



HSD PTA COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

December 2020

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

SAVE THE DATE FOUNDER'S DAY VIRTUAL EVENT FEBRUARY 4TH, 2021

Mark your calendars for the Hazelwood Founder's Day Event on Thursday, February 4th, 2021. This will be a virtual program coordinated by the Hazelwood School District and the Hazelwood PTA Council with input from our host school, East High School. All PTA Units were sent an Information Packet via email last week. Contact [us](#) if you need it resent.

Our Annual Founder's Day event celebrates each building Teacher of the Year, District Teacher of the Year, and Support Staff of the Year. We also highlight the founding of PTA and we recognize the scholarship donations from our PTA Units and Community Partners. We will need each PTA Unit's help to make our event a success!

We are asking each PTA Unit who would like to donate to our Scholarship Fund to create a short video with the following criteria:

- Identify yourself and the PTA Unit/School you are representing.
- Hold your check and report how much money you have raised and are donating.
- Have fun and be creative! Keep videos to 10-15 seconds long. Please follow all Covid-19 safety protocols if your video includes more than one person (wear masks and social distance or meet via Zoom).

Videos should be emailed to hsdcommunications@hazelwoodschoools.org by December 18th.



Upcoming Events

12/10 (THURSDAY)
 MOPTA HUDDLE
[9 AM](#) OR [7 PM](#)

12/12 (SATURDAY)
 MOPTA LEADERSHIP

SERIES:NOMINATING COMMITTEE
[9:30 - 10:30 AM](#)

12/15 (TUESDAY)
 BOE MEETING
 6:30 PM

12/17 (THURSDAY)
 PTA COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
 6:30 PM
[ZOOM LINK](#)

12/18
 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FD VIDEOS
 TO HSD COMMUNICATIONS

12/21 - 1/1
 WINTER BREAK
 CLASSES RESUME 1/4

MOPTA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Missouri PTA has several learning opportunities coming up:

The first is a Huddle meeting on **December 10th**. This meeting via Zoom is open to all PTA members and offers a chance to network and share ideas/concerns with other PTA members from across the state.

Register for either the [9am](#) or [7pm](#) session.

The second opportunity is the latest in the MOPTA Leadership series. The topic will be Nominating Committees.

This webinar will take place over Zoom on **December 12th from 9:30 - 10:30 am**. Click [here](#) for registration.



Is Your PTA Unit in Good Standing?

What does it mean to be a PTA Unit in Good Standing? There are certain criteria and tasks that a PTA Unit must complete; when a unit is in good standing then that unit and their students are eligible for any State and National PTA awards and grants. Here is the Good Standing checklist:

- **Submit Membership dues to MOPTA by the first of each month.** As your unit signs up new members make sure you are then submitting those dues to MOPTA. Use [this link](#) for online dues submission.
- **Send Year-end Financial Review & Report to MOPTA by 12/1.** Here are a few helpful tutorials: [MOPTA \\$afe & \\$ecure workshop](#) and [HSD PTA F.R.Y.E.R.S. workshop](#). Click on [this link](#) for printable and online financial forms.
- **File your 990 N e-postcard with the IRS by 11/15 and send verification to MOPTA by 12/1.** Click [here](#) to file your e-postcard online.
- **Report new officers or officer changes to MOPTA.** This information needs to be sent by 3/31, even if your officers are same as the previous year. Use [this link](#) to submit officer information.
- **Review and update by-laws every 3 years.** If you are not sure when your by-laws are due for review, contact us at hsdptacouncil@gmail.com - we also have a copy of all units' by-laws.

If this checklist seems overwhelming, don't worry! The Hazelwood PTA Council can assist you with ANY of these tasks, just reach out to us by emailing us at hsdptacouncil@gmail.com.

MOPTA
Huddle
ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, DEC 10
9:00 AM OR 7:00 PM
BYOC (BRING YOUR OWN COOKIE/RECIPE)
WE LOVE OUR PTA FAMILY AND ARE WANTING TO SPEND A LITTLE TIME GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE COMING TO YOUR INBOX SOON!
Bring your stories/questions/comfy sweater or slippers...

The graphic features a teal background with white snowflakes and a white pine tree silhouette at the bottom. The text is in various fonts, including a large, bold, sans-serif font for 'MOPTA' and a cursive font for 'Huddle'. The event details are in a clean, sans-serif font.



Parent U

Engaging Families • Supporting Schools • Building Community Access

Parent U is a wonderful resource provided by the Hazelwood School District; the goal of Parent U is to empower families and provide the tools necessary to support their children in the learning process.

Parent U achieves this through information workshops and videos. In addition to the many Zoom workshops planned, there are also pre-recorded videos available. Topics include Virtual Learning Support, Social-Emotional Learning Tips, College and Career Planning, Pre-K - 3rd Grade Holiday Crafts, and much more! Click on the following links for more information:

- [Parent U Informational Page](#)
- [Parent U Calendar of Upcoming Events](#)
- [Parent U Pre-recorded Videos](#)
- [Parent U Facebook Page](#)

HELPFUL LINKS:

[Hazelwood PTA Council](#)

[Hazelwood School District](#)

[Contact HSD PTA Council](#)

[Missouri PTA](#)

[Donate to HSD PTA Council](#)

[National PTA](#)

HELP HAZELWOOD GET HEALTHY CONTEST

As part of HSD's continuing Help Hazelwood Get Healthy campaign, the District will be sponsoring contests to help engage the community. The first contest is open to all Hazelwood students and employees and calls for submissions of posters, poems or videos inspired by the Get Healthy campaign. The contest is open from December 1st to January 8th and 15 student and 5 employee winners will be selected and will receive a \$50 gift card from the Hazelwood NEA. Click [here](#) for complete guidelines.

HELP HAZELWOOD GET HEALTHY!



The Help Hazelwood Get Healthy campaign encourages everyone to wear masks, wash their hands, and practice social distancing. Since March, the zip codes Hazelwood School District serves have been ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic. Medical research shows there is a connection between the overall health of a community and the level of health in school settings within that community.

