



## **Welcome to the Hazel Wolf K-8 2020-21 School Year, Pandemic Edition!**

As we write this letter to you, our community, we are struck with sheer awe of this moment in history we all are experiencing together.

These times are challenging, anxiety provoking, frustrating and fear filled. And yet, they also are exciting because they provide an opportunity to reimagine how best to serve and engage our community in meaningful, helpful and equitable ways. We ALL are in this moment together—and it surely will imprint upon us and our families in more significant ways than the “business as usual” of years past.

With this in mind, as your new PTSA leadership for the year, we are focused on the things that matter: **Community, Connection, Collaboration, and Communication**

Our Hazel Wolf **COMMUNITY** is all together on this “pandemic parenting” ride—we want to support all of our kids in any way we can to bolster their remote learning, their social-emotional health, remove access barriers, and work with each other to ensure needs are met. This unique inflection point in time offers us the opportunity to build our community even stronger—by engaging deeply in anti-racism with the continued powerful work of our Racial Equity Committee, and by establishing a Family Engagement and Action Team to ensure everyone has a voice, can be actively involved in the community and supported in their student's learning.

We plan to facilitate **CONNECTION** between the PTSA, our families, our students and our staff—finding ways we can lean in and help stay tethered to each other, even while we have to be apart. We are working hard to provide virtual student affinity groups and clubs, grade band parent community and support groups, virtual school meetings and educational sessions to support each other as we navigate this new world through community-sourced skill sets and resources. Creating spaces for us to connect and being in service to one another, is going to be more important now than ever.

We intend to provide more opportunities for robust **COLLABORATION** within our community of warm, creative, and brilliant families. We know we are all better together. By collaborating and sharing the myriad ways to support our kids, our staff and each other in this moment, we will arrive on the other side of this pandemic a much stronger Hazel Wolf.

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Finally, we want to ensure clear and consistent **COMMUNICATION**, which is critical in this moment of constant change and upheaval. To this end, we will be streamlining our communications, increasing the frequency of updates, providing more user-friendly platforms and ensuring messages are accessible to ALL families (including our ELL community). We will be creating more opportunities for folks to contribute content, soliciting student-created content, and ensuring we have feedback mechanisms around our communications approaches, so that we can continuously respond and refine.

We will host our first general session virtually this year on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30pm, where we will share our plans and investments/commitments to our community for the next few months. We look forward to seeing you all there virtually—and are eagerly looking forward to the time when we can once again gather in person, as a community.

This year, we are building the proverbial plane while we are flying it; so we ask for grace—for ourselves, for you, for your kids, for others, and especially for our hardworking staff. As the year unfolds and evolves, we will continue to adjust our budgets and plans, and reach out for additional support where needed. As always, your thoughts, insights and ideas are greatly appreciated, as now more than ever, we are all partners on this journey. Do reach out to us at [president@hazelwolfk8.org](mailto:president@hazelwolfk8.org).

In partnership,

Marina Gray and Camille Mülchi

Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA 2020-21 Co-Presidents



## ENGAGE & CONNECT WITH YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

### Volunteer

We welcome everyone to share their time and talents to get involved and to engage with our HW community.

Current volunteer opportunities include: Parent wolfpack leads, family support, auction planning committee, spirit gear lead, staff appreciation committee, community outreach team, interpreters & translators, general volunteer support

Please visit the Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA website for more details:

[www.hazelwolfk8.org/volunteer](http://www.hazelwolfk8.org/volunteer)

If you have other ideas, interests or skills you'd like to share, please let us know!

**Contact:** [info@hazelwolfk8.org](mailto:info@hazelwolfk8.org)

### Upcoming Events

#### SEPTEMBER

**Sun. September 13, 4-5:30pm:** HW REC Community of Practice for White Women (meets every other Sunday)

**Tues. September 15, 8:00pm:** HW REC Community of Practice for White Men (meets every other Tuesday)

**For more info:** [www.hazelwolfk8.org](http://www.hazelwolfk8.org), click "Racial Equity Committee" in menu, or email: [ptsa\\_rec@hazelwolfk8.org](mailto:ptsa_rec@hazelwolfk8.org)

#### OCTOBER

**Thurs. October 1 at 6:30-7:30pm:** Town Hall with SPS School Board Directors  
Pre-register at: <https://bit.ly/33bg8Wd>

**Wed. October 14 at 6:30-8:00pm:** HW PTSA General Session Meeting  
Pre-register at: <http://bit.ly/hwptsa>

**Fri. October 30 at 3pm:** Deadline for Reflections Art Contest for K-8th grades

**For more info:** [www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections](http://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections)  
email: [tatiana.kaminsky@gmail.com](mailto:tatiana.kaminsky@gmail.com)

**Technical issues?** Email your concerns to [IT@hazelwolfk8.org](mailto:IT@hazelwolfk8.org). We are gathering issues and reporting to SPS in order to advocate for our community and get feedback.

### Connect

There are many ways to stay connected with the latest school and community news. Go to [www.hazelwolfk8.org/stay-connected](http://www.hazelwolfk8.org/stay-connected) Sign up for PTSA blog updates, Facebook groups, Remind text groups and calendars.

Do you have news or events to share? Email [communications@hazelwolfk8.org](mailto:communications@hazelwolfk8.org) and we'll help get the word out!

### Donate

to the Hazel Wolf K-8 COVID-19 Relief Fund. These funds will be dispersed by Principal Nelsen to Hazel Wolf families directly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

[hazelwolfk8.ejoinme.org/covid19fund](http://hazelwolfk8.ejoinme.org/covid19fund)

# Introducing Hazel Wolf K-8 Parent Wolf Packs

Hazel Wolf K-8 has had great success with the Homeroom Rep program—parents assigned to each classroom teacher/MS grade level. These volunteers have helped foster connection among families via regular communication, class parties, MS events, and even opportunities for parents to socialize. This year, that looks a little different...

We are looking for volunteers to serve as **“Parent Wolf Pack” leads** – where our goal is to have approximately 10 families grouped together. The PTSA and School admins will ensure that these leads have all the latest information, helpful tools, and even suggestions for family-driven connections.

**If you're interested in signing up for a volunteer role,  
fill out this Google Form: <http://bit.ly/parentwolfpack>**

The strength of this program relies on community engagement – in order to keep groups small, *we need at least 9 volunteer leads per grade level*. And we promise to keep the volunteer lead role simple – we know you have a lot on your plate!

Thank you for helping us keep the Hazel Wolf community going strong during this time of social distancing!



# Join the Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA

By becoming a member of the Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA, you can become an important part of helping to ensure we achieve our mission, which is to facilitate opportunities for family involvement in the school community, and to enhance the learning experience for every child – in a way that fosters whole child well-being and success. Our goal is to have at least one family member join the PTSA for each student, so we can continue to align our budget and initiatives to our community's needs.

**We work toward that mission by funding and coordinating volunteers for things like:**

FAMILY SUPPORT

ESTEM PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ADVOCACY

SPIRIT GEAR

TUTORING

STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS

SUPPORTING OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS

*And much more!*

## **How can I support the work of the Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA?**

There are several ways to show your support! The first EASY step is to join the PTSA! This does NOT commit you to attending meetings or volunteering; it just shows that you support the activities we provide for our students!

### **Membership dues:**

**\$15 per adult** (parents, grandparents, community members - all are welcome!)

**\$9 per student** (we encourage 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to join and become active members!)

Join online! Just go to: <https://mp.gg/lo2c4>

or use your smartphone camera to scan this QR code:

Complete the form and pay by credit card.

**THANK YOU** for supporting the PTSA

Questions? Contact [info@hazelwolfk8.org](mailto:info@hazelwolfk8.org)



# Family Support at Hazel Wolf K-8

## Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA Family Support Programs

- Every week, the Family Support team picks up Food Lifeline boxes with produce and dairy items. These are available for pick up or delivery.
- Sometimes, we get fresh farm produce boxes. These are available for pick up or delivery.
- Every week, we have a “shopping list” of household essential items that varies each week. These are available for pick up or delivery.
- The annual coat drive provides a free winter coat for any student/child.

All of these programs are **free**. All of the children in your family can sign up for any or all of the programs. You will not be asked for any personal or financial information. All you need to do is sign up!

Sign up or get more information by completing the form at:

[www.tinyurl.com/hwfamily2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/hwfamily2020)

For more information, contact Tracy Buckingham,

PTSA Family Support at [familysupport@hazelwolfk8.org](mailto:familysupport@hazelwolfk8.org)

After you sign up, you will get an invite to a Remind text group announcement for your phone. We send out a weekly form by text, so you know what is available and can choose what you need each week.

*This is the process we are currently using right now, that may change over time with budgeting and resources.*

We previously had a Winter and Spring Food Drive, but those are both on hold for now and have been replaced with the current ongoing support.

### **Additional resources:**

List of the current SPS meal sites: [https://www.seattleschools.org/resources/student\\_meals](https://www.seattleschools.org/resources/student_meals)

Apply for Free & Reduced Lunch Meals: [https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/nutritionservices/free\\_and\\_reduced\\_price\\_meals](https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/nutritionservices/free_and_reduced_price_meals)

Apply for Pandemic-EBT Emergency School Meals Program: [www.washingtonconnection.org](http://www.washingtonconnection.org) or call DSHS at 877-501-2233, Deadline is Friday, Sept. 11, 5pm