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# Welcome Letter from the Kutz Home & School Association

August 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kutz Elementary! We are proud to be part of this school community and look forward to an enriching and fun year ahead for all our children. The primary goal of our H&S is to promote our incredible Kutz Cougar community spirit. We do this by organizing fun events throughout the year, supporting teachers and staff, fundraising, providing resources and promoting other important events.

We are proud to announce that the efforts of the H&S last year purchased furniture for the outdoor classroom, gifted Big Joe chairs in every classroom, installed a brand-new rock wall for the school, and donated funds toward the teachers' wish lists for our kids to enjoy for years to come! Thank you to all our generous donors and amazing community volunteers for making this happen.

Mark your calendars for the first Family Fun event of the year:

- **Back to School Picnic & DJ Party** - Fri., Sept. 14, 6-8 p.m. – Bring your own picnic and the whole family and join us near the playground!

Stay tuned for other fun events organized by the H&S:

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| ○ H&S Movie Night (Sept.)          | ○ Holiday Boutique (Nov.)       |
| ○ DelVal Fall Fest (Oct.)          | ○ Book Fair (March)             |
| ○ 6th Grade Halloween Dance (Oct.) | ○ School Play (Spring)          |
| ○ Family Bingo Night (Nov.)        | ○ Field Day/Picnic Lunch (June) |

## Fundraising:

All the above events and funding to support teacher classroom activities are made possible through H&S fundraising. We try to keep this to a minimum, so there are four main ways the H&S raises money:

- **DONATIONS** – A fundraising drive at the beginning of the year where each family is asked to contribute to support an entire year's activities. This year Race 4 Education is our big fundraiser and will kick off on Sept. 7th with an in-school K-6 assembly!
- **SPIRIT NIGHTS** - A periodic fundraising night at local establishments where families gather together to enjoy dinner, or a treat and a percentage of purchases is donated back to Kutz.
- **KIDSTUFF BOOKS** - A one-time fundraising event that takes place in September. Kidstuff Books are coupon books that often pay for themselves in one or two uses!
- **PASSIVE FUNDRAISING**- Throughout the year we collect box tops. If you shop at Giant or on Amazon. Collect your account with Kutz a percentage of purchases are donated back to our school.

## Volunteers:

The H&S is run by a community of parents who volunteer their time to make all the above events a success and to support our amazing teachers. **The H&S still needs volunteers to help organize events for the year, so please reach out to one of us or email Steph Charran directly at [stephanie@charranweb.com](mailto:stephanie@charranweb.com) if you're interested in volunteering**, and we can help find something that matches your availability and interests.

H&S includes every parent. There are big and small ways to get involved. We look forward to working with you to create an unforgettable experience for our children. Welcome to the Kutz Cougars family!

Fondly

Suzi, Courtney, Steph, Tina, and Heather

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H&S Meetings 2018-2019

October 3 @ 7 p.m.

December 5 @ 9 a.m.

February 6 @ 9 a.m.

April 3 @ 9 a.m.

November 7 @ 9 a.m.

January 9 @ 7 p.m.

March 6 @ 7 p.m.

May 29 @ 9:15 a.m. (Volunteer Breakfast)