



Center Hale PTO News

Center School and Hale Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

If you haven't already created an account at centerhalepto.org, take a minute or two now! Without an account, you'll miss getting all of the SPTO's emails about fun events, volunteer opportunities, and other helpful information. Plus, we want to make sure that your child is included in the directory on centerhalepto.org, which will make scheduling playdates with friends and planning birthday parties a breeze! Don't forget to use the access code: *pickapples*

Save the Date

Thursday, 11/29

Hale picture retake day

Tuesday, 12/4

Center School picture retake day

Tuesday, 1/8/19, 7pm

SEPAC Presentation: Bureau of Special Education Appeals (Mediation and Due Process Hearing) • Florence Sawyer School, Bolton

Tuesday, 1/15/19, 7pm

SEPAC Quarterly Business Meeting • Florence Sawyer School, Bolton

Saturday, 2/2/19

Center's Got Talent • sign-ups for students who want to participate will be out in December, so please stay tuned! • Hale Middle School

Volunteer News

Planning for Center School's Annual Arts Buffet is already in full swing, but the committee could still use some more hands to try out possible projects, help collect supplies, or shadow our fearless co-chairs whose kiddos will be aging out of elementary school in the blink of an eye! Want more information? Have some time to spare to help plan this fun event? Email Rosanne Peterson at artsbuffet@centerhalepto.org today!



After lots of positive feedback last year, we are happy to offer Center and Hale families a stress-free way to do holiday shopping with our second annual Gift Card Sale! Students will be bringing home order forms with more information, or you can email questions to giftcards@centerhalepto.org. Order forms and payment in the form of a check are due back to the schools by 12/14.

October Meeting Highlights

- Center and Hale parents raised **\$890.50** for this school year's first Box Tops submission - thank you! The next Box Tops submission deadline is 3/1/19, so please start checking your boxes now as you shop for holiday gatherings and celebrations. There are Box Tops collection boxes in the lobbies of Center, Hale, and at Randall Library. Center students are always excited to bring their family's Box Tops to school and put them in the collection box themselves!
- A big thank you to Marcy Eckel and Cara Moreau, our fundraising dynamic duo, as well as to the entire Center and Hale communities for making the SPTO's Non-fundraiser Fundraiser a success! Because of you, Center raised **\$11,600** and Hale raised **\$4,300**, for a combined total of **\$15,900**. Each year, your fundraising dollars go towards arts and culture enrichment programs, moving-up receptions, staff initiatives (such as Mrs Mayotte's hydroponics and Mrs. Backiel's Makerspace), supplemental programs for curriculum enrichment at Hale, and necessary equipment such as new choral risers for Center and a Smartboard for the technology room at Hale.
- SPTO will be sponsoring two arts and culture events this month. The third graders have a presentation on North American Indian Culture on 11/19 and the fourth graders will welcome In Good Company for their presentation, "The Golden Door." We appreciate all the work that our grade level parent volunteers and teachers put into planning, researching, and scheduling these events!
- Once again, Wishing Snowflakes will be brought to you to help make holiday shopping for teachers and staff an easy task! Later this month, the SPTO will send you a link to help you find your child's teacher or favorite specialist's holiday wish list. These lists are created personally by each teacher and you can usually find books to help add to their classroom library, general classroom supplies, and materials for a special project that they have planned for their class. Please keep your eyes open for more information and the link in the upcoming week.

