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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER

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“Do not train children to learning by force and harshness, but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.” ~Plato

“It is in fact a part of the function of education to help us escape, not from our own time – for we are bound by that – but from the intellectual and emotional limitations of our time.” ~T.S. Eliot



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

August, 2018

Dear Happy Hollow Families:

The feelings of festivity, fervency and fun are building each day! Every year when the floors are polished to gleam with the look of being encased in glass, when the new paint dries to make surfaces and walls stand tall and proud, when carpets are cleaned to feel and smell fresh ~ and most importantly, when teachers work tirelessly to design and create welcoming learning environments ~ there is an air of excitement and renewal that is like no other! Elementary school is *that special time* when there is a *magic* to the opening of school ~ an enthusiasm for growing up ~ wearing a new grade like a badge of honor. New school supplies are like new toys and every student comes ready to achieve his or her best ~ believing that this will be the best year yet. – All we have to do as the adults in their lives is to set them in good stead to bring that wish to fruition and every young learner will find that to be true. – Daunting, exciting and no easy accomplishment – but we can do it!

The quotes from Plato and T.S. Elliot that began this letter give sound advice to us as we open our doors on September 4th. We need to meet our young learners ready to challenge their minds academically ~ to take them to their next level of proficiency in a manner that builds their confidence and curiosity. We need to keep alive our school motto: Kindness Matters ~ so that we offer a place that is safe, upbeat and free from exclusion and we need to begin to form the class climates that make for a strong connection between the school and home. The practice of education ensures that we strive for this.

With exciting school and district initiatives that build on our already strong program, with a dedicated and highly competent faculty and with a parent community that is supportive and active, we are set to begin our new journey. I do think of every year as a journey - those of you who know me know that I mention it each year. A journey implies possibility, challenge, inspires curiosity, takes all to new levels of academic and affective growth and it most importantly implies that there will be others along the way - our collaborators, new and old friends and those who become our teams.

To all the families who are joining us for the first time - our new kindergarten friends, and new students, we wish you a sincere, special and warm welcome. I feel at this point, I can promise you that soon you will feel at home and a part of the Happy Hollow Community - a family of sorts. I can tell you that with confidence

because I am in my twelfth year as principal of our amazing school and I have seen it happen every year. It is also my twenty-seventh year in Wayland - and because my journey included many years as a teacher, I know firsthand this is a uniquely awe-inspiring community - one I am so proud in every way possible to continue to serve as an educator.

At the Happy Hollow School, we work to take care of each other and we strive to bring kindness alive in all we do! Our longstanding motto is “Kindness matters.” - And we all work to bring it alive and well each day. If you are returning, you know why we chose it and how we continue to make it come alive. I tell the students and firmly believe that our motto is powerful enough that it could bring peace to the world. - However, as we can’t directly reach the world, we can reach our sphere of influence. So remember, as a community, we know if every member is constantly working to be kind, then all things fall into place.

If all of us are trying to be kind - everything that is good matters as well. If one is being kind, one cannot be mean. - If one cannot be mean, words are nicer, mistakes are fewer, owned and made right, apologies are a natural part of the course - positive play and learning cannot be purposefully interrupted... If one is being kind to one’s teacher and one’s classmates one must pay attention, follow directions, listen to others’ ideas, be serious and hardworking about learning, act in a way so that everyone can learn and follow the classroom rules and routines. - If kindness matters - we are set to build the strongest of learning postures. If effective effort is part of being kind and respectful to the community, then everyone works his/her best and tries to help others to do the same.

To that end, we use K.I.N.D. as an acronym for remembering our core values made simple. We all worked to come up with the meaning behind each letter and Ms. Pohl, our amazing music teacher put it all together in a Happy Hollow rap. It works like this:

- “K~ /K/is for kind. We make kindness matter.**
- I ~ /I/ is for invest. We invest in learning.**
- N ~ /N/ is for need. W need to include everyone!**
- D ~ /D/ is for do. We do our Best.**



Kindness matters at Happy Hollow! That is the motto that we all follow!”

Our motto/model in action is one behind which we can stand proudly - building strong expectations around learning while also building the character that sets our students on the path for life success. We all know that more than ever, our world depends upon workers that can collaborate respectfully, accept others, consider all ideas and compete for the common good.

At the core of all of these salient work habits is a foundation of kindness. When we say, “Kindness matters.” at Happy Hollow, we mean it far beyond a vision seen solely through the eyes of dreamers and wishful thinkers. Our kindness is strong in learning, strong in virtue and it is, most importantly, strong in achievement. - Powerful like all of our students and families!

When we say, “Kindness matters.”, we are not saying it as a title. It is a ***full sentence*** and its power has the implications to solve most of what falls short in any society. In this way, I know we will have a fantastic year together.

Now to get everyone ready for the start of school, the following is, hopefully, a helpful message, followed by some things you should know about our school. I included it last school year and believe its message is still relevant and a great way to prepare.

A Message to Consider:

Drs. Laurie and Fred Zelinger are a husband and wife team of licensed psychologists with more than 70 years of combined experience working in schools. I included them in this letter during the past three years because their message about reentry or entry to a new school is timeless and invaluable for the start of a productive new year. Thus, I am including it again this year and hope it helps.

Dr. Laurie Zelinger is the author of [Please Explain Anxiety to Me!](#), which is designed to help children learn to manage their worries and fears. Together, the Zelingers told us how to best handle moments when the back-to-school-anxiety monster rears its ugly head for parents and children alike.

The Zelingers' Top 5 Tips for Dealing with Back-to-School Anxiety:

1. Learn as much as you can about the new school. "The more information you get about what you're going to be experiencing, the better," Dr. Laurie Zelinger says. "Having information ahead of time tends to help you figure out what the sources of anxiety are." Find out as much about your child's new school as possible, such as what your child's typical class day looks like, or what the classroom rules or expectations are. Many elementary schools distribute parent handbooks before school with this information. If you're well-informed, you will be less anxious and more able to ease your child's worries.
2. Plan your morning in advance. "What's more stressful for the child than having a parent running around the house in the morning, screaming, 'You're gonna miss your bus!!!'" Dr. Fred Zelinger notes, figure out logistics at least 2 weeks in advance, earlier if possible. "When and where is drop-off? How does pick-up work? What does the child need to bring with them every day? How much time does my child need to get ready? Knowing the answers to these simple questions ahead of time can reduce anxiety significantly in both parents and children," Dr. Laurie Zelinger adds.
3. Familiarize yourselves with the school. "Try to give your child as much exposure to school as you can in a non-threatening, playful way," says Dr. Laurie Zelinger. The Zelingers recommend spending as much time on the school grounds as possible in the summer. Something as simple as taking a walk around the buildings or eating a snack at the school playground can help familiarize the space to children.
4. Play school at home. According to the Zelingers, a role play game of school is a great way to introduce the concept. Use a whiteboard and have your child play teacher, and you play the student. Come up with ideas for your "school rules" together as a way of introducing this potentially new world to your child.
5. Watch for signs. "There are three things parents should pay attention to: the frequency, intensity, and duration of any symptoms of anxiety," Dr. Fred Zelinger says. It's normal to be nervous, but when the nervousness interferes with the child's daily sleeping and eating patterns, it might be a sign of something more serious. If your child exhibits significant symptoms of distress for two consecutive days, and if you know this is not typical behavior for your child, it's time to seek assistance. A call to a pediatrician, doing some research, or contacting a child specialist, will help determine the right type of intervention.

Read the full interview with Drs. Laurie and Fred Zelinger below for more detailed tips on dealing with back-to-school anxiety. You can also find more resources on [Dr. Laurie Zelinger's Website](#).

I also like to remind every child and adult that as a new school year begins, you may all be feeling a bit nervous. It is natural and part of the nervousness is the excitement of the unknown. Everyone who has ever attended a school or even a college, has a touch of nervousness and excitement when each new school year begins. It is a perfectly natural way to feel. However, try to remember that once we are all together and you sit with your new class and teacher, all those feelings will melt away. Remember and know that you are so important to me and to our school. ~Your teachers and our whole staff join me in telling you that we really want you to arrive. We can't wait until you are here!

Elementary school is that distinctive time when there is an enchantment to the opening of school ~ a magic ~ an enthusiasm for growing up. Students gather new school supplies, put on new clothes when the smaller sizes no

longer fit. Whatever they pack to bring, the most important part of the day's outfit happens when they enter the school. They try on their new grade as if wearing a gold medal around their necks and at that very moment, every single child expects that he/she will be successful ~ that this will be the best year ever! They are ready and it is our job to keep that spirit alive and well for 180 days. To that end, we are also prepared.

In order to meet the needs of every child, we will continue our practice of having staff gather once a week as grade level teams in meetings called Professional Learning Communities to plan for our Response to Intervention (RTI) work. We know our RTI model supports our learners so they can challenge their minds academically - move to next levels of proficiency and find the comfortable challenge that makes learning interesting, exciting and ongoing.

Assembly meetings, concerts, open houses, field trips, cultural enrichment programs, a talent show and so much more will round out the learning, so that the journey is set for the serious student growth that crosses curricular, social and emotional development and becomes the optimal educational program that considers the needs of the whole child.

With our highly professional, competent and dedicated faculty, an active, committed and supportive parent community and students who are well cared for, loved and set to learn, we are definitely prepared for the year's journey. For those of you who know me well, you know the journey of which I speak. It is the one I mention every year and includes: possibility, challenge, inspires curiosity, takes all to new levels of academic and affective growth and it most importantly implies that there will be others along the way - our collaborators. Welcome one and all! You are all a part of the 2018-19 Happy Hollow School family ~ As you walk through the arched mural that holds the doors of our school - remember its message invites you to a "Community of learning - friendship, respect and scholarship."

Please read and save the rest of this letter. There is important information on procedures, dates and opportunities - refer to it as often as you need. - It is not to be read in one sitting. I am looking forward to seeing all of my old friends - from the grandparents to the youngest members that define the Happy Hollow community. If you're new or just beginning at the Happy Hollow School, I can't wait to have the honor of meeting you. All are welcome in this place!

All best,



Principal's List of Things to Bring to School (My list is the same every year and so far I've had a really good response!):

You may pack these in your back pack, put them in your pocket or carry them in your hand... Once you are here, you should take them out and put them in your hearts and minds. They become the recipe for success. We'll mix it and create the end product as the year moves along.

1. Bring a positive attitude.
2. Bring an endless capacity to be willing to challenge your many capabilities.
3. Bring a strong sense of fun lightly wrapped so as not to crush it in any way.
4. Bring boxes of a readiness to develop your many talents.
5. Bring an ongoing supply of imagination and lots.
6. Bring respect and kindness for others.
7. Bring a smile that you can pull out of your pocket at a moment's notice.



Note: You may replenish each supply as often as necessary. The whole staff and I will help to keep them full, on hand and ready for use at all times.

A Happy Hollow Tradition ~ We REALLY NEED your help! **Everyone ~ PLEASE participate! We want all students represented.**

Summer Collages for Our Halls:

It has become a Happy Hollow tradition to decorate our halls with your summer experiences and we want that to continue this year too. Therefore, I am asking you to take a piece of white 8 ½” x 11” paper. Use markers, make a collage, use paints, photos, write a poem or anything that represents the best part(s) of your summer.

*Remember, good times don't have to be fancy vacations or big events; they might be fun times playing in your neighborhood or a relaxing day of swimming.

*You might want to include how you continued your service learning projects or community service endeavors.

*Show how kindness matters if you'd like ~ that always brings our school alive as that is our Motto!

*You might show the right way to play a game such as soccer.

*You might show helping behaviors.

*You might show friends eating lunch together ~anything that shows our community at its best.

Again, you may use markers, make a collage, use paints, a photo or write a poem. We will collect your work by grade level in boxes that will be labeled in the front lobby. Your memories will be mounted on colored paper and proudly displayed in our halls. Please try to bring your finished product to the school before September 2nd so that we can hang up as many as possible before school officially begins. Let's show our school spirit and try for a summer piece from everyone! (We had one from almost every child last year.) Wouldn't it be great if we had one from every single student this year?

Schedule for the opening Days:

Kindergarten Meet and Greet: You should have received your appointment for Tuesday, September 4th and Wednesday, September 5th. Our kindergarten friends will come to school only for their "Meet and Greet" time ~ a special time to meet the classroom teacher and to help us to get to know all of the students a bit better. This is not an assessment for placement, or one that in any way marks your child. It is simply a chance for our staff to meet you and to better understand where to begin with whom as the school year commences. All kindergarten students will begin classes on Wednesday, September 6th.

Thursday, August 30th we offer a time for all kindergarten families and those new to our school to meet, greet and go on a scavenger hunt to better know the school...

*1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*New Family, Kindergarten, will participate in a scavenger hunt and classroom visits.

*2:00 p.m.

*Playground play time! The PTO provides a play time event for students to relax and for all to get to know one another a bit better.

Monday, September 3rd

***No School Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 4th

***First Day of Classes for Grades 1-5**

Thursday, September 6th

***First Day of Classes for Kindergarten Students**

***Staffing Additions and Building Updates:**

*Jeanne McDonald is going to job share with Kelley Bradford, who was a substitute nurse in our building during the past two school years. Kelley is highly qualified and with Jeanne, we have a winning team in our health room. We are so very fortunate.

*Joe Beauregard will be our full time night custodian and Javier Mendoza will be the part time night custodian person splitting his time between Happy Hollow and Loker. Javier has been working in the district and transferred to this position. We are in good hands with both of them as our night team.

***Staffing changes at the district level:**

Assistant Superintendent: Parry Graham

Director of Student Services: Richard Whitehead

EL Coordinator: Heidi Paisner (part time EL Coordinator and will remain the CPH Vice-Principal making up a 1.0 FTE)

***Around the halls and grounds of Happy Hollow:**

- The first steps to create conference room space at Happy Hollow have begun. The teacher work room will double as this space for this year and then next year, we will complete it as a permanent conference room. We are so excited to have this new space!
- Our extraordinary custodial staff, which consisted of Willie Hernandez, Joe Beauregard, Javier Mendoza and Matthew Morris (our former HH student), have painted many areas of the building, stripped and waxed floors. As usual, they have made the building sparkle and we are so very fortunate to have such an amazing team!
- A three-basin sink was installed in the cafeteria bringing that space up to date and ready to go!
- Thanks to Henry Stafford – a former HH student – we now have a beautifully crafted Gaga Ball bin as part of the purple playground. It is safe and has been approved by the School Committee. The rules are posted and it can involve a good number of students at recess. Our options grow! Henry chose the project as part of earning his Eagle Scout badge and will present at assembly to our students. We are so very grateful to him and his amazing creativity, craftsmanship and kindness!
- Thanks to the Happy Hollow Student Council, Deborah Niles and Gretchen Knox and my work with facilities/Pat Morris, O'Brien & Sons and the Wayland Parks Department, we will have three new play panels on the playground. One will be a Tic Tac Toe game, one will be an image panel for making designs and words, and one a musical panel (small bells and clappers, not loud) that won't disturb the classrooms near the playground and the surrounding neighbors!

Thank you to the Exceptional Summer Staff:

Willie Hernandez, Joe Beauregard, Javier Mendoza and Matthew Morris (our former HH student), as I mentioned in the section about improvements “Around the halls of Happy Hollow” went out-of-their way to paint, clean and do many things that often go unnoticed but make a big difference in the maintenance of our building. I am so very grateful! **Pat Morris our facilities manager** leads this team and all across the town and toward that end, we are so very grateful to him for our many building-based and district-based facility-related projects.

Anita Martin – a teaching assistant and our MCAS Coordinator during the year was our lead administrative assistant for the summer season. As she does on all she endeavors, she did a fantastic job to ensure that we are set to open school – including managing all of the order and supplies that come into the building over the summer and the huge kindergarten mailing and preparation. Please join me in thanking her when you see her around the school!

Leslie Corner ~ Leslie was in working this summer as well. Often helping from her home-computer and covering the office as needed. She emails from any of her summer destinations and never has Happy Hollow far from her heart and mind ~ always working! We are all so very grateful ~ for all she does all year as well!

Beth Crozier and Walter Rockwell ~ were our summer schedulers and each year this seems to be an increasingly daunting task. Not only does it require great concentration, skill and a multitude of patience, it continues on long after the allotted time for this job. They accepted the challenge and did an extraordinary job in all aspects of creating the schedule. “THANK YOU!” said that loudly only begins to cover the amount of gratitude I feel toward them.

Added information you’ll want to know:

Important Information for the first day of school and for knowing the weekly time schedule:

- *Our school doors will open Tuesday, September 4th at 8:30 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:15 p.m.
- *Wednesday, September 5th begins our Wednesday schedule, where students are dismissed so staff may attend in service training. This means students are dismissed at 2:05 p.m. each Wednesday ~ for all children in grades K – 5.
- *Kindergarten “Meet and Greet” appointments will be held on Tuesday, September 4th and Wednesday, September 5th.
- *Kindergarten students will begin their first day of school at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 6th.

Our doors to the school open at 8:30 a.m. ***This is important to note because if you drop your child or children off prior to that time, they may not enter the building and we cannot provide outside supervision.*** We request that you work to arrive a bit before 8:45 a.m. (and most certainly not after) as school begins right at 8:45 a.m. and it is always best for students to have time to get ready and organized for their day prior to the official start.

School hours are:

8:45 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. Wednesdays

8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (M, T, TH, F)



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. Stay tuned for the district wide Opt Out Form which will be available soon.



Listserv:

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

We will have two Curriculum Nights once again:

These are meetings where classroom teachers share the curriculum and classroom procedures and expectations for the school year. You don't want to miss them!

***Curriculum Nights are as noted below:**

Grades 3, 4 & 5 @ 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6th

Grades K, 1 & 2 @ 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12th

*Curriculum nights are an adult event and we respectfully ask that you not bring any children

School Meeting Assemblies:

Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. every Monday morning, except for holidays or by notice. We will let you know the date of our first assembly. Everyone is always welcome! Join us when you can or when your child and/or his/her class is presenting something extra special!

A Reminder from the Food Service Department:

Students are not allowed to go back into the kitchen after making their lunch purchase. They should choose everything they want when they go through the line. I appreciate your help in reminding your children of this practice and guiding them to plan their meal choices.



Is your child interested in playing a musical instrument this year? If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late!

To register for 3rd, 4th or 5th grade STRINGS for 2018-19, click [HERE](#).

Questions? Please contact:

Kimberley_Davis@wayland.k12.ma.us (grade 3)

Whitney_Tandon@wayland.k12.ma.us (grades 3-5)

To register for 4th or 5th grade BAND for 2018-19, click [HERE](#).

Questions? Please contact:

Tristie_Keenan@wayland.k12.ma.us

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL (ULTRA IMPORTANT READING)

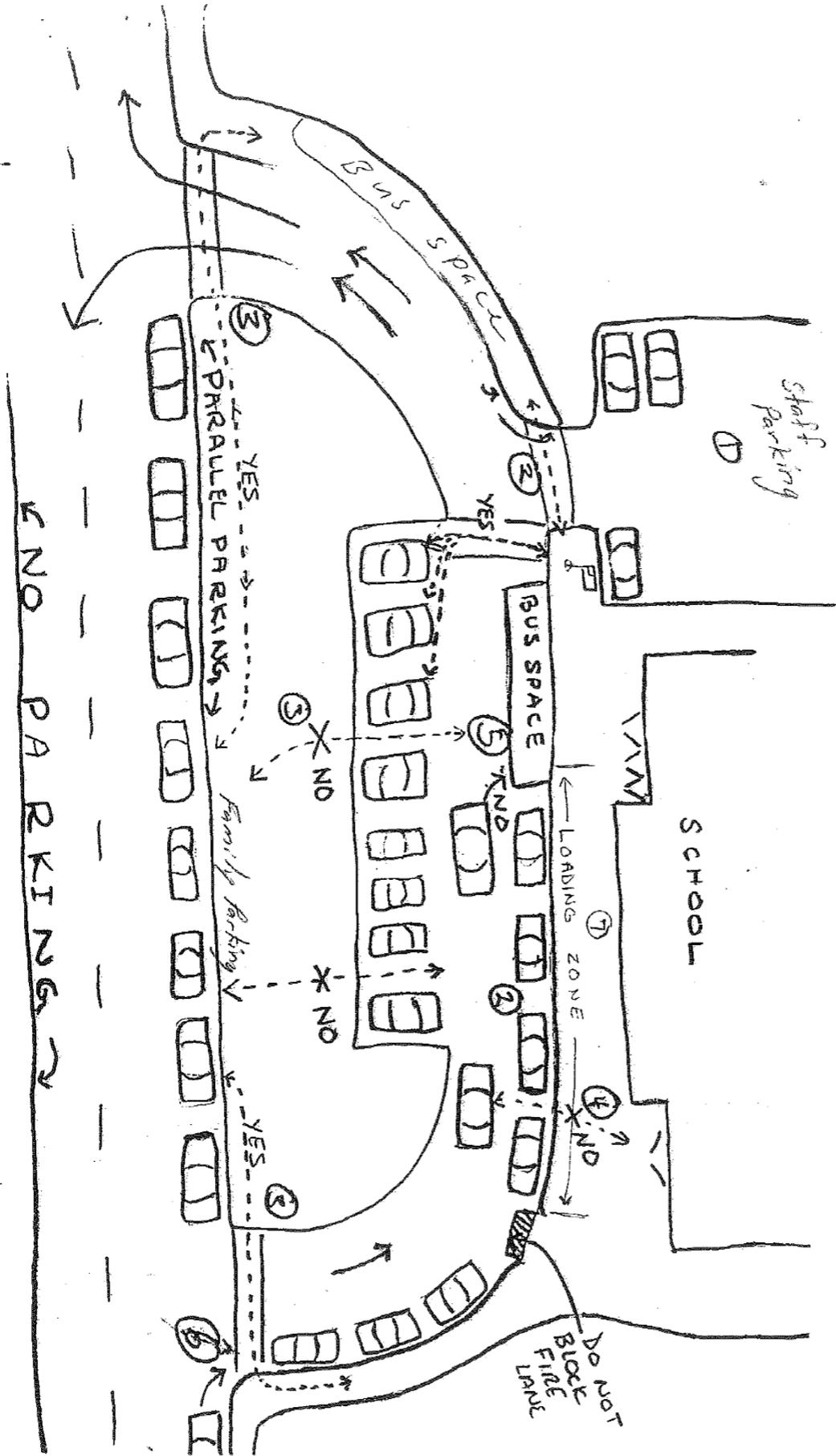
1. There are two lanes of traffic in front of our school. The one closest to the building is the drop off line. The other is a live lane where traffic will pull out from the drop off line to exit or they may be driving through to park in the parking lot. (The parking spaces in front of the building are 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 from 2:05 p.m. - until 2:20 p.m. at the latest.**
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!



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1. Park only in designated areas.
2. Remain in vehicle when in fire lane.
3. Use crosswalks at all times.
4. Load and unload students only at the curb.
5. Preserve open bus loading area.
6. Maintain single file line for pick-up and drop-off.
7. Children must be picked up in loading zone area only.



Dates to Get the Year Started:

Thursday August 30	Scavenger Hunt	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Happy Hollow
Friday, August 31 Monday, September 3	No School Labor Day weekend	
Tuesday, September 4	First Day of Classes grade 1-5	All day Happy Hollow
Tuesday, September 4 and Wednesday, September 5	Kindergarten “Meet and Greet” by appointment	By appointment Happy Hollow
Thursday, September 6	First Day of Classes for all Kindergarten Students	
Thursday, September 6	Curriculum Night Grades 3,4 & 5 adults only please	7:00 p.m. Happy Hollow
Wednesday, September 12	Curriculum Night Grades K, 1 & 2 adults only please	7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Happy Hollow
Monday, September 10	No School Rosh Hashanah	
Tuesday, September 18	Picture Day! Smile big!	Throughout the day on the HH grounds
Wednesday, September 19	No School Yom Kippur	
Monday, October 8	No School Columbus Day	

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Transportation:

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

*You can visit the student transportation website or contact the transportation coordinator Dianne Potter at Dianne_Potter@wayland.k12.ma.us to learn more about the transportation program.

*Bus transportation may not be used for setting up play-dates. All play-dates 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.



Safety, Safety, Safety!

- All doors to the school will remain locked during the school day and visitors will be required to ring the buzzer, identify themselves and state their business to gain access to the building. Each person should buzz in individually. **Please do not hold the door open for a person entering behind you. Please do not let anyone into the building as you leave or wait in the lobby. Students should never open the door for anyone (even their own parent).**
- All visitors must report to the office to sign-in **and wear a visitor's badge** while in the building.
- Everyone who walks the halls of our building must be CORIed or escorted. Please fill out one early so you are cleared to participate in all school-related and volunteer activities. CORIs remain valid for three years. If you do not know if your CORI is still valid, our office staff is happy to look it up for you.
- If you are dismissing your child early, you must sign him/her out at the office before he/she can be dismissed. Children will be dismissed to the office, please do not go down to their classroom during instructional time.
- Help us keep the phone lines open, and allow your children to focus on their learning by making all 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.

Safe To School Program Procedures for ALL Happy Hollow Families:

- **Families phone the school (508-358-8641) before 8:45 AM** and leave a message stating that their child(ren) will be **absent or tardy**. Message should include: child's name, teacher's name, date(s) of absence. Anticipated future absences or late arrivals can also be called in ahead of time.
- The office staff keeps a log of all calls.
- Classroom attendance is sent to the office and cross checked with the messages at 8:45 AM

If a child is *still* unaccounted for, the office staff then:

- Rechecks the child's classroom
- Contacts the parents/guardians at all phone numbers on file
- Phones emergency contacts
- Principal or designee drives to child's home
- Police are contacted
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- Principal or designee drives to child's home
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Phones, Related Phone Information and Use of Electronic Devices During School Hours:

- **It is imperative that parents are accessible by telephone at all times that their child is in our care! The school must have your proper contact information for this purpose**
- **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 travel/dismissal arrangements and play dates before arriving to school.** Students are not allowed to set up play dates during the day.

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.

Please help! Remind others if they did not receive this letter to sign up for our Listserv.

Please visit our [school home page](#). There you will find a [link to sign up for our E-News](#). This Listserv is our main means of communication with you. Our newsletters and other pertinent information are sent on-line. You will also find information on our website such as the school calendar, our staff roster, lunch menus, our school handbooks and much more. Hard copies are only sent to you if you are unable to access information via the Internet and you must request them from our head administrative assistant, Leslie Corner (508) 358-8641. Otherwise, our district is working to go green whenever possible.

[click here to sign up for our enews](#)



PTO News and Events

On behalf of the Happy Hollow PTO, I welcome our incoming Kindergarten and new student families and well as our returning families. The PTO has exciting events and initiatives to keep families engaged throughout the year. You can also find information on our PTO [Facebook page](#) and [website](#):

Facebook	Search “Happy Hollow PTO” and join the community. Please be sure to answer the verification questions.
Wayland PTO website	http://waylandpto.org/happy-hollow-pto/

As you get ready for the start of a great school year, please take note of the following upcoming events and useful information. I look forward to meeting you and your children and wish you a successful school year. Elementary school is a special time in a child’s life, and the PTO strives to make it a great experience for all students, parents/guardians, and staff.

Regards,

Sheetal Acharya

PTO President, Happy Hollow

HappyHollowPTO@gmail.com

Scavenger Hunt for Kindergarteners and New Students (Siblings welcome!)

Thursday, August 30th, from 1 – 2 PM (arrive 10 minutes early if possible)

With the help of parents or caregivers, all kindergarteners and new students are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt by following clues to navigate their way around the school. The last stop on the hunt is to visit your child’s classroom and meet the teacher. Stay for popsicles and some playtime with fellow classmates and meet other parents on the Happy Hollow playground. Please reach out to happyhollowpto@gmail.com with questions.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Friday, September 14th

Help the PTO welcome back our teachers and staff to Happy Hollow by donating an item for our Appreciation Breakfast. Watch for our sign up notice, or reach out to [Debbie Sideropoulos](mailto:dsid30@yahoo.com) at dsid30@yahoo.com with any questions.

Say, “Cheese,” for Picture Day*

Thursday, September 18th

Capture those fresh, “back-to-school” faces while giving back to Happy Hollow. Photo package information will be sent home with your child in early September. Please complete and return the form with your child *even if you do not wish to purchase any photos*. EVERY CHILD WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED regardless of whether you purchase a photo package. Re-takes, absentee photos, and the opportunity to have your Happy Hollow siblings photo taken will happen in November. For more information, please contact [Daniela Vinci](mailto:vincid2004@yahoo.com) at vincid2004@yahoo.com.

**Scholarships are available. Please see Principal Lee or your child's teacher.*

NEW Parents, Stay Connected with HH Parents through MySchoolAnywhere

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

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

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:Jennifer.Pearlman) at jenpearlman00@gmail.com if you have questions.

RETURNING Parents, Move Your Child to the Next Grade in MySchoolAnywhere

If you are already 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.

Be Sure to get MySchoolAnywhere App for Your Phone



PTO Volunteer Needs

Calling All Room Parents

Being a Room Parent is a rewarding way to be part of your child's classroom. No prior experience is necessary, and we still need a few more enthusiastic parents to help specifically for the following classrooms:

- KG - Cherwinski (2) and Russo (2)
- 2nd - Morrison (1), Knox (1), Niles (2)
- 4th - Aronian (1), Reardon (2)
- 5th - Leo (1), Devlin (1), Mattson (1)

If you are interested in being a Room Parent, please submit the following information to [David Green](mailto:David.Green), PTO Vice President, at snooty1@verizon.net.

- Your Name, Email, and Phone Number
- Your Child's Name, Grade, and Teacher

Other Areas of Involvement

If you'd like to get more involved with the PTO, drop us a note at happyhollowpto@gmail.com. We're confident we can find a role that will suit your schedule!

2018-2019 PTO EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Gift Your Child Campaign	August – November 2018	N/A	N/A	Lauren Coppola
Scavenger Hunt for all kindergarteners and new students (parents and/or caregivers participate; siblings welcome)	Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018	12:45 PM – Check in 1:00 – 2:00 PM – Hunt	HH main entrance	Tarrah Zedower
School Picture Day	Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018	9:00 – 11:00 AM	HH	Daniela Vinci
Teacher and Staff Appreciation Breakfast	September 14, 2018	8:30 AM	HH Teacher's Room	Debbie Bressler
PTO Board Meeting	September 2018	TBD	TBD	Sheetal Acharya

<http://waylandpto.org>

[We appreciate your patience as we continue to update the website for 2018 -2019](#)

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