



HAWK TALK

Upcoming Dates

Welcome Back Family Social	Aug. 7th 4-6PM
First Day of School	Aug. 12th
Kindergarten Screening	Aug. 12-14
Kinder and Families Welcome to School	Aug. 16th 2pm
First Day of Kindergarten	Aug. 19th
Back to School Night 1st-3rd Grade	Aug. 20th 6PM
Back to School Night 4-6th Grade	Aug. 22nd 6PM
MAP Testing 1st-6th Grade	Aug. 19th- Sept. 6th
PTA Meeting	Aug. 28th 6PM

Principal's Corner

By Lea Anderson

Hello Huffaker Families,

Thank you for such a warm welcome to Huffaker!

I enjoyed my time meeting many of you towards the end of the school year when I was introduced as the new principal of Huffaker. As you may have heard, I have been the principal at Jesse Hall ES in Spanish Springs for the past four years. I also enjoyed going to every classroom to introduce myself to all the students. It was fun to unpack my suitcase of pictures and share a little about myself and family. One of the interesting things I shared was about my oldest son going to live in Germany this year as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

I am looking forward to an amazing 2019-2020 school year. PTA and I have been busily planning many fun family engagements and many staff members and I have been working to hire and fill all our positions. Families will be able to access IC on Tuesday,

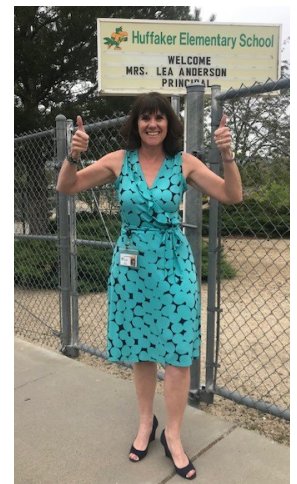
August 6th to find this year's teacher name. If you are unable to access IC, please give Terri a call in the office and she will let you know.

We look forward to partnering together to support our students in the challenges and triumphs of the school year.

Your participation in helping your student with homework, checking backpacks nightly, contacting teachers when questions arise and showing an interest in your child's day is much appreciated.

Thank you for supporting and making Huffaker the most fabulous school!

Lea Anderson



Welcome Back Family Social

By Allison Isaia

The school year is about to begin. Join us on Wednesday, August 7th from 4pm-6pm, on the primary playground, for some ice cream and an opportunity for students to meet their teachers. We'll have a scavenger hunt game to play that will help your

children learn more about the school campus. Complete the scavenger hunt for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to Target for back-to-school shopping. See you there!

Community Connect

Connect with us! **Up to Us:** www.uptous.com

Consider Up to Us our school directory. We no longer have a printed directory. If you'd like to connect with other families in our school community see a calendar of school events and receive reminders, as well as get digital notifications about volunteer opportunities, please join Up to Us!

Step 1: Click the "Find Your Community" button

Step 2: Click "Join Up to Us"

Step 3: Create your profile

Step 4: On the Community Search page, under Keyword Search, type Huffaker, and click "Search Now"

Step 5: Click: "Join" next to the Huffaker Elementary School PTA with contact name Allison Isaia

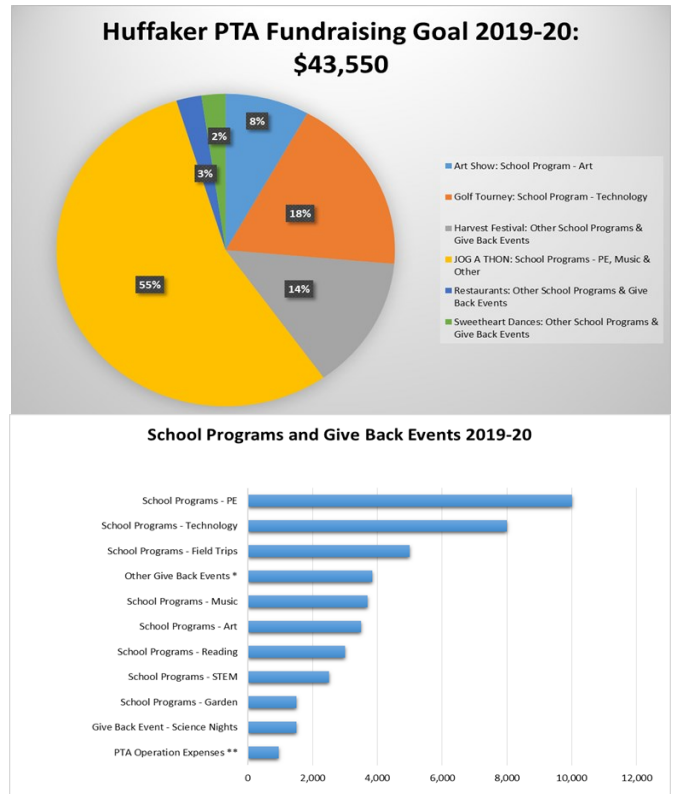
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Huffaker PTA

By Themis Caillat

Many of you probably ask, what does Huffaker PTA do? We cover all our school's needs the District does not budget for. For example, PE Coach and program. Here is a visual of where your 2019-20 donations are going:



* Welcome Back Family Social, Veterans Day Breakfast, Talent Show, Sweetheart Dances, Field Day, Teacher Appreciation

** Insurance, Software, Membership Meetings

in addition to funding school programs, Huffaker PTA volunteers help bring our community together through fun family events like Harvest Festival and Sweetheart Dances. These turn into life-long memories for our kids. They see their parents involved, what we can accomplish as a team, everyone pitching in a little wherever they can. Our next general PTA meeting is August 28, 2019 at 6pm in the Huffaker Elementary library, hope to see you there! For any questions on what we do or how to help, contact Allison Isaia or Themis Caillat at ptahuffaker@gmail.com.

Jog-A-Thon

By Themis Caillat

Jog-A-Thon is coming! It's our number one fundraiser that makes most school programs possible: PE, Art, Music, Field Trips, Science Nights, STEM accreditation support, and other instructional aid and fun community events! This is our largest fundraiser! Students will be receiving envelopes and instructions during the first few weeks at school. For any questions or to volunteer to help with logistics, contact Themis Caillat at pta-huffaker@gmail.com

Safety On Our Roads

School starts at 9:30 am and the gates open at 9:10am. Students should not arrive prior to 9:10 am unless attending Judy's Kidz Klub. Parents will be called if students are dropped off before the gates open. Please remember that the drop-off zone is not a parking area. Please drop off your child(ren) and keep moving to help everyone arrive to school on time. Red zones are for emergency vehicles only and no students should be dropped off in any red zone. The bus lane is closed from 9:10 am to 9:45 am and again from 3 pm to 3:45 pm, except Wednesdays at 2:30 pm. We hope you help us maintain the safety of all students at Huffaker by following all school zone rules .

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. Judy's Kidz Klub offers before and after school care for Huffaker students. We open at 7 am and close at 6 pm. We release the students to school each morning at 9:10 am. We provide homework help, games, sports activities, and art. If you would like to sign up please visit judyskidzklub.com. Registration forms are available online. If you have any questions please call 775-825-1287 and ask for Judy. We look forward to meeting you.

Meet Our New Staff

Mindy Lambert

“My name is Mindy Lambert. I’m so excited to be teaching 3rd grade at Huffaker! I’ve taught almost every grade from K-12th grade. I was a teacher and site coordinator at an independent study charter school and Montessori School in California and a 6th grade teacher at Solvang Elementary School. I’ve also taught 3rd grade for 6 years at Double Diamond Elementary. I have two children, a 13 year old daughter and a 10 year old son. My husband is a local firefighter.

I feel pretty lucky to be teaching at Huffaker! I’ve been working hard (in between our lake trips...I LOVE to wakeboard) this summer to ready my classroom and plan amazing lessons for my new students. My main goals for my students is that they grow in all aspects. My classroom is a second family and a place of kindness, love, and confidence! I can’t wait to meet all of my new students and their families. See you soon!

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Mindy Lambert”



Brooke Chidlaw

Hello, my name is Brooke Chidlaw and I’m so excited to be joining the 1st grade team at Huffaker. I’m a former 1st grade teacher from Moss Elementary and love everything about 1st graders! I love teaching and creating hands-on lessons that spark creativity and problem solving. When I’m not at school I’m fostering animals through the Humane Society until they find their forever homes. I’m looking forward to meeting my students and their families and having a year filled with fun and academic success!

Sarah Perez

Hello Huffaker families,
My name is Sarah Perez and I am excited to be the librarian at your school. I was born and raised here in the Reno area. I have one daughter and have been happily married for six years. This upcoming school year is my eighth year in the school district and third year as a librarian. I am looking forward to meeting you and working with your children. I hope the library helps to create a lifelong love of learning and reading for them.

Sarah Perez
Huffaker Librarian



Meet Our New Staff

Sychiah Johnson

My name is Sychiah Johnson and I recently moved here from Massachusetts, where I worked as a preschool teacher. I studied Sociology and played soccer at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. I love sports, hiking, and playing with my dog. I hope to inspire students to take an interest in sports and teamwork as I take on the PE teacher position, and I am excited to become a part of this community and the Huffaker family.

- Sychiah

Mi-Young Brady

My name is Mi-Young Brady and I love kindergarten! This will be my 5th year in kindergarten in Washoe County, but I taught in early childhood programs for 11 years before that. I am really excited to be joining the Huffaker family! I'm ready for a year filled with learning, adventure and fun!

Thank you,
Mi-Young Brady
Kindergarten Teacher
Huffaker Elementary



Meggan Serino

Hello! My name is Meggan Serino and I am very excited to be joining the Huffaker family! I have been a first grade teacher for 5 years at my previous school, Libby Booth Elementary. I love teaching first grade and seeing all the growth students make during the year. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and having a great school year filled with lots of learning and fun!

Thank you,

Meggan

