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Dear Husky Families!!

As we say good bye to summer and hello to our new academic year, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you. To all freshmen, their families and any new students and families, welcome!!

My name is Lorise Rodriguez and I am returning as your 2016-17 PTSA President. We look forward to working with Mr. Lyons as we begin this new academic year.

In working with the Heritage High administration, our fundraising efforts will be concentrated on CollegeWise which is a program designed to train teachers to assist our students to increase their performance in the ACT exam. Additionally, we will focus our fundraising efforts to assist our teachers through our Mini-Grant Program, increase funding for our Scholarship Program, and to provide cultural programs that will benefit our students.

Of note, some changes we have been working on this summer to make things simpler and efficient.

- We still have a no fuss fundraiser to make donations easier! But also watch out for our Husky Spirit Nights!
- As in past, we are partnering with **Harris Teeter and Lowes Foods** through their educational give back programs. New this year is to link your Amazon purchases to the **AmazonSmile** program which is also a giveback program. Your donations and purchases to the **Giving Tree** also help tremendously!!
- We have redesigned the PTSA website to make it user friendly and easy to navigate when you want information about our events, provide a donation, or become a member!

Membership, financial support, and involvement are vital to our success as an organization. **We will be having various membership drives at designated school events like Freshmen Parent Orientation and Senior Info Night both held on August 24th at 5:30 respectively, and Meet the Teacher Night on September 15th at which time we will have our General Meeting.** As part of our newly designed website, we are also making it possible to complete your membership and donate online!

Our volunteers are extremely important! I want to thank our volunteers who have helped at various events and luncheons this past year, and to thank those who have already committed their support this year. On behalf of the board, your efforts are invaluable and we could not function without you!!

On behalf of the 2016-17 PTSA Board, welcome and we look forward to meeting you at Freshmen Orientation on August 24th and at upcoming meetings and events this academic year. Remember we meet **monthly on the second Tuesday in the Media Center at 6:30 pm** unless otherwise posted.

Kind Regards,

Lorise Rodriguez
PTSA President