



## 2021-2022 HYES PTO Welcome Letter

Welcome students, parents, teachers and staff to the 2021-2022 school year. Now that the guidelines for the schools are coming into focus we can share the PTO plans for the upcoming year. As we know with so much nowadays everything is subject to change, but we wanted to share our initial plans.

Generally we are approaching the year knowing most of the activities in the first half of the year will need to be cancelled, particularly any activities that would require the use of the building and/or social activities. Items we are planning to cancel this year include: Back to School Picnic, Ice Cream Social, Monster Mash, and Craft Fair.

At the start of the year we are bringing back Raise Craze, which we did last year for the first time. This activity is all about the students performing Acts of Kindness in their schools, homes, and community. We hope everyone participates and performs some Acts of Kindness regardless of whether they want to do any fundraising.

We are optimistically planning for things to go back to normal in the second half of the year and hope we can still do activities like the Sweetheart Dance, a Boys Night Out, 5th Grade Activities, and of course Field Day.

We are still planning to support items throughout the year like the Literacy Committees, Specials Class Supplies, Cultural Events/Activities, and Health and Wellness support when they are permitted by health guidelines.

We are working through the logistics on a couple of our most popular fundraisers like the Book Fair, Fall/Spring Plant Sale, Gift Card Fundraiser, Lyman Orchard Pies, and Penguin Patch. We will try to do as much virtually as possible and will schedule distributions from outside of the school when necessary.

The meeting dates for this year are: 09/08/21, 10/13/21, 11/10/21, 12/08/21, 01/12/22, 02/09/22, 03/09/22, 04/20/22, 05/11/22, 06/08/22. All meetings start at 6:30. Meetings on even months will start with PTAC and PTO will immediately follow. All meetings will be held virtually until further notice and links to the meetings will be shared on or just before the meeting date.

We encourage everyone to Like us on Facebook (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 so you can stay up to date on everything going on. Membership is \$15 per family, and dues go directly towards funding these well-loved, popular activities. Become a member today by going to the homepage of our website to fill out the membership form and pay your dues.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!  
HYES PTO Board