

HAWK TALK

Huffaker Elementary School | Reno, Nevada

Fall 2021 Dates

August 9: First Day of School
(1st-5th Grades)

August 9-11: Kindergarten
Screening

August 13, 2:30 PM:
Kindergarten Kick-Off

August 16: First Day of
Kindergarten

August 17, 6:00 PM: Back to
School Night (3rd-5th Grades)

August 19, 6:00 PM: Back to
School Night (K-2nd Grades)

August 25, 6:00 PM: First PTA
Meeting

September 17: Jog-A-Thon

October 4-8: Fall Break

October 18-22: Parent Teacher
Conference Week/Book Fair/
PTA Member Drive

November 24-26:
Thanksgiving Break

December 17-31: Winter Break

Stay tuned for other fun school
and PTA events throughout the
fall!

Principal's Corner



Dear Huffaker Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!

We are thrilled to have all our students attend in person! We have been busily getting ready to welcome your child and provide a rigorous and engaging academic year.

Huffaker is a kindergarten through fifth-grade school with a special education early childhood program, strategies program and resource program. We serve approximately 330 students and have 50 talented teachers and staff ready to support your child's education.

All students and adults are required to wear masks while inside our school campus. We ask that you self-screen your child at the start of each school day and keep your child home if they are sick/have symptoms. Please call the office at 775-689-2510 to let us know why they are absent.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school or at one of our back to school events (see sidebar and following page for important dates, times and the daily bell schedule). It is a pleasure to serve as your principal!

Mrs. Lea Anderson





PTA Board and Volunteers

Huffaker PTA's executive board consists of parent and teacher volunteers elected at the end of each school year. The current board is serving July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

Sarah Carne, President

Karly Ivie, Vice President

Jennifer Pierrott, Treasurer

Jessica Thomsen, Secretary

Katie Silva, Communications Chair

We rely upon our fantastic community of volunteers for a variety of programs. We are currently looking for:

- Help with student yearbook
- Help with student garden
- Any expertise or assistance that you would like to offer!

If you are interested or would like to learn more about these volunteer opportunities, please email us at **ptahuffaker@gmail.com**.

Principal's Corner continued...

Huffaker Elementary School Daily Schedule

9:10 AM: Campus opening bell and breakfast available

Students should enter through the playground gate west of the school. Teachers and staff are on hand to supervise students as they line up with their class. Please do not drop off/leave your children prior to the gate being unlocked.

Students eating school breakfast may enter the multi-purpose room through the east gate, adjacent to the teacher parking lot. Both breakfast and lunch are free for all Huffaker students this year!

9:25 AM: Beginning of school bell

Students line up with their class and enter the school.

9:30 AM: Tardy bell

The playground gate is locked for the day. Students arriving after this bell must go through the office and will be marked tardy.

3:30 PM: Dismissal bell*

*Every day except Wednesday, when school ends at 2:45 PM.

If your student will be riding the bus, please register online through the Washoe County School District [website](#).



Huffaker PTA FAQ

1. What is PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. PTA is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit that prides itself on serving as a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child, as well as a relevant resource for families and communities.

It is organized at the national, state and local levels and run entirely by volunteers. Huffaker PTA is our local chapter, serving the students, faculty and community of Huffaker Elementary School in Reno, Nevada.

2. What does Huffaker PTA do?

Huffaker PTA enriches our students' education through a combination of fundraising and volunteerism. We achieve this by:

- Sponsoring educational, cultural and social programs and resources;
- Supporting teacher and staff classroom needs;
- Helping enhance school facilities and grounds;
- Hosting events that bring the Huffaker community together;
- Fostering communication between parents and faculty.

3. Who can join PTA?

YOU can join Huffaker PTA! We are a member-based volunteer organization, and your participation truly makes a difference. We welcome all those who support our children and school, including parents, guardians, family, administrators, teachers, staff and friends of our students. It costs just \$10 to join for the year. Please come to our first meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 or visit huffakerhawks.org to learn more.

PTA FAQ continued

4. Why should I join PTA?

Huffaker PTA provides valuable enrichment programs and equipment that the school could not otherwise afford, including **physical education and art**. Your decision to join demonstrates your support for and involvement in your student's education. We offer a variety of ways to participate, including:

- Receiving updates from—and providing ideas and feedback directly to—our principal, teachers and PTA board at each meeting
- Getting a voice and a vote on important PTA decisions—every dollar we spend is discussed and voted on by membership at our meetings
- Volunteering to help with events, programs and/or in the classroom*
- Supporting PE, art, music, literacy, STEM and more through direct donations, corporate match and other fundraising opportunities

Please know that we appreciate whatever level of support you are able to provide.

**When permitted, according to Washoe County School District and Huffaker Elementary School health and safety guidelines.*

Important Contact Information

Huffaker Elementary School is a public Washoe County School District elementary school serving K-5 students in Old South Reno. Huffaker PTA is an independent non-profit consisting of family, faculty and community volunteers that works closely with the school to support student needs and enrichment.

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Huffaker PTA

We love to hear from you!

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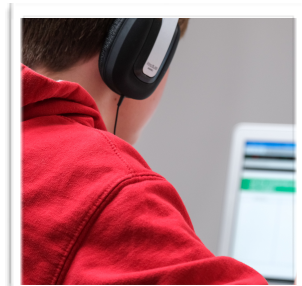
Join: huffakerpta.memberhub.com/store

2020-2021 Huffaker PTA Lookback

The Huffaker Parent Teacher Association (PTA) enriches our students' education through a combination of fundraising and volunteerism.

Even in a very unconventional year—when volunteering was not possible—our Huffaker families and community members gave generously through fundraisers like Apex, Charleston Wrap, Square1Art, Dine & Give Back, as well as PTA membership dues. Thanks to their support, we were able to fund the following during the 2020-2021 school year:

- Our PE teacher
- Our Masterpiece Art program
- Musical instruments/technology (allowed music program to continue while meeting new health and safety guidelines)
- New library materials (enhancing Easy Reader, Non-Fiction, Dual Language and Graphic Novel sections)
- Computer lab technology (nine new desktops)
- Classroom technology (seven new active board projectors)
- STEM support (laptop, iPads, collaborative learning materials)
- Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) book room
- Safety and instructional support (masks, sanitizer, supplies)
- Virtual field trips, virtual Family Science Night...and more!



Huffaker PTA Sign-Up Sheet

YES! I would like to join Huffaker PTA and support student enrichment for just \$10!

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

I am a (check all that apply):

☐ Parent/Guardian ☐ Teacher/Staff ☐ Other Family ☐ Friend of Huffaker

Student name(s) and grade(s), if applicable _____

I am enclosing:

☐ A check made out to Huffaker Elementary PTA ☐ Cash

☐ I will register and pay online at huffakerpta.memberhub.com/store

YES! I would like to learn more about volunteering with Huffaker PTA!

I am particularly interested in (check all that apply):

☐ Helping with events (e.g. Jog-A-Thon, Sweetheart Dance, Art Auction)

☐ Helping with the Masterpiece Art program

☐ Helping with the student garden

☐ Helping with the 2021-2022 student yearbook

☐ Other _____