



## President's Update

We are off and running with the new school year! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Back to School Staff Luncheon. The bounty was abundant and it was a great way to welcome back our staff and kick off the year!

One of the new things we are trying to introduce this year for the PTA is episodic volunteering - a way to be "one and done"! We know your time is limited and a year-long commitment isn't always possible, so we are trying to break volunteer opportunities up into smaller bite-sized tasks giving more families an opportunity to get involved in small ways. Some of these tasks will be in the building (ie: helping to label art for the District Art Show) and some will be around town (ie: hanging scarecrows) and some will be "take home" projects (ie: organizing projects for Art Appreciation). We hope that by trying to offer these smaller, more manageable tasks to the broader community, we will foster more volunteerism and provide more member satisfaction.

**These opportunities will be send through Sign-Up Genius eblasts to paid PTA members ONLY.** The way to be informed about these opportunities is to join the PTA at [www.fairhavenpta.com](http://www.fairhavenpta.com).

In addition, some of our larger committees are still looking for volunteers during the year. Please be on the lookout for **committee sign up sheets with your class parents or visit the PTA tables in the APR at Sickles and Knollwood on Back to School Night.** There you can learn about volunteer committees and sign up for more information. We will also be hosting a table every Friday at Sickles pick-up from now through October to answer questions about getting involved.

I hope you will join us to hear more about our plans for the school year at our first general meeting on **Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm upstairs at Nauvoo.** Please join us for light bites, an opportunity to chat with Mr. McNeil, Mrs. Romano and Mrs. Cuddihy and learn more about the PTA's upcoming volunteer opportunities.

I look forward to working with all of you this year, because together we can do more!



Christine Hayden

2017-2018 PTA President

## **News**

### **PTA Membership Info**

PTA membership for the 2017-18 school year is available for purchase now! Your support helps bring curriculum-based programs to our schools, and keeps you connected to friends-new and old-with the Paperless PTO Directory app. Renew your membership by logging in to your account at [www.fairhavenpta.com](http://www.fairhavenpta.com) or stop by the PTA tables at Sickles and Knollwood Back to School Night or at Friday pick-up at Sickles for instructions.



### **The Harvest Fest Scarecrows Are Coming!**

Now that the kids are in school, are you looking for a quick PTA volunteer opportunity? Help the Harvest Fest Committee hang scarecrows around town on **Friday, September 29 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am**. This is a great way to get involved with the PTA if you only have a few hours to spare, PLUS it's always a fun morning!

So grab your coffee and some scissors and help decorate the town for fall! Feel free to bring a friend or come solo! If you're solo, we'll pair you up with a scarecrow pro! Sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4aadaa22a20-harvest>

Information and instructions are at the top of the Sign Up Genius.

### **Class Parents**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a PTA Class Parent this year! Once again, we had overwhelming interest in this role but had to limit it to two class parents per room. We hope to offer more hands-on opportunities for parents during the school year. If you were not selected, we encourage you to reach out to the class parents in your room to offer assistance where you can throughout the year.

### **Family Portrait Fundraiser**

Thank you for your support of this annual fundraiser! There are still a few slots available. The Sign-Up Genius links are below. Remember, you must return your \$50 sitting fee to secure your spot.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949a5ad2ba1f49-family1>

### **Shop & Give Back Partners**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Chipotle Night - October 4**

Don't cook on October 4 and support the Fair Haven PTA! Dine in or order out at Chipotle in Red Bank from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, October 4 and a portion of proceeds will be donated back to the PTA.

#### **PTA General Membership Meeting - October 12**

Join the PTA to kick off the 2017-2018 school year on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm upstairs at Nauvoo. There will be a meet and greet with Mr. McNeil, Mrs. Cuddihy and Mrs. Romano as well information on ways to get involved with the PTA this year.

#### **Harvest Fest - October 14**

Join us for the PTA's annual Harvest Fest on **Saturday, October 14 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Knollwood**. There will be a DJ - Games for All Ages - Mini Golf - Food - Inflatables for All Ages - Petting Zoo - Pony Rides - Obstacle Course - Ice Cream Truck - Baked Treats & MORE! **And don't forget the annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest (\$3 entry fee)! Drop off your pumpkin between 10:00-11:00am day**

***of Harvest Fest.*** Decorate a pumpkin to place in our Harvest Fest Patch. Everyone attending the event votes and 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes are awarded at 3:15.

### **PTA Funded Programming**

#### **Sickles Professional Development - Arts Integration Into Science & Math**

The PTA is delighted to be able to partially fund professional development at Sickles this October. Sickles had the opportunity through our partnership with the Count Basie Theatre to bring in Marcia Daft to train our staff. Marcia Daft is the Founder and Artistic Director of *Moving Through Math* and *Moving Through Science*. Her programs bring arts integrated learning to life in the classroom. She will give an overview to our teachers about arts integration related to science and math. Teachers will actively participate in the sessions and there will be time for reflection. This directly correlates to our work with arts integration and supports our efforts with our new science and math curricula.

### **Collections & Drives**

#### **Box Tops**

We will once again be collecting Box Tops to raise money for the PTA. The class with the most Box Tops at the end of each semester will win a prize, so don't forget to send them to your classroom teacher.