



# THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER  
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*“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”*

*~Robert Louis Stevenson (Author of Treasure Island)*

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

September, 2017

Dear Friends,

Welcome! ~ Welcome back!



To all who are joining our Happy Hollow family, I want you to know that we ~ the staff and myself ~ are so happy you are here! Happy Hollow School is a very special place because we work hard as a community to keep it that way. Our motto is “Kindness matters.” It is a sentence not a title. As a sentence, it is a stand-alone statement that makes everything else come alive ~ a real call to action.

Because it is an overarching value, it embodies all of the core values that set students in line for successful, productive, and as-happy-as-possible school days. This year, we have created an action plan to fall under our motto and we are doing so by using the acronym KIND to help students quickly understand and remember our school mission. By using KIND as the acronym, we reinforce our adage with the actions that bring it to fruition in a manner that is far from weak or lightly well-intentioned.

“Because kindness, it turns out, is hard – it starts out all rainbows and puppy dogs, and expands to include...well, everything.”

*~George Saunders*

The acronym:

K ~ Kind

I ~ Invest in learning

N ~ Need to include

D ~ Determined to do our best

The sentence version that we will use to reinforce our core values with our students are:

We make kindness matter.

We invest in learning and get smarter.

We need to include everyone.

We are determined to do our best because effort brings success.

In this way, all the virtues of learning are incorporated into, and fall under, the statement “Kindness matters.”

If we are constantly working to make kindness matter ~ it is challenging to be mean ~ everyone is included and accepted. If students are being kind to themselves, classmates and teachers ~ they must invest in learning as members of a learning community. They must be respectful. Investment in learning brings about a determination to try one’s best and in that way, it all fits together to bring about learning postures that codify a productive and positive school experience. Please discuss and reinforce our motto and acronym at home so we are all clear about why and how our school community remains so exceptional.

On another set of related matters ~ with the beginning of a whole new school year, I like to offer research-based suggestions that bring about the values and actions in the aforementioned. To that end, I have offerings that come to me via a favorite website ~ Psychcentral.com. It was established in 1995, is overseen by mental health professionals and offers leading mental health and psychological information.

Staff from Psychcentral.com put together some tips for making the transition back to school successful and optimistic. It is never easy to relinquish the warm and care-free days of summer, so even the most enthusiastic of us have cause to pause when a new school year commences. In the moments of reflection that partner with seasonal changes, Psychcentral.com offered the following for starting school (although already known and applied, they are good to review for all of us):

### **How Much Is Enough?**

Generally, between the ages of 6 and 9, most children need about 10 hours of sleep a night, while preteens need a little over 9 hours.

Your child may require more sleep if he or she:

- Has a short attention span, or is irritable or restless
- Has unusually low energy and activity levels
- Is more tearful, anxious, defensive or impatient than usual

### **Sleep Tips for Your Children**

- Set a regular time for bed each night and stick to it
- Avoid feeding children big meals close to bedtime
- Avoid giving anything with caffeine less than six hours before bedtime
- Make after-dinner playtime a relaxing time
- Establish a calming bedtime routine

Each child is different and has his or her own way of approaching sleep. Some take extra time to fall asleep, while others wake more often during the night. You know your child's personal habits best, so with a little trial and error, you should succeed in finding a routine that suits your family.

### **Nutrition Tips**

Eating right will help provide the nutrients needed to have energy, build strong bones, and fight diseases and other conditions. Pay attention to what and how much your kids eat. A change in eating habits may be an early warning signal for other problems.

### **Snacks — Plan Them, Don't Ban Them!**

Unfortunately nearly one-fourth of kids' daily energy intake comes from nibbling between meals. Much of this nibbling is on prepackaged snack foods, which are high in calories and low in nutrients. But snacking itself isn't necessarily bad. Young children actually need snacks. Their stomachs are small, so they often can't get all the nutrients they need in a day through meals alone. It's not always easy to persuade your kids to eat healthy snacks and their snacking habits aren't going to change overnight, but here are a few snack-time tips:

- Offer similar choices. Instead of ice cream or pretzels, offer your child frozen yogurt or soda crackers.
- Provide variety. Be sure to select snacks from a variety of food groups so your kids won't be bored with their snack choice.
- Be creative. Dress up fruits and vegetables – offer celery with peanut butter, or carrots with a low-fat dip.

### **Food Allergies**

According to the Food and Drug Administration, up to 6% of children in the U.S. under age 3 have food allergies. They are less common in adults but, overall, food allergies affect nearly 4 million people. Along with milk, eggs, wheat, soy, and shellfish, peanuts are among the most common foods that cause allergies. For some kids, food allergies can cause only minor discomfort, like a little tingling in the mouth. But for others they can be severe, causing difficulty breathing, for example. Try to work with your child's school to find ways your child can be supervised to prevent contact with allergenic foods. Find out who would give your child treatment and discuss your child's allergies with that person, making sure that they have any necessary medications and medical information.

### **Fruit Juice — Friend or Foe?**

Although juice does contain some healthy nutrients, it's high in calories and it may contribute to weight gain and tooth decay if consumed in excess. Some juice drinks, even those with 100% juice, have more calories than sugary carbonated beverages do. Juice also lacks the healthy fiber that whole fruit has. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children drink no more than two 6-ounce servings of fruit juice a day.

### **Physical Activity Tips**

Kids can choose any type of moderate or higher intensity physical activity, such as brisk walking, playing tag, jumping rope, or swimming, as long as it adds up to at least one hour a day. Work with your child's school to ensure the activity is age appropriate and, to ensure safety, provide protective equipment such as helmets, wrist pads, and knee pads to prevent sports injuries.

For children and adolescents, regular physical activity has beneficial effects on the following aspects of health:

- Weight
- Muscular strength
- Bone mass
- Anxiety and stress
- Self-esteem



It is recommended that children and adolescents participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity most day of the week.

#### **Tips for School Bus Riders**

- Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus
- Carry all loose belongings in a bag or backpack and never reach under the school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen beneath it.
- Line up facing the bus, not along side it.
- Move immediately onto the sidewalk and out of traffic after getting off the bus.
- Wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing the street and walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.

#### **Tips for Pedestrians or Bike Riders**

- Never walk alone – always travel with a buddy. Try and find a friend, or make a new friend in the neighborhood to walk to school or ride the bus with.
- Wear reflective or bright color clothing to increase visibility.
- Respect traffic lights and street signs.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Avoid loose fitting clothing that could get caught in spokes or pedals.

#### **Tips for Car Drivers and Passengers**

- Make sure young children are in safety seats at all times, and that the seats have been properly installed.
- All children under 13 years should ride in the rear seat of vehicles.
- Remember that many crashes occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school. You may want to limit the number of teen passengers to prevent driver distraction. Do not allow your teen to drive while eating, drinking, or talking on a cell phone.

#### **Tips for Success at Home with Homework**

- Have a schedule and stick to it.
- Have a clean and organized place for study with materials easily accessible.
- Make sure the house is distraction free. For some this is total quiet. For others some sensory input might be necessary. Find what works best for your child and discuss best learning conditions with him/her.

Finally, over my 33 years in this field, I have collected some successful conversation-starters around how to discuss your child's day with him/her. Using them ~ or your own version of them ~ avoids the "How was school today?" ~ response ~ "Okay." ~ "What did you do?" ~ response ~ "Nothing." ~ I hope they help you all have many exciting and productive conversations that are ongoing throughout the year.

"What did you play? How did that help (not help) your day?"

"Do you concentrate better after recess? Why do you think that is?"

"Who made you feel better about yourself? Who did you make feel better about themselves?"

"How did feeling better help your day? How did not feeling better impact your day?"

"What did you learn at recess that made you a better student?"

"How will you make your recess time better? How will you keep it going well?"

"What control do you have over a good recess?"

"What help can you receive and how do you access it?"

"Why is a good recess part of being a smarter student?"

Feel free to offer me feedback on any of the above. Our journey is one we embark on together and I want to be a principal who is in touch with what you are thinking and needing for your child/children. If we are in a constant dialogue, we all become learners and teachers creating the most vibrant of school communities ~ the Happy Hollow School community!

Most sincerely,  
Jim Lee  
Principal



*This and That from the Principal's Office:*



## **Thank You PTO**

As in years past, the PTO honored our community and our staff. Thanks so much for running the “Meet and Greet” scavenger hunt, related play-date, the staff luncheon and a delicious breakfast during the first full week of school. We are so grateful for your generous gifts and the gift of time that goes with all!

## **Transportation:**

\*Please direct your questions to the business office regarding payments, payment assistance and route related information.

\*The fee for riding the bus is on the district website under transportation. Please note that ridership is subject to space availability.

You can visit the student transportation website or contact the transportation coordinator, Dianne Potter, at [Dianne\\_Potter@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:Dianne_Potter@wayland.k12.ma.us) to learn more about the transportation program.

\*Bus transportation may not be used for setting up playdates. All playdates and transportation to them must be made privately. You may arrange to have your child picked up by another parent by writing to his/her teacher granting that permission.

\*Students are not allowed to bring friends home on their buses unless the student already rides on that same bus. In that case, the student who is getting off at a different stop must present written notification to his/her teacher indicating that he/she has permission to get off at a different stop. No changes in stops may be made during the first two weeks of school.

## **DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL**

**(Please refer to the map included in this email and follow the procedures right from the first day of school.)**

1. There are two lanes of traffic in front of our school. The one closest to the building is the drop off line. The other is a live lane where traffic will pull out from the drop off line to exit or they may be driving through to park in the parking lot. (The parking spaces in front of the building are for staff only. No one may pull out of those spaces during drop off or pick up as it forces the driver to back into the live lane of traffic.)
2. Please drive slowly and be aware that cars will be moving in and out of the traffic area. There is a period of congestion, but if everyone remains aware and patient, the whole process takes 15 minutes or less from beginning to end. This is to admit and dismiss over 400 children. It is impressive and moves smoothly when everyone cooperates.
3. There is no left-hand turn when exiting our driveway M-F from 8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on M,T,Th and F. ~
4. **Wednesday dismissal is at 2:05 p.m – left turns on those days cannot be made until after 2:20**
5. Please pull all the way up to the end of the sidewalk in front of the school when you are unloading children. The line slows down when all the spaces to the end of the sidewalk are not filled.
6. No one is allowed to pass a bus with flashing red lights. (Yellow flashing lights are warnings and you may pass a bus with yellow flashing lights.) If you are in the live lane and a bus is unloading, you must wait behind the bus.
7. The drop off lane in front of the school in the morning is a live lane of moving traffic. You may not park or leave your car in this lane. School personnel will help your child exit your car safely. Make sure the children are seated on the right side or passenger's side of the car. They may not exit the driver's side of the car as this is the live lane and very dangerous.
8. At drop off time, if you would like to park and say good-bye to your child at the front door, you may park in the side parking lot and use the sidewalk to safely proceed to the doors.
9. If students arrive after 8:45 a.m., they are officially late for school and they must stop in the office to report that they are present and to receive a tardy slip.
10. Watch for pedestrians in crosswalks and on the sides of the road.
11. At dismissal: No child should be exiting the side door into the side parking lot. This is not a pick-up area and is very dangerous. It also slows things down because staff exits from this lot and when we add those trying to avoid the pick-up lane, it slows things down for everyone. Please cooperate and help your child to see you following the rules just as he/she is expected to do during his/her school day. Nothing sends a stronger message to a child than the actions of the adults around him/her.
12. Pets: By state law, no animals are allowed on school property without specific permission from the principal. In such cases, precautions are taken and arrangements made to ensure that there are no allergies to the animals and that the environment is safe. These times would include show and tell or the like, not drop off or dismissal times.
13. Wayland Police will be out in full force looking for those who do not honor the speed limits on the roads around our schools and neighborhoods... You do not want a note from them! Those notes linger long!

**Thank you for your cooperation in all of these matters... they really do matter!**







### **Our Student and Family Handbooks are posted on our website. Please print it out.**

The state has added a new section on discipline and we need to have both parents and students sign sheets that indicate they have been made aware of our expectations around behavior. We will be sending home hard copies of these acknowledgement sheets. Please review the rules for appropriate behavior in the classroom, in the hall, in the bathrooms, in the cafeteria, at recess, on the bus and during field trip times. *Signing is not in any way a contract, but indicates that you have reviewed the rules together. It is an acknowledgement and an important one.*

Both documents outline the consequences and procedures for noncompliance with our rules. There is a section in the booklet that addresses what bullying behaviors are and such behaviors move right to the most serious of consequences as listed in the consequences section.

**\*\*\*Please return only the signature page and not the booklet to your child's classroom teacher by September 29, 2017.**

### **Safety, Safety, Safety!:**

- All doors to the school will remain locked during the school day and visitors will be required to ring the buzzer and state their business to gain access to the building.
- All visitors must report to the office to sign-in and wear a visitor's badge while in the building.
- All volunteers in the building **must** fill out CORI forms before they can begin to work with the children and to attend field trips. Please fill out one early so you are cleared to participate in all school-related volunteer activities.
- If you are dismissing your child early, you must sign him/her out at the office before he/she can be dismissed.
- Help us keep the phone lines open by making play dates and travel arrangements before arriving to school. Thanks!
- Please call the school if your child is going to be absent. Our Safe to Schools Program only works well if we have timely information.

### **Phones, Related Phone Information and Use of Electronic Devices During School Hours:**

- Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed to be visible during school hours ~ they may not be used at any time. This includes all areas that are school property. Students must store cell phones and electronic devices in their book bags upon arriving on school property and may not take them out until they have left the property at the end of the day. They may not store them in their pockets or desks. Any such items that are visible to a staff member will be confiscated and stored in the principal's office until a parent or guardian comes to retrieve them. Please remind your child of this important rule if he/she uses a cell phone on the way to school or on the way home after school.
- Texting is never allowed during the school day.
- Help us keep the phone lines open by making play dates and travel arrangements before arriving to school. Students are not allowed to set up playdates during the day.

**Sign up for Listserv and opt-out:**

The HH Listserv and district Listserv are the ways through which newsletters and all other important messages are communicated. You must sign up. If you are unable to do so for any reason, please contact our office so we know to contact you and get information to you via an alternate route. Thank you.

Opt out is your opportunity to request how your family’s information is shared within the Happy Hollow School community and media



**Listserv:**

<http://www.wayland.k12.ma.us/listserv/subscribe.html>



**Opt out:**

[https://docs.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/forms/d/1bVPZdNCe7a-inCvMZ8QvYjKeoV2541TEOeWbH\\_I21qw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/forms/d/1bVPZdNCe7a-inCvMZ8QvYjKeoV2541TEOeWbH_I21qw/viewform)

**School Meeting Assemblies** will be every other Monday (the first and third Monday’s of the month) unless there is a holiday or school cancellation. Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The first is Monday, September 18<sup>st</sup>. These meetings are an extremely important part of our school culture and create the climate that supports excellence in learning and social competency building. All are welcome!

**Coffee anyone?:**

Mr. Lee and the PTO will hold periodic coffees for informal chats and discussions. Dates will be forthcoming.

**Lost and Found:**

We will continue to use the bins located outside the resource room area and clearly marked to easily sort items. Please visit them as soon as you know an item is missing. We will make periodic donations throughout the year to those in need and this will keep our hall tidy.

**September and October Dates to note:**

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Thursday, September 21	<b>Rosh Hashanah - No School</b>	
Sunday, September 24	<b>Annual Back To School Family Cookout for Wayland and Boston Families</b> (Sponsored by The Village Bank and Wayland PTO and Boston Parent Council (BPC))	Happy Hollow School
Monday, October 9	<b>Columbus Day - No School</b>	

See PTO Calendar below for upcoming PTO family events!

# CURRICULUM CORNER

## FROM THE LIBRARY

Dear Families,

Library classes have begun at Happy Hollow! Try to help your children remember to bring their library books on Library Day so they are able to borrow a new book each week. Some families like to keep library books in a special place near their coats or backpacks so they can remember to pack them on the correct day.

K/1 may borrow one book each week. Kindergartners will begin checking out books in a few weeks.

2/3 may borrow two books each week. They should return their books once finished, but they may have an extra week if needed for longer chapter books.

4/5 may borrow up to five books at any one time. Often, these older students are reading longer chapter books and also working on reports, so they have three weeks to return their books.

Colleen Flannery, Happy Hollow School Librarian



## FROM THE COMPUTER LAB

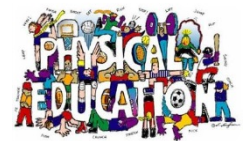


It's been wonderful reconnecting with students and meeting many new friends. For the month of September, all children in grades 1st-5th will get reacquainted with the computer lab - from how we enter the lab, to how we login, to how we leave the lab. We will also have conversations around building a safe classroom community by being good listeners, being respectful to one another and the equipment. We are using the word "SHINE" to remind students to sit quietly, hands to themselves, in your own space, no noise and eyes on the speaker. Students will also review how we access a variety of websites and software applications. One big change this year is that all technology classes are 45 minutes long. If you have any questions about our technology curriculum or need assistance at home accessing school tools, please don't hesitate to call or drop me an email.

## FROM THE GYMNASIUM

I am really excited for a new school year! I have seen the majority of students by now, just looking forward to meeting our new kindergarten friends.

During our first class, we review a lot of a gymnasium and PE rules and procedures. While we are reviewing, I have them participating in fun little activities that keep them moving. I highlight the importance of safety, effort, following directions, respecting others, and sportsmanship.



There are two new things that I am introducing to students this year.

1. The Conflict Corner: When students have a very minor disagreement, they know to play rock/paper/scissors to settle their issue. When the problem is a little bigger, and things need to be talked out, we now have a designated "conflict corner" where students will invite others to share their thoughts about the issue at hand. Signs are posted and specific steps are outlined to help them work things out.
2. I have created a worksheet titled "On the Bench in PE" that students will be completing if they are unable to participate in class. Reasons that a student might need to complete the sheet include: not having proper footwear, a minor sickness/injury, or a behavioral issue. Students will complete the worksheet and bring it home to be signed by a parent/guardian.

The addition of the conflict corner along with the worksheet for anyone not participating in class will help me spend more time helping students that are prepared, following directions, and working hard on their skills.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you,

Dan O'Connor (Daniel\_oconnor@wayland.k12.ma.us)



# HEALTHY HOLLER

Welcome to all of our Happy Hollow families  
I hope that summer was fun and relaxing for all!



## Important reminder :

- There is a student in our school that has a medical condition that requires all parents be extremely vigilant in keeping their child home from school if not feeling well.
- All parents are required to call our Safe to School Line at 508-358-8641 option #1, or email [HH\\_attendance@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:HH_attendance@wayland.k12.ma.us) when your child is absent from school. If it is due to an illness please provide this information.
- If you send information via an email, please cc [Jeanne\\_MacDonald@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:Jeanne_MacDonald@wayland.k12.ma.us) (school nurse).

## When should a student stay home :

- If your child has vomited due to illness, he/she should remain out of school for a minimum of 24 hours after vomiting has ceased.
- If your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, he/she should remain out of school for 24 hours after the fever is gone without fever reducing medication.
- If your child has been treated with an antibiotic for a contagious infection, he/she needs to be on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

## Other Important Information:

- All medications (prescription/including over the counter) require a medication order from the student's medical doctor and a parent permission to be administered during the school day. This is required on ALL medications at the start of each school year (exception for Advil/Tylenol/Tums). If this paperwork is not in place, then medication cannot be given.
- All 4th grade students are required to have an updated physical on file in the health room this year (2017-18). Please be sure to schedule your child's physical if needed, or send in a copy if already completed.
- **Please bookmark Wayland Public Schools/Happy Hollow School website:** <http://whh.wayland.k12.ma.us/> . Click on For Families, Health Services and there you will find links for medical information, including school health forms if needed.
- **Please keep your cell phone(s) on** and check them throughout the day if a call has been made from the school nurse (508-358-8648). All parents should have a backup plan in place if they cannot get to school in a timely manner.
- Please have your student place a change of clothes in their backpack in the event that clothes get wet during the day. This helps eliminate the need to call a parent.
- It is a parent responsibility to be checking for head lice and notifying the school nurse if your child has an active case. Please review the educational information available at <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/> . All school nurses are a resource and work with families if dealing with this nuisance.
- Please call if there are any questions and/or concerns. I am available daily from 8:15-3:15pm and have a confidential voice mail at 508-358-8648.
- I will be in my new office soon, so please stop by when you are in the school building.

Jeanne MacDonald RN

[Jeanne\\_macdonald@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:Jeanne_macdonald@wayland.k12.ma.us)

508-358-8648

## PTO News & Events

### **SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Back to School Family Cookout**



**When: Sunday, September 24, 2017, 1-4pm**

**Location: Happy Hollow School**

All Wayland and Boston families are invited to attend. This is a great way for families to come together to celebrate the start of the school year! There will be plenty of food, activities, face painting, crafts.

Rainforest Reptiles at 2:30!

Sponsored by The Village Bank and Wayland PTO and Boston Parent Council (BPC)

### **MEET WAYLAND'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

**Date/Time: Monday, October 23rd - 9:00am**

**Location: Happy Hollow Gym**

Happy Hollow Parents are invited to come and meet Wayland's new superintendent, Dr. Arthur Unobskey, and discuss topics such as:

- 1) Defining/important characteristics/features of the Wayland schools we want to protect
- 2) Things we can improve
- 3) New, promising areas - how do we want to grow?
- 4) How we can deepen the collaboration among the community, the schools and the Central Office.
- 5) What do you want and need from your superintendent?

**GIFT YOUR CHILD** - To donate online: <http://waylandpto.org/elementary-ptos-paypal/>

**Gift Your Child**, the Wayland Elementary PTO's annual fundraiser, is underway! Look for an **orange envelope** in your child's backpack with more information.

100% of your donation goes directly to fund fun and educational programs and presentations for our children, community-wide educational and social events, curriculum material and classroom supplies, playground equipment and so much more!!

If you have any questions about Gift Your Child, please visit the PTO website or contact Tarrah Zedower at [tmzcali@gmail.com](mailto:tmzcali@gmail.com) or Lauren Coppola at [ljcoppola@gmail.com](mailto:ljcoppola@gmail.com)

To donate online: <http://waylandpto.org/elementary-ptos-paypal/>





## **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR MySchoolAnywhere!**

If you are new to Happy Hollow, don't forget to register your family for the **FREE PTO online, district-wide, family directory** through MySchoolAnywhere. Parents can enter and manage their own data and an email address is the only requirement to register.

Go to: [join.myschoolanywhere.com](http://join.myschoolanywhere.com)

Enter the invitation code: wayland (all lower case) and follow the prompts to enter your information.

When you register, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to Gift Your Child. If you do not want to contribute at that time, just exit the screen. (Be on the lookout for more information about Gift Your Child coming soon.)

After you register, you will receive a confirmation e-mail stating your registration was received. You will receive a second email once the administrator approves and accepts your account. (For security purposes, the administrator will be confirming that anyone who applies to be included in the directory is, in fact, a family in our school district.)

Please contact Happy Hollow's administrator, [Jennifer Pearlman](mailto:jenpearlman00@gmail.com) at [jenpearlman00@gmail.com](mailto:jenpearlman00@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**DONT FORGET: If you have already signed up and are a part of the My School Anywhere online family/student directory, it's time to "graduate" your child! Go into your account and select your child's teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. (They have already been bumped up a grade in the system. We just need you to update their teacher.)**



**GET THE MySchoolAnywhere APP FOR YOUR PHONE**



## **JOIN the HAPPY HOLLOW PTO on FACEBOOK**

We'll keep you informed about future events and let you know what the PTO has going on around the school. We'll publish photos so you feel like you were there and can talk to your child about their experience.

It's a closed group, so an administrator will add you as a member. We will only add people that we have verified are members of the Happy Hollow PTO community.

## **PTO Volunteer Needs**

### **CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR PER MONTH FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?**

The HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL COUNCIL has one opening for a parent representative for a two-year term from October 2017 to September 2019. They usually meet on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 over bagels and coffee.

Would you enjoy evaluating the Happy Hollow School, the culture, and the future needs? If so, please consider nominating yourself for the two-year Parent Representative term. Previous representatives have reported enjoying the lively discussion and "action-based" results of serving on School Council.

The School Council meets once a month, with the official job being to assist the principal in adopting district, building and state related goals and practices; identifying the educational/social/emotional needs of the students attending the school; and reviewing the budget and assisting with preparing next year's school improvement plan.

Some School Council results from past years have included Destination Imagination in Wayland; alternative, ergonomically correct furniture in the school; the bi-annual multicultural celebration day; and the implementation of annual parent and fifth grade student surveys.

*If you are interested in serving*, please nominate yourself by submitting a brief paragraph about yourself to Jennifer Pearlman at [jenpearlman00@gmail.com](mailto:jenpearlman00@gmail.com).

Please see below for Massachusetts General Laws specifics regarding the School Council:

Per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 59C, at each public elementary, secondary and independent vocational school in the commonwealth there shall be a school council consisting of the school principal, parents of students attending the school, teachers who shall be selected by the teachers in such school, and other persons, not parents or teachers of students at the school, drawn from such groups or entities as municipal government, business and labor organizations, institutions of higher education, human services agencies or other interested groups. 50% of the council shall be non-school members.

## PTO Appreciation

Please say thanks when you see the following PTO volunteers.

### STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Many thanks to **Debbie Bressler** for organizing, setting up and cleaning up the Staff Appreciation Breakfast held on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to the parents that made it possible by donating food, supplies and their time:

Nadya Ilin  
Jen Rogers  
Courtney Tsiaras  
Ximena Homvak  
Lisa Bagley  
Samantha Richter  
Deb Dyson Diaz  
Cathy Caulfield  
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### SCHOOL PICTURES

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