

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of myself and the Gifted STEAM Magnet teachers, counselor, and administrators, we would like to extend our warmest welcome and best wishes for the 2023-24 school year!

Our program strives to bring the best of academic and extra-curricular opportunities for our students. Our goal is to provide gifted and high-achieving students with an inspiring, challenging, and engaging environment that creates opportunities for research and exploration through project-based learning, as well as emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to curriculum through problem-solving, collaboration, and academic excellence.

Every year, we are supported by our amazing parents and community members like you to achieve our goals. I would like to inform you of different ways you can support us in this academic year.

- **STEAM Magnet Class Funds:** we would like to arrange fun activities and fieldtrips for students throughout the school year and need your help. The suggested amount is **\$50 per student** (you can send any amount). The funds will be deposited in each grade-level class funds and will roll over to the next school year if not used. If you chose to participate, please send a **check** by Sep 15th. Make your checks **payable to “Hale Charter Academy”** and write **“STEAM Donation- Grade 6 or 7 or 8” in the memo**. Please note that this is a voluntary donation.

- **STEAM Professionals:** if you work in STEAM fields (Engineering, Computer Science, Aerospace, Biotechnology, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics....) and would like to be a volunteer, judge, or guest speaker at campus events, please fill out the following Google form:

<https://forms.gle/V7ing6gUhmKvarzj6>

- **Community Partnership:** if you own or work for a company that provides partnership with K-12 public schools, please let me know. We welcome industry partners to sponsor our program and events (Science Fair, Stargazing Night, Robotics Team, e-Sports Tournaments, Makerspace Day, Career Fair...).

Feel free to send me an email if you have any questions: kate.dehbashi@lausd.net.

Sincerely,

Kate Dehbashi, M.S.

Magnet Coordinator

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