

# ANNUAL REPORT



2014-2015



Dear Community Partners-

On behalf of Friends of Hale Cook, we're excited to share a few highlights from what was an amazing 2014-2015 board year for our organization. During this time we helped to recognize the primary goal and founding purpose of Friends of Hale Cook—the re-opening of Hale Cook Elementary in August of 2014!

We are only a small part of the movement which made the re-opening of Hale Cook Elementary possible—THIS, WE DID TOGETHER! From the business and community partners, to leaders at KCPS who recognized partnering in the community was best path to improved education and finally to our PARENTS who had the confidence and courage to imagine that a greater educational opportunity was available for their children—again, THIS, WE DID TOGETHER!

As we celebrated our community coming together to re-open Hale Cook Elementary, we here at Friends of Hale Cook quickly recognized that our primary goal and founding purpose was only the first step in helping to ensure a top notch education is available to our students. We will continue to work hard to ensure ongoing investment in the students, school and community through civic engagement and partnership.

We look forward to partnering with all of those who we've worked with to come this far, as well as the many new friends that will join us on our shared journey.

We hope you'll enjoy reflecting on some of what we did together in 2014 and 2015. Most importantly we hope you continue to partner with us in the future, or if you're interested in joining us in this cause for the first time you can find many ways to get involved by visiting: <http://www.halecook.org/>

Best wishes in partnership,

*Sarah Darmitzel*

Sarah Darmitzel  
President/Chair  
Friends of Hale Cook Board of Directors

# Our year in picture...



# Our year in numbers...

**768**

Facebook  
Followers

**12 Third Graders**

**50 Kindergarteners**

*19 Pre-Kindergarteners*

**154 students**

Diverse Enrollment:  
**35% Minority Students**  
*65% White Students*

*32 Second Graders*

**41 First Graders**

**763** Newsletter Recipients

# Our year in word...

## Increase Diverse Enrollment in Priority Grades

- Visited & distributed flyers to feeder pre-schools--targeted centers throughout entire boundary
- Designed school tours & tour packets & marketed tours
- Organized tour of school for area realtors
- Participated in ShowMeKC Schools Parent to Parent night
- Delivered door hangers to homes within the boundary to encourage enrollment
- Parent Engagement: Create avenues for parents to connect, organize and share ideas
- Organized parent potluck dinner
- Participated in the Brookside St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Assisted in the start-up of Hale Cook PTA
- Participated in ShowMeKC Schools parents events focused on children with special needs
- Social gatherings for parents at local businesses
- Increase Operational Budget: Assist in meeting the needs of Hale Cook and its staff
- Led Adopt a Classroom project to provide funding for needed supplies across all classrooms
- Supported teacher's Donors Choose requests to assist teachers in gaining needed educational materials
- Funded Volunteer Spot to assist in coordinating volunteers at Hale Cook
- Purchased Walkie-Talkies for use in the school
- Green Hand Award
- Garden work