

# Hancock Elementary School

“Rooted in Community, Reaching for the Stars”

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each morning, I am so pleased to see the smiling faces as children unload from buses or cars. OK, so most of the children have smiling faces – not everyone can be a morning person. Even those students who are not morning people are thrilled to head to the playground for some early morning activity before they prepare for learning. After ten minutes, the bell sounds and the children run for the door. “Hands UP” and all eyes are on me and students are quiet. I am so impressed by how quickly the students can shift from play to ready for learning! Week five is so exciting as children are accustom to the school routines and have had a taste of success in the classroom.



Thank you for joining us for Open House. I know that your schedules are packed so your participation is particularly impressive. Your partnership with the school shows children that school is important and that you are interested in what they have learned and accomplished.

We had our first PTO meeting this week. There was a mix of k, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents. We reviewed the various school wide events for the year and divided up the responsibility of facilitating the events. As each event approaches you will receive emails from the facilitators asking for time and/or donations. I want to thank Michele Spinale for stepping up as PTO President for the 2017 – 2018 school year. **We are in need of a treasurer for PTO.** The treasurer keeps track of money that comes in and goes out of the PTO funds as well as prints off the spreadsheet (that has already been developed) for PTO meetings. While helpful at times, it is not necessary for the treasurer to attend the PTO meetings.

Keep an eye out for an email from Megan Dodge. She will be organizing our annual **Harvest Feast on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM.** The Harvest Feast is a part of the Cornucopia Food to Table Project as well as . The children prepare soups for the community from the school vegetable garden as well as other gardens in the community.



**October is 2<sup>nd</sup> is picture day.**

All HES student will be attending a play, ***My Father's Dragon*, at the Capitol Theater on October 4<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for taking care of the permission slips.

Special this week will be Art.

Have a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Amy James". The signature is written in a cursive style.