go directly to Smile.Amazon.com and link your account to the PTO by selecting the organization name (Yalesville Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization). When you do so, our PTO will earn a percentage of your order.



Please encourage family and friends to get involved in these EASY fundraisers!



Oh the wonderful way you'll feel, you hear?
If you just go out and volunteer...

A bird... a worm... a guzzle-bivvit,
Could all use some help if you'll just give it;

You might say "No! Not!! No Way!"

"I've nothing to give - not today anyway!"

But you'll see if you look deep inside of you,
You've lots to give!

It's true! You do!

Dr. Seuss



BE A VOLUNTEER!

Please check off any volunteering interests below that suit you.
Checking off interests **DOES NOT** commit you.

When a need for volunteers arises, we will send you an email to see if you're available.

- I would like to be emailed whenever **ANY** volunteering options become available.
- In-School Events (A couple of daytime hours to work Book Fair/ Holiday Shoppe/ Plant Sale)
- Photo Copying/Notice Distribution (Daytime hours to copy notices & distribute to mailboxes)
- Baking/Food Prep
- Family Events
(e.g. Monster Mash, Sweetheart Dance)
- At Home Tasks
(e.g. Box Tops, Data Entry)
- Craft Fair
(Assistance Before/During/After)
- Fundraiser Distribution
(Assist with organizing/distributing orders)

MEMBERSHIP FORM



HYES PTO Membership

Please support the 2017-2018

PTO Membership Drive

Together we can make a difference!

If you are interested in making your child(ren)'s school year the very best it can be, please send in the form below and start our year off right! **Membership is \$15 per family** and goes directly to the students, as it is used to fund many of the PTO sponsored events and programs. As a member, you are part of a community of dedicated individuals, but **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER**. Once you join, you will be added to our email list and we will keep you updated regarding PTO events.

Membership dues (\$15) should accompany the form below in an envelope marked "PTO Dues" or you can use the **DONATE** button on our website (hyespto.com) to join and/or make a donation.

Questions? Contact: Kelly Raihey kelly.raihy@aol.com

Checks can be made payable to "HYES P.T.O." (\$20 fee for returned checks!)

We would love to have you signed up by Friday, November 3rd!



Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)		
Email:		
Phone Number(s):		
Child's Name:	Grade:	Teacher:
Child's Name:	Grade:	Teacher:
Child's Name:	Grade:	Teacher:
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Dues enclosed \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Dues submitted online \$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation enclosed \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation submitted online \$ _____		

Joining PTO gives you the OPTION to volunteer, but you are NOT REQUIRED to volunteer.