



## A Message From Our New Principal and Vice Principal...

We cannot believe a month of school has already gone by. We are so excited about working with such a wonderful group of students, staff and parents.

We are slowly in the process of trying to learn the names of over 750 students. Our goal is to try to have them mostly learned by the end of this school year. Please wish us luck. For this newsletter we just wanted to share a few things that are happening that we hope will help continue to build a strong sense of community at Hage.

### Panther Bucks

Hopefully your child has shared with you the new Panther Buck System at Hage. This system is to help us reinforce "The Hage Way" and the 10 character traits that we will be focusing on each month. For September we focused on Civility and now for October we will focus on Kindness. The panther bucks will be given to students when they demonstrate actions related to a character trait or when doing something that I find helpful to others and the school. Some examples are picking up trash during snack and lunch, being a games coach to show younger students the appropriate way to play games or handle equipment and walking to and from locations to ensure that we are always safe when moving around the school. The panther bucks can be used at our student store which is open for grades 1-5 during recess on Tuesdays and for grade K on Fridays during recess. The items for the student store are either purchased by us or donated by parents (example: pencils, boxes of crayons, small toys from Big Lots, etc.). The only thing we do not have is candy. The other way to use the Panther Bucks is to save 20 for a lunch with us. The child will receive a letter to present to you with the date and time of the Panther Buck Lunch. We will provide dessert.

### Friday Morning Opening

Another community building idea we have started is our Hage Morning Opening. This is when the school comes together by the lunch court at the beginning of the day on Fridays to do the pledge and to hear messages from us and fellow students. This will also be a time to remind students about the character trait and school wide events. The morning openings usually last for about 10 minutes and then the K-3 students head over to the kinder playground for dance fitness. Parents are welcomed to stay to hear our opening whenever they have the time.

### Safety

We are doing well with our new drop off/pick up system. We are now averaging 10 minutes to get most of the cars exiting out on either Galvin or Westview Parkway. Please remember that if you park in our dirt field, you can exit out to Galvin. We also need to remind parents about being safe at all times when dropping or picking up your child. Please do not have them run across Westview Parkway or drop or pick up in the middle of the street. We also need you to remind your child to be by the fence if they are being picked up at our pick up area on the dirt field. This will help with them getting to you in a timely manner. WE STILL NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS SYSTEM. If you can give up 30 minutes before school or after school to volunteer, this will help keep our system efficient. Please contact Mr. T..

### Student Recognition

We will have our first student recognition on Friday, October 16 at 7:45am. Teachers will be notifying parents with a parent letter. This assembly will be for the parents and family of the students being recognized. We will have treats following the assembly and an opportunity for one picture that will be placed on the wall in the school office.

-Mr. T and Mrs. Sandoval

## From our PTA President...

Dear Hage Families,

Hage Elementary is very lucky to have an incredible group of women who make up the Hage PTA Board of Directors. These women volunteer their time and energy throughout the year planning, preparing, and raising money for the events that make Hage such a family-friendly school. If you are interested in being part of this team, please let us know and we will help you get involved!

The most important component of a great school such as Hage is our families. We hope to see all of you this year - whether it be helping out in the classrooms, selling tickets at the Fall Festival, stapling Tuesday packets or helping out at many of the other events that will be held throughout the year. Even if you don't have time to be on campus there are many ways you can support Hage PTA.

- Join the PTA - fill out a membership envelope and enclose \$10. I encourage each and every family to become part of the Hage PTA. Joining the PTA doesn't mean that you have to be at all of the meetings or all of the events...it means being part of the Hage Family.
- Support our fundraising events. Do you know that the school receives a percentage of all the sales of the Fall Fundraiser? You can even have people order on the internet and our school receives a percentage of the sale.
- Volunteer to help out at events such as the Fall Festival, ArtCorp, or Jog-a-thon (just to name a few)!
- Join us at our monthly Restaurant Fundraisers where Hage families take over the restaurants for an enjoyable evening. Don't forget your flyer!
- Save your box tops, ink cartridges, and cell phones and turn them into the school. We can turn them in for money or educational items to be used at Hage.

The bottom line is that the Hage PTA cannot run all of our events and support all of our programs without support from ALL of the Hage families. There are approximately 16 people on the Board of Directors and 760 students - we can't do it alone! Please step up to the plate: volunteer your time, your energy, your resources and/or your money to help us enhance our children's learning experiences at Hage. Your children will love to have you on campus because it shows them that you value their education.

I welcome all of you to a fabulous year on behalf of the 2009-2010 Hage PTA and invite you to join us and make it even bigger and better!

Jessica Peterson, Hage PTA President 2009-2010 email: teacherjessica@san.rr.com

### October Events

Thursday, October 8th  
PTA General Meeting  
7:45-Staff Lounge/  
Muffins for Moms

Friday, October 9th  
Fall Festival 5-9 PM



Monday, Oct 12th  
Fall Fundraiser Turn-in Date

Friday, October 16th  
Student Recognition

October 19-23:  
RED RIBBON WEEK:

Monday, Oct 19: Kick off with red bracelets to wear the whole week

Tuesday, Oct 20: Don't let drugs burst your bubble! Wearing your bracelet will earn you bubbles!

Wed., Oct 21: Put a "cap" on drugs-wear a hat to school and your bracelet for a red ribbon bookmark!

Thurs., Oct 22: Hugs not drugs-bring a stuffed animal to school and wear your bracelet for a red ribbon week pencil.

Friday, Oct 23: Use your head, wear red! Wear your bracelet too and earn an animal head eraser!

Thursday, Oct 22nd  
Picture Day....SMILE!



First PTA General Meeting Thursday, October 8th in the Staff Lounge 7:45 AM All are welcome to the first meeting of the year where we will discuss programs for the year, approve our 2009-2010 PTA budget, A/C, and parking-student drop-off and pick-up. Come for the meeting then stay for Muffins for Moms!



**MUFFINS FOR MOMS** Calling all moms! Come read to your child's class Thursday, October 8th at 8AM. Join us in the teacher's lounge for a muffin and coffee before or after reading.



Friday, October 9th from 5-9 PM

**Join us for food, games, and fun!**

\$8 Wristbands for unlimited carnival games and attractions

Don't forget to donate a cake for the cake walk! Get a jump start on your holiday shopping with our Hage Family home businesses and drafts.

Interested in volunteering or selling at the festival? Contact Lillian Liberto at [drilil1@yahoo.com](mailto:drilil1@yahoo.com).

The Hage Fall Fundraiser is in progress!!! Please turn in your orders by Monday, October 12th!



Box tops for Education is a great way to earn cash for our school! At 10 cents a piece, if every child at Hage just collected 10 box tops for the whole year, Hage would receive at least \$750! So clip it, save it, and send them in!!

Hage will also benefit from used ink cartridges, Campbell soup labels and old cell phones, and empty Capri Sun pouches. For more info, see [www.hagepta.com](http://www.hagepta.com) or contact Wendy Merila at [merila71@aol.com](mailto:merila71@aol.com).



Our first restaurant fundraiser was October 1st at Pat and Oscars. Thank you to all the families who dined there and raised money for the school! Our next restaurant fundraiser is being planned, so look out for our next flyer!



We got spirit...how 'bout you!! Now you can with Hage spirit wear. Check out the designs and styles at [www.hagepta.com](http://www.hagepta.com), print out the order form and drop off your order and payment to the front office. Spirit wear will also be available for sale during school functions such as student recognition days, the fall festival or family nights.

Spirit wear is great for field trips and every Friday is a spirit day!! Wearing your savvy spirit wear will get you a spot in the front of the line at lunch on Fridays....so get your spirit now with spirit wear! Questions? Email Erin Bejarano at [bejaranos@hotmail.com](mailto:bejaranos@hotmail.com).

Hage is going green! Watch for a flyer coming home soon to see how you can "go electronic" and help Hage save trees!



We welcome Art Corps back to Hage this year with lots of enthusiasm for the coming year! Last week was our orientation for parents volunteering for this program and it was wonderful seeing so many new faces! Art Corps is a program that brings art to the students. Parents take classes right here at Hage and teach what they learn to the students. It's a great way to spend time with your child's class and if you are interested, please contact Chasity Liew at [chasityliew@yahoo.com](mailto:chasityliew@yahoo.com) or talk to your child's teacher. The success of this program depends on the parent volunteers so please join us!!! You'll love it!!



We are on the web at [www.hagepta.com](http://www.hagepta.com)! Check us out for updated information, prepay lunches, school calendar and much more! In an effort to go green at Hage, lots of information about Hage will be posted here so check it often to keep up to date!!!

Volunteering at Hage....New regulations have been implemented this school year for volunteering at Hage. Please come to the office to fill out a new application form. Even though you have filled out a form in previous years, there is a new form that everyone who helps at Hage, whether in the classroom or for field trips, must fill out. Also a current TB test must be on file with the school nurse. The nurse is available on Wednesdays to administer the test and she will read the result on the following Friday. TB tests are good for 4 years.



Join us Friday mornings after you drop off the kids for the FRIDAY STAPLING CLUB in Room 25 to help put the Tuesday packets together. We guarantee good conversation and bring your coffee too! Contact Melanie Book at [Melanie@bookfamily.com](mailto:Melanie@bookfamily.com) to get on the list! Or just drop by on Friday mornings when you can!



**PTA Officers**

- President: Jessica Peterson
- Vice President: Christine Marsolini
- Secretary: Connie Milton
- Treasurer: Juli Finney
- Auditor: Maxine Johnson
- Historian: Ann Salvati
- Thank you to our teacher representatives: Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Blair



It's not too late to join the PTA! Membership for the whole year is just \$10 and your membership will help to pay for activities and support to the school such as Hage family nights and buses for field trips. Being a member doesn't require attendance to meetings or volunteering, but it does help support the goals of the Hage PTA. Questions? Contact Lisa Musotto at [fmusotto@san.rr.com](mailto:fmusotto@san.rr.com).