

Greetings Hynes families,

It's been a fabulous fall at Hynes! We've had a busy calendar of PTO sponsored events and are thrilled so many people were able to attend the Back to School BBQ, City Park Night, Hynes Spooktacular, and the Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler Gala! Helping to organize events that bring members of the Hynes community together is one of the most rewarding aspects of being part of the PTO. Whether it was enjoying a delicious hamburger at the BBQ, waving at fellow Huskies from the Tilt-a-Whirl at City Park, indulging in a fun size Snickers bar at the Spooktacular while mustering up the bravery to go through the House of Horrors, or dancing the night away at the Hynes gala, I have truly enjoyed my time working and playing at all our fall events. Whether it was by volunteering or attending, thank you to everyone who helped make those events possible!

I would like to say a special thank you to the Hynes Men's Committee for their continued support of PTO events. To all the members of the HMC, from building storage shelving and haunted houses to hanging gala decorations, we couldn't make these events happen without you!

As a PTO, a major focus for us this year is working to ensure that everyone feels encouraged not only to attend our events, but to participate in their production as well. We strive to include information about how to volunteer in as many communications as we can throughout the year, and are happy to be seeing both new and old faces at our planning meetings and work days. If you've responded to the call for volunteers, thank you! And if you haven't yet, there's still time! We'll be sending information about upcoming events after the holidays and look forward to spending time with familiar folks as well as meeting new Hynes family members while planning our spring events.

Another major focus of ours this year is communication. We understand that everyone receives a lot of email and that flyers can easily get lost in the after-school shuffle. We appreciate that, and we try to keep our communications as succinct as possible. Please continue to read the weekly emails and "What's happening this week?!" flyers that will resume after the holiday break and we'll do our best to make sure our information is accessible to everyone!

Thank you again to everyone who has supported Hynes and the PTO during the first half of this school year. Whether it was by volunteering, purchasing or selling Save Around coupon books, or attending a PTO sponsored event, we appreciate your support. It is my privilege to be part of such an awesome school community!

Have a safe and happy holiday season,
Diane Freedman
PTO President