



# *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 the 2022-2023 school year. As we enter a new school year, we understand that some students, teachers, and parents may be faced with hesitancy and anxiety coming back into the school. Starting this special year together still facing 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 this school year. Endeavors include, but are not limited to, Welcome Back Ice Cream Social, Chalk the Walk, Fall Pumpkin Decorating, 3rd Annual Run-A-Thon, Holiday Fundraisers, Dine and Donates, Educational Assemblies, Butterfly Garden, 2nd Annual Black Top Bash at the end of the school year, and our Inaugural Haviland Haunted House! We will continue with the fundraisers that were successful in the past including our Thanksgiving Pie Sale, Fall Scholastic Book Fair, Holiday Wreath Sale, School Supply Boxes, Spiritwear sale, Pretzel sales, Run-A-Thon, 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.

This year the PTA plans to put our fundraiser earnings towards activities for students, a sensory hallway, technology updates for the school, student assemblies/activities, 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 an all school service project for Martin Luther King Day in January and year long Ronald McDonald project.

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 held the last Tuesday of each month and will alternate between Haviland Media Center and Mansion Media Center. This is new this year, and together with the Mansion PTA, we felt that having combined meetings will help with parent/guardians busy schedules! 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: Melissa Nunez, Vice President; Angel D'Achille, Treasurer; Carrie Fegley, Corresponding Secretary; Rachel Negro, 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 Ms. Ledyard, Superintendent Davis, Ms. Chilsolm, 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.

Raye Martin, HAS PTA President