



## Haldane PTA – What We Do

**Mission:** To support the Haldane school by providing the organizational framework for parental involvement, to serve as an outlet for creative community input, and to offer enriching experiences for our students and their families.

### New Initiatives In the last 2 years

- Think Ahead Chess - financial support in collaboration with HSF
- Presentation and Q&A with HS Principal about the High School
- Writer in Residence for ES in 2015/16 school year
- Artist in Residence for ES in 2016/17 school year
- Farm to School- financial support in collaboration with HSF
- Parent to Parent Conversations - Shedding Light on the College Search and Application Process
- Facilitated HS student participation in Garrison Art Center Mentorship Program
- Financial Support for new books at ES and MS/HS Library
- Financial Support for Books in the Classroom

### Ongoing Initiatives:

- Annual Back-to-school PTA Picnic / Potluck
- Elementary Enrichment (providing the only foreign language class for elementary students)
- Middle School and HS Enrichment
- Garden Committee – Students tend the garden and integrate it into their curriculum, they learn about indigenous plants, cultivation, water conservation, composting and other environmental concepts
- Organize school volunteers and Class Parents
- Provide Scholastic Book Fairs in the Fall and Spring
- Publish and distribute School Directory which includes over 900 students.
- Provide Refreshments and assistance for Curriculum Nights and other events
- Shop for Haldane finds and gets the word out about ways to donate to the school and/or the PTA while shopping as you normally do.
- Share information with PTA Membership- Manage a website where parents can get information & connect with other parents via Forums, etc.
- Manages a Facebook page where parents can get information & connect with other parents
- Learning Differences Committee a forum in which to partner around identifying and supporting learning issues that are common in our communities. Speakers include David Yellin, Scott Barry Kaufman and Elisabeth Janz Mayer-Rieckh

- Reflections provides an opportunity for kids to showcase their artistic talents and be recognized nationally
- The Giving Tree: organizing the donation of holiday gifts to area children in need
- Parents as Reading Partner (PARP)- K-5 program that encourages reading and literacy-based activities for students and their families.
- Donation of books for incoming Kindergarten students and parents
- Donation of H.E.L.P. booklets for incoming Middle School parents
- Host Meet the Candidates Night to familiarize community with school board candidates
- School budget voter education and campaign to increase voter participation
- Staff Appreciation week activities
- Award Scholarships to High School Seniors for excellence in Art, Band, Creative Writing, Chorus, Drama, and Communication
- Appoint Parent Representatives to BOE and District Committees
- Financial Support for:
  - Yearbooks
  - Jr./Sr. Prom
  - 5th Grade Activity Night
  - Wellness Fair
  - Spaghetti Dinner
  - MS Community Read
  - and many other programs.
- Heartfelt Program to provide meals to families in times of great need
- Provide Laminating Services for Elementary classes
- Update Elementary Sign Board
- Organizes Candy Drive for Parrot St. on Halloween

We provide a regular forum for parents to discuss ideas for improving our children's education, and learn about school related topics that are important to them. We provide the framework for committees to implement creative ideas for enriching school curriculum and keep parents informed of important events and topics through email blasts, our website and Facebook page.

**If you want to learn more about how to get involved with this dynamic team, contact Alex at [president@haldanepta.org](mailto:president@haldanepta.org) .**