



## 2023-2024 HYES PTO Welcome Letter

Welcome students, families and staff to the 2023-2024 school year! To our returning and new families, we hope you all had a wonderful summer. Through hosting events and fundraisers, we aim to fulfill our mission of supporting our students, school and staff by enriching and supplementing their educational experience. We are excited to begin our working partnership with you to make this a fantastic year!

We have many fun things planned for the upcoming year! In the Fall, we are looking forward to starting off the new year with the Ice Cream Social and our Halloween event. In addition, be on the lookout for fundraisers such as Raise Craze, Book Fair, Fall Plant Sale, Lyman Orchard Pies, and more.

Fundraiser earnings go toward funding additional programs, equipment/supplies, and services not covered in the school budget. Throughout the year, we will support items such as Literacy and Math Committees, Supplies for classroom specialists, Cultural Events and/or Activities, Field Trips, and more, to enhance our students' learning experience. Last year, for example, we were able to sponsor a "Meet the Author" event and the "World of Wonder" assembly for the students. Furthermore, we were able to purchase assignment pads and school folders in addition to supporting both Highland and Mary G. Fritz in a myriad of other ways.

A quick glance at Winter/Spring, we will be hosting Bingo Night, the Sweetheart Dance, and another Quinnipiac basketball game! Also, we will assist in funding 5th Grade Activities and participating in Staff Appreciation Week. Lastly, and everyone's favorite, Field Day will close out our year. We sponsored these events last year with raging success and look forward to doing even more this year!

Our PTO holds monthly meetings, rotating in the schools' libraries, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting dates for this year are: 09/13, 10/11, 11/08, 12/13, 01/10, 02/07, 03/06, 04/17, 05/08 and 06/05. Our first meeting will be at Mary G. Fritz, October will be at Highland and we will rotate from there for the remainder of the year. Meetings held during the even months (October, December, February, etc.) will start with PTAC, and PTO will immediately follow. We are looking for your participation in our meetings, our events, or any time you can volunteer! Our parent participation is the backbone of our organization, please consider getting involved!

We encourage everyone to "like" us on Facebook (search: *Highland Yalesville PTO*), keep checking in at our website ([www.HYESPTO.com](http://www.HYESPTO.com)), and have your family become an official member of the PTO. Membership is \$15 per family, and dues go directly towards funding these well-loved, popular activities. Thank you in advance for your support!

We wish everyone a safe, happy and successful school year ahead!

With gratitude,

Allison Scott (co-President), Erin Huckle (co-President), Stephanie Sheades (co-Vice President), Tanya White (co-Vice President), Kelly Rainey (co-Secretary), Erica Vitale (co-Secretary), Erica Ung (co-Treasurer) & Priscilla Upchurch (co-Treasurer)