



# THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER

April 6, 2012

*“Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder. Let the challenges make you strong.”*

*~Unknown*

Hello Happy Hollow Friends!

There are so many wonderful things that coincide with the spring. The days are longer, brighter and warmer. Students begin to spend more time outside ~and the outside calls to all of us. It is also second to the Holiday Season for finding people with much to do.

Spring sports abound ~ many with late night “under the lights” game times. Fenway opens its doors and may offer night events to some. It seems as though there are more family events to attend ~ weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, Confirmations, First Communions, Passover, Easter and vacations for many.

At school we have our own special version of the whirlwind mix. We begin with another round of MCAS. Gently add in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade play. Sprinkle with strings and band concerts coming up. Add a generous scoop of open houses, a whole biography show, first grade memory shows, field trips, a recorder concert, lots of school meetings, field day, the Happy Hollow picnic... and so much more. You can add to the list to taste but the end result is much the same. The last ten weeks of school tend to be a perfect whirlwind! On top of that, the building heats up ~ sometimes it feels like 350 to 425 degrees and remains preheated ~ And if it does so early, it can make it more challenging for some to concentrate. The mix is complete when we stir in the end of the year with move-along day and farewell times ~ Shake well and you have instant whirlwind!



Why do I mention all of this? For elementary students there is another layer to the farewell times. They have worked hard to build a class culture and community. They have bonded with their teachers and have seen more of their teacher and classmates than anyone else in their young lives. They have created a social family at school ~ a school family.

Because of this ~ whether it has been the best year or not ~ they have siblings and we all know that siblings can “push those buttons” with precision that can sting. My message is this ~ It is truly a time for **patience and pardons**. Please talk with your child about the stresses and help them to see the positives. When possible, try to keep to a normal bedtime.



Sleep is so important as the underpinnings to help students navigate this tricky time of year.

In this way, we can keep the seats in my office for service learning meetings and not discipline meetings. Like people of all ages, elementary age children do better when they can talk about what is going on for them. ~ We will be sending them the message to be easy with themselves and others. We will spend time helping them work through the arguments and changes in friendships ~ the heat and final projects. Join us in that conversation and things are always left to a more positive end. It is as exciting as it is daunting and with the “exciting lens” firmly in place, good things continue to happen. Kindness always matters...

The final part of my message is the third /p/ that arrives with the spring. It is the “placement” /p/. We need the patience and pardons for the placement process! May brings us the overwhelming task of creating new class configurations ~ and we always do it better with your input.

There are guidelines for how I can accept your input and they are ones I adhere to strictly. The reason is that I must be fair to all 437 students and their families who comprise our school. Things to remember:

1.) I want to begin by dispelling the misconception that I personally choose a particular teacher for a particular child... It is simply not possible. I cannot pick a teacher for 437 individual students with individual needs. Our process is to create balanced classes and that is done by the grade level teams. The teacher names are assigned after that and I do assign teacher names to classes. Once a class is balanced, it is nearly impossible to move even one student without affecting five or six other students. “Why?”



you ask. Well, say a group of children are put in a room for reading support ~ say another group is put together for friendship reasons ~ say another group is put together to challenge each other ~ another to receive special education services ~ still another to avoid combinations that are known not to be positive ~ another so there are leaders and independent thinkers ~ one more for good luck... and you see how moving even one student becomes a house of cards falling or a domino effect... Therefore, I need and welcome all input. I will do my best with my team of teachers, special educators, guidance counselors, reading specialists, the METCO coordinator and a little bit of magic to put the whole puzzle in place. It is no easy feat. So, if all of your requests are not met, we will do our best to meet at least one. Also, please remember, we cannot and will not accept specific teacher requests.

2.) **I am accepting letters up to Wednesday, April 25, 2012** ~ those that will assist us in the placement of your child/children. We begin grouping on May 2nd and need the week before to organize and prepare for the rest of the process. It is crucial for us to have this information and I want to hear from you if you have any questions or concerns.



### **3.) These are our steps that lead us to balanced classes~**

**Step One:** Every year is important in your child’s life and we take placement very seriously. New teacher assignments will be made by move-along day so that your child/children and you will be able to relax and prepare for the upcoming year without all of the anxiety that waiting to find out may bring. For us that means May is our deadline for beginning our work. It is a huge task and one we approach thoughtfully and thoroughly.

**Step Two:** This step involves collegial collaboration among staff. Classroom teachers will meet with specialists, guidance counselors and special education teachers to create well-balanced heterogeneous groupings which reflect diverse talents, interests and needs. The staff will also address factors such as gender, social and academic strengths, special needs and friendships - not necessarily “best friends” but students who have nice working relationships in school. (We try to make sure that every child has a mix of one or more of their classmates from this year’s class in his/her class next year so that he/she will have some familiar faces around him/her.) The classroom groups will then be submitted to the principal for comments and/or adjustment.

**Step Three:** The final step is when the lists arrive at my office. At that point, I will sit down with the guidance department for a final look. After that, I will assign a teacher to each group.

#### **4.) So what feedback are we looking for from you?**

Although you may not request a certain teacher, you may give us very valuable information that we consider very seriously in our goal to place your child so that he/she is set for another great year. Therefore, you may write requests about placement if the following circumstances exist:

- Concerns about an older sibling’s experience with a specific teacher.

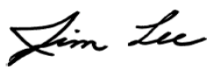
Please keep in mind that teachers may be moving grade levels. Teachers may also make a request based upon personal experience with a family.

- Request that your child not be placed with a specific child due to personal experience and impact on your child’s learning.
- You may want to describe how your child learns best ~ but know that all of our teachers work to meet the needs of all of the children in their classes so this does not guarantee a certain teacher over another, it merely helps us to create groups of children where your child might feel most comfortable; or maybe the location of one room would be better than another for your child, based upon a need.

Please honor the deadline, as the work we do around placement is extremely complex and one change can disrupt a group, causing teachers to begin from scratch; or it may be that you get the letter to us too late for us to consider the important information that you have given to us. ~ Please enjoy the spring, the next segment of the school year and build the kind of memories that make a year outstanding in your mind! Please contact me with any questions or concerns ~ my door is always open and I am always available by phone or email.

No matter what you do, have a safe, happy and healthy April vacation! Take care and a very happy spring to you and your wonderful families!

All best and much peace to you!



Jim Lee, Principal

This and that from the principal's office:

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~Service Learning and Community Service Projects  
Completed Since Our Last Newsletter ~

*Service Learning Projects:*

Some of our latest projects just completed include the following:

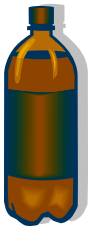
***Ms. Bergeron's Class*** ~ engaged in a service learning project that grew out of our school's participation in the Loose Change Project ~ One that aids schools in rural parts of Peru. They learned all about coins ~ traded all of their real coins in their class for paper ones and added some more ~ learning a lot about coins and helping others.



***The LED Group*** ~ These fifth grade boys learned about solar energy and how to use the power of the sun instead of other energy sources. They created a PowerPoint presentation to teach all grades about solar energy at our early morning assembly gatherings. Then they became greener while lighting up the front of our school! Their project raised enough money to purchase all of the beautiful lights that now make our gardens and the Happy Hollow sign glow each night. We are really proud of their fine efforts. Their solar powered lights will make our school shine on the outside as much as it does on the inside... From Mr. O'Connor's room ~ ***George Apazidis, Charlie Houde, Alex Janoff, Tom Paugh, Andy Wang.***



***The Overuse of Plastic Drinking Bottle Project*** ~ This student did research around the overuse of plastic drinking bottles. He shared a PowerPoint presentation at all early morning assemblies and we learned a lot from him. He showed that all of the plastic is not recycled and the dangers this can bring to us and our earth. He will be doing some follow-up with posters so we can remember his lesson. From Mr. O'Connor's room ~ ***Ashwin Krishnan.***



*Community Service Awards:*

***Jaden Brewington*** ~ helped our community by being an active bystander. He stopped the destruction of property in our bathrooms and helped our custodial staff by teaching others to respect their hard work in keeping our bathrooms clean. Thank you, Jaden.



Many more projects in the works!

Please check the lost and found. Now that it is spring, we want all winter coats, snowpants and boots to find their owners. ~ Many other items there too. We also have non-clothing items in the office ~ so if you lost glasses, a toy or the like, check with us.

As always, remember to visit the Happy Hollow and District Calendars for upcoming events.

<b>Wednesday April 4</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Play</b>	<b>Gymnasium 10am &amp; 6pm</b>
<b>Friday, April 6</b>	<b>No School –Good Friday</b>	
<b>Monday, April 9</b>	<b>All School Assembly</b>	<b>Gymnasium 9AM</b>
<b>Saturday, April 14-22</b>	<b>No School-Spring Break</b>	
<b>Monday, April 23</b>	<b>Classes resume</b>	
<b>Monday, April 23</b>	<b>All School Assembly</b>	<b>Gymnasium 9AM</b>
<b>Monday, April 30</b>	<b>Sol Y Canto- Cultural Enrichment</b>	<b>Gymnasium 10AM</b>
<b>Monday, May 7</b>	<b>All School Assembly</b>	<b>Gymnasium 9AM</b>
<b>May 8 – May 17</b>	<b>MCAS</b>	
<b>Monday, May 21</b>	<b>All School Assembly</b>	<b>Gymnasium 9AM</b>
<b>Monday, May 28</b>	<b>No School-Memorial Day</b>	
<b>June 6-7</b>	<b>PTO Book Fair</b>	
<b>Wednesday, June 6</b>	<b>End of Year Picnic</b>	<b>Playground 5:30</b>

## CURRICULUM CORNER



### **Artist in Residence!**

We are excited to announce that Virginia Fitzgerald will be presenting her work to our students this spring. A local artist, known for her "Dress Project",

Ms. Fitzgerald incorporates recycled materials into her work when necessary. Recycling has been a theme in our art program at Happy Hollow and this artist will

share her personal experiences as well as her sculptural skills.

She will prepare an overview of her work and students will have an opportunity in art class to contribute to a school wide group sculpture.

This was made possible through a grant funded by the Wayland Public Schools.

**Christine Soeltz**

### **MUSIC BEATS:**

**March Music Notes—Mrs. Calkins, Music Teacher**  
[susan\\_calkins@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:susan_calkins@wayland.k12.ma.us)



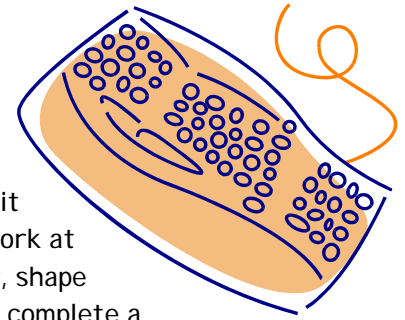
### **Music Classes with Mrs. Calkins, April 2012**

**Grade 1-** During the short month of April first graders will sing, dance, and perform percussion instruments on a variety of songs and musical games. Developing skills in beat competency, singing in tune, and music literacy will provide a foundation for performance activities. Students will accompany themselves on percussion instruments as they sing new songs. They will also experiment with expressive storytelling using music and movement.

**Grade 2-** Second Graders will conclude their study of the symphony orchestra, as they learn to identify instrument families and sonorities. They will play percussion instruments and be provided an opportunity to perform for their class as vocal soloists on the "Sounds of Nature" song. Finally, they will begin a unit based on the "Erie Canal" song comprised of singing, percussion performance along with a study of the history, geography and mechanics of the Erie Canal.

**Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at:**

## Bytes from Technology



**1st Grade:** Students finished their penguin graphic organizers and they were sent home. They did a wonderful job! Last week we began a robotics unit by reintroducing the children to Beebots, a programmable robot. Students work at stations with a Beebot and a mat. The mats reinforce the concepts of money, shape attributes, phonics...The children program the Beebot to move on the mat to complete a variety of challenges. When programming, the children need to think about their path and then use a sequence of commands to complete their task. Ask your child if they can remember the commands (forward, backwards, right turn and left turn).

**2nd Grade:** Second graders are still working on their animated butterfly scene using the program MicroWorlds Jr. Students are working on a few of the more advanced programming skills - flipping a costume (so the butterfly can move in several different directions), and turning the butterfly (so the butterfly can be taught to fly right then left, then right then left...). Projects will be completed before the April break.

**3rd Grade:** Third graders have begun their rock slideshow unit. Students have completed the research, which we began at school and then students completed as homework. Thank you for your support. This week students planned out their slideshow by creating a storyboard. Students used the storyboard to: organize their facts, design layouts and to think about file naming. The storyboard should keep them focused during our class.

**4th Grade:** - Students in grade 4 have just completed creating a poetry podcast in technology class. Each class prepared the children through studying poetry in the classroom. Then each student chose a favorite poem to record and produce in a Podcast. These recordings were added to a Garageband Podcast file. Once the images were added and synched to their voices the podcasts were saved and uploaded to their Wayland Google account. Ask your child to see their work. They can share it with you through their Google account.

**Grade 5:** students have been writing digital stories in Technology class and their classrooms. With their language arts teacher they wrote a script and then they recorded the story in technology class. They also drew illustrations for their story in Kid Pix. The recordings and illustrations were put into iMovie and saved. Their movies were uploaded to their Wayland Google account. Ask you child to share it with you through their Wayland Google account.

### Hooray to our Assembly Tech Crew:

The Assembly Tech Crew is a shared fifth grade responsibility. Interested students signed up at the beginning of the school year. These students participate when their class is hosting School Assembly. In addition to being emcees and users, students rotate between the following tech responsibilities: digital camera (2 photographers) and document camera/laptop station. We also have two students who run our sound system. After assemblies, the Tech Crew has a working lunch in the computer lab. Students create short Animoto videos using the digital photos taken during assembly. Videos are posted on the Assembly website. Check out all of their hard-work! I'm impressed with their commitment to this volunteer program.

# HEALTHY HOLLER



## News From the Health Room April 2012

### Head Lice



- All school Head Lice check: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 8:45am
- Please contact Elizabeth Curtin at [escurtin@comcast.net](mailto:escurtin@comcast.net) if you are available to help with this very important screening. Training is available.
- Please continue to check your child's head as a part of their daily hygiene. Early detection does help minimize any outbreaks.
- For up to date education information please review the following web pages:

[www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org)

<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/>

### Check your children for ticks



- Important information about ticks and what you need to do to protect you and your family
- Please read information on the following websites:

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid\\_safe/sheets/tick\\_bites\\_sheet.html](http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/sheets/tick_bites_sheet.html)

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/StopTicks/>

### Other Information:

- Parents should remember to apply sunscreen and bug repellent before the start of school.
- School staff do not apply sunscreen/bug repellent to any student.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents:





Please send in updated physicals. There are a few students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade that are still missing their physicals. Please call me if you need me to check 508-358-6051



### New Guidelines by the State for Healthy Students, Health Schools

- Guidance for Implementing the MA School Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages
- <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/mass-in-motion/school-nutrition-guide.pdf>



### Important



Parents need to be checking with their child's teacher before any food is brought into a classroom due to food allergies.

### STREP throat:

- There continue to be many children that have been diagnosed with strep throat throughout our school.
- These children do not have complaints of sore throat and do not have any fevers. Most children are only complaining of headache and/or stomachaches. We are also seeing just a cough.
- If your child has continued complaints please have them checked with their physician.  
Strep is a bacterial infection and must be treated with an antibiotic. It is very contagious. See the following:  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/000639.htm>
- If your child is treated with an antibiotic they need to be home for a minimum of 24 hours on the antibiotic before returning to school. If they return to school in less than the 24 hour they are still contagious and will spread their germs to others.
- Please encourage your children to wash their hands Please review the following information: <http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/>



Please call with any questions and/or concerns.  
Have a great Happy, Healthy April school vacation

Jeanne MacDonald RN

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## Green Team Tips and Announcement

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This year the Wayland School Green Team is teaming up with Transition Wayland to  
organize

Earth Day is Our Day!

on April 29, 2012 from noon to 3 pm

in the Town Building Courtyard (Senior Center in case of rain).

Exhibits, Question Booths, Music, Activities, Mini-Workshops, Demos, Raffle, Lunch

Check out [www.waylandgreenteam.org/programs/earth-day](http://www.waylandgreenteam.org/programs/earth-day) or email  
[info@transitionwayland.org](mailto:info@transitionwayland.org)

"Earth Day is Our Day" Poster Contest Calling All Artists. You are invited to enter the  
"EARTH DAY IS OUR DAY" Poster Contest hosted by the Wayland Schools' Green Team.  
Posters celebrating environmental themes including gardening, conservation, saving energy  
and more should be on standard size paper (8 ½ x 11"). Be BOLD and CREATIVE. Use  
crayons, paints, natural and recycled material. Choices are limitless.

Entries are due by Thursday April 5th and may be dropped off in the box labeled "Earth  
Day Poster Contest" at each school. Each submission should include the artist's name, age,  
school, phone number and mailing address.

There will be winners in different age categories based on creativity and message. All  
posters will be exhibited at the "Earth Day is Our Day" Celebration, Sunday, April 29th, 12-  
3pm at the

Town Building, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland.

For more information, check out: [www.waylandgreenteam.org](http://www.waylandgreenteam.org)

Two Wayland Schools are participating in the April 2011 nationwide Recycle Challenge,  
sponsored by the Green Schools Alliance. Happy Hollow and Claypit Hill students will  
evaluate how well their communities recycle during the month of April. For more  
information, contact Deane Coady <[deane\\_coady@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:deane_coady@wayland.k12.ma.us)> at Claypit and  
Deborah Niles <[deborah\\_niles@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:deborah_niles@wayland.k12.ma.us)> at Happy Hollow.

### TIP:

We encourage you to reduce all forms of lunch waste. Here are a few simple tips:

- Buy larger bags of snacks & foods instead of individual-packs, and put them in reusable containers (ziplock bags can be reused, particularly if used for dry foods).
- Use small reusable plastic containers (Rubbermaid makes many sizes, available at Stop & Shop and CVS). These last for years.
- Plastic water bottles are reusable. Steel or aluminum bottles are also popular and now available in many stores, including Target. Check out [www.reusablebags.com](http://www.reusablebags.com) for a variety of alternative bags and containers.
- Some students bring in silverware or durable plasticware and take them home every day.

Thank you for supporting environmental stewardship in our schools.

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## Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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### HELP YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TO BE A GOOD PARTNER: YOUR FEEDBACK COUNTS!

March 19, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education invites you to complete an online parent survey and share your feedback with your child's school. We want to know about the efforts made by your child's school to help you feel welcome as a partner in the planning for your child's education.

You have received this letter because you have a child in a selected Massachusetts school district. The purpose of the survey is to see how well your child's school partners with you and promotes parent involvement in your child's learning. The survey should take ten minutes to complete. Survey results will provide your child's school with answers about parent-school partnership, transition, and family training. Research shows that schools that are good partners have better outcomes for the students they serve. Your feedback will allow us to learn how effectively schools partner with parents.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is working with an outside contractor to conduct our web-based parent survey. We will not collect any personal information regarding your child on this survey.

To begin the survey, you will be asked for your child's school district, and school name. **If more than one child in your family attended school in the selected school district during the current school year, please fill out one survey per child.** You can complete the survey by going to: <http://www.MAparent2.com>

Your survey answers will remain anonymous. Please complete the survey and submit it no later than Friday, May 11, 2012.

If you are a parent/guardian needing assistance reading and interpreting this survey in a language other than English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian/Creole, or Vietnamese please seek assistance from your school district.

If you have any questions on this survey, please call Barbara Dee at: 781-338-3382. For technical assistance, please call Joanne Liem (toll-free) at: 1-866-262-1922.

Thank you very much in advance for your help with the survey.

## 2011-2012 PTO Events: Happy Hollow Save the Date

*Together We Can Make It Happen!*

Dates subject to change

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
<b>Cultural Enrichment</b>	Ongoing	<a href="#">Alexia Obar and Seta Abrahamian</a>
<b>Just Like Me</b>	Throughout the year	<a href="#">Jennifer Bonner and Susan Green</a>
<b>PTO Board Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 9:15 am at Loker library (Note: There is no April meeting.)	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
<b>Lice Checks</b>	Apr. 24 (T) at 8:45 am	<a href="#">Elizabeth Curtin</a>
<b>Elementary PTO Fundraising Meeting</b>	Apr. 27 (F) at 9:15 am at Loker	<a href="#">Amy Simmons</a>
<b>Earth Day Events</b>	Apr. 28 & 29 (Sa & Su)	<a href="#">Christina Veal and Katrien Vander Staeten</a>
<b>Book Fair</b>	Jun. 6 & 7 (W & Th)	<a href="#">Lynne Cribben and Val Erdekian</a>
<b>End of Year Picnic</b>	Jun. 6 (W) at 5:30 pm Rain Date: Jun. 11 (M)	<a href="#">Nell Getz</a>
<b>Annual PTO Meeting &amp; Thank you Breakfast</b>	Jun. 7 (TH) at 9:15 am HH Cafeteria	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
<b>Teacher &amp; Staff Appreciation Event</b>	Jun. 15 (F)	<a href="#">Loconzolo/Thompkins</a>

## PTO Events



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO FUNDRAISING MEETING

Friday, April 27, at 9:15 am  
Loker School Library

Please join our Happy Hollow, Loker, and Claypit communities on Friday, April 27, for the annual PTO Fundraising Planning meeting. This is an opportunity to review the 2011-2012 PTO Fundraising initiative, as well as discuss and plan new ideas for 2012-2013 school year. Now is the time to share all those great fundraising ideas, or stop by to learn more about the PTO. Everyone is welcome, including little ones.



### HOT COFFEE, HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS, and a RAFFLE for our Amazing Lice-Checkers!!

Tuesday, Apr. 24, 8:45am\*  
Happy Hollow Cafeteria

Have you heard? We celebrate our lice checkers! Whether you are a veteran lice-checker or a newbie volunteer, come on in on April 24 to help out, and we'll throw you a party! As you arrive, you'll get your training, grab your supplies, AND put your name in for the chance to win a **chocolate bliss bundt cake**. When you're done snooping for nits, Amy Simmons' famously yummy muffins and hot coffee will be waiting for you in the cafeteria along with a chance to regale others with your Spring Break adventures. Don't forget to listen for your name to be called, because someone will be going home the winner of a chocolate bliss bundt cake!

**The details:** We need at least one volunteer for every classroom. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we can get to the socializing. The school nurse will meet with all volunteers in the Happy Hollow gym **at 8:45am on the 24th** for a brief demonstration for those who need it and to hand out gloves and other items needed to do the check. Please reply to Elizabeth Curtin at 508-647-9870 or [escurtin@comcast.net](mailto:escurtin@comcast.net) to volunteer.

\*If you already know the drill, feel free to come any time before 9:15 am if you have little one to drop off or are just feeling sluggish after returning from break.



## "Earth Day is Our Day" POSTER CONTEST

Calling all artists! You are invited to enter the "EARTH DAY IS OUR DAY" poster contest hosted by the Wayland Schools' Green Team. Posters celebrating environmental themes including gardening, conservation, saving energy and more should be on standard size paper (8 ½ x 11 inches). Be **BOLD** and **CREATIVE**. Use crayons, paints, natural and recycled material. Choices are limitless.

Entries are due by Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, and may be dropped off in the box labeled "Earth Day Poster Contest" at each school. Each submission should include the artist's name, age, school, phone number and mailing address.

\*All\* posters will be exhibited at the "Earth Day is Our Day" celebration, Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm at the Town Building, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland. For more information, check out: [www.waylandgreenteam.org](http://www.waylandgreenteam.org)

### PTO News



## THE PTO NEEDS YOUR HELP NEXT YEAR!

Thank you so much to you, our amazing PTO members, for your generous donations of time and money this year. Together we have created a wonderfully enhanced educational experience for our children at Happy Hollow this year!

With your help, our children have:

- experienced Georgian dance
- met author and illustrator Brian Lies
- nurtured a garden
- focused on healthy eating habits and fitness routines
- strutted their stuff on stage at Talent Show
- enjoyed each other's company at movie night

... and these are just some highlights!

Our PTO could not function without you. Every year we say a fond farewell and a "thank you for the memories" to some of our devoted volunteers as their children move on to Middle School. And every year, we eagerly welcome new volunteers who help us to continue enriching Happy Hollow and creating new memories.

**Every Committee could either use a Chair or additional volunteers for next year!  
We are also looking to fill the PTO Board for 2012-2013.**

Over the next couple of weeks, would you please do the following?

- Ask your family over dinner what *their* favorite PTO event was this year. Was it Halloween Movie Night? Talent Show? Could you volunteer to help continue their favorite event?
- Ask yourself, your spouse, your friends what the most valued aspect of the PTO is. For you, it might be the teacher reimbursements that give our classrooms an extra boost each year. Could you consider being Treasurer to help distribute these critical funds? Or maybe for someone it's the communications provided by Room Parents. Could you suggest that they volunteer to be a room parent?

Bonus! Joining the PTO is a great way to make friendships that will continue through your child's school years—plus, it's a fun way to get to know the Happy Hollow community.

**COMMITTEE POSITIONS:** Please visit our website at:

<http://www.happyhollowpto.org/gettinginvolved/happyhollow.html> for a full list of PTO Committees. If you have any questions, or to volunteer for a committee, please contact Stephanie Leong at [happyhollowpto@gmail.com](mailto:happyhollowpto@gmail.com).

**PTO BOARD POSITIONS:** Please visit: <http://www.happyhollowpto.org/boardmembers.html> for a description of each Board position. If you have any questions, or to volunteer for a Board position, please contact our Nominating chair Jen Bonner at [jenbonner@verizon.net](mailto:jenbonner@verizon.net).

## PTO Volunteer Needs

### JUST LIKE ME- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Just Like Me** is a program for 3rd and 4th graders that has been at Happy Hollow for more than 20 years and teaches children awareness and acceptance of people with differences. We are looking for volunteers for the next **3rd Grade Unit - Blindness & Low Vision**. Volunteers are needed on:

**Wednesday, April 25:**

- 9:00-10:30am - Ms. Cohen/Ms. Nash
- 10:45am-12:15pm - Ms. Akers
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**Thursday, April 26:**

- 9:00-10:30am - Ms. Dowd
- 10:45am-12:15pm - Ms. Brenneman

Volunteering is fun and a great way to be with your child. The training for the program is on **Monday, Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-8 PM at Happy Hollow**. If you have already volunteered for these units in the past, I can make sure you get your information sheet if you are unable to make the training.

For more information and to sign up please, go to our [webpage](#) or email Jennifer Bonner at [jenbonner@verizon.net](mailto:jenbonner@verizon.net).

Thank you!



## LICE CHECK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday, April 24, at 8:45 am

(Please see our write-up above in PTO Events!)

### Happy Hollow Hurrah!

Thanks to...

...**Shaun Powers** of **SP Landscaping Co.** for providing spring clean-up services and making our school grounds beautiful in time for spring!

...fabulous bingo caller **Brett L'Esperance**; kitchen and food organizers **Alexia Obar** and **Liz Price**; and **Emily L'Esperance** for keeping everything so organized at our phenomenally successful Bingo Night. Also, thank you to our wonderful face painters, **Kathleen Barrow**, **Sophia Butler**, **Mia Senechal**, and **Lauren Simon**. And to everyone else who helped make the night a tremendous success--**Deb Newton**, **Laura Byrne**, **Rachel Spooner**, **Amy Nau**, **Sandy O'Driscoll**, **Susan Garfield**, **Jen McLeod**, **Sharon Desmond**, **Sandi Staiti**, **Paulette Greene**, **Kerry Tardiff**, **Marci Alvarado**, **Nancy Slocum** and the entire **Murphy family**. We could not have pulled this off without all of your help and support!

... AND to all of the wonderful parents who donated prizes to our Bingo raffle. Thanks to **Lani Camacho** for your generous gift certificates to Massage Envy in Wellesley; and to **Jeannie Brown**, **Nikki Duffy**, **Gina Dalin**, **Emily L'Esperance**, **Tina Kemper**, **Amy Simmons**, and **Laura Byrne** for your wonderful prize donations. We hope to see you all at Bingo Night 2013!

If there's anyone who's helped out that you wish to acknowledge, please email: [juliesuratt@gmail.com](mailto:juliesuratt@gmail.com).

Visit us online at [happyhollowpto.org](http://happyhollowpto.org)



## You're invited to

### **“Puttin’ On a Little Ritz”**

to benefit Golden Tones chorus

**Sunday, May 6th at 2:00pm**

Sandy Burr Country Club, Wayland

Festivities will include:

- **Celebrity guest** - curious? View our most recent newsletter at [www.goldentones.org](http://www.goldentones.org).
- **Vocal festival** throughout the afternoon featuring 3 different singing groups.
- Dancing to Wayland’s own **Mid Life Crisis Band**.
- Silent and live auctions (focused on EXPERIENCES and SERVICES).
- 50/50 raffle (enter now; last year’s prize was over \$1,000!).
- Raffle baskets and games – win a Bose Wave!.
- Gourmet refreshments and a cash bar.