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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER

June 08, 2012

“What we have to remember is that we can still do anything. We can change our minds. We can start over...The notion that it’s too late to do anything is comical. It’s hilarious...We can’t, we MUST not lose this sense of possibility because in the end, it’s all we have.”

~Marina Keegan ~ 2012~



PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

June 08, 2012

Dear Friends,

I want to dedicate this newsletter to my former fourth grade student ~ the extraordinary Marina Keegan ~ who tragically lost her life just after her graduation from Yale in May, 2012. Her message of possibility is the gift we must hold close to our hearts as we continue our journeys. We must remember that each year we live is a special treasure ~ We must fill it with opportunity. We must take what we’ve learned ~ ponder it, grow from it and let it make us stronger. Marina lived her short life toward those goals and because of that, she never missed an opportunity to find success in all she endeavored. ~ A role model for us all...

In my final newsletter each year, I have two purposes ~ both exceptionally important:

My first purpose is to thank you all for everything you do toward the betterment of our school. My gratitude to our Happy Hollow community grows deeper each year and it seems I cannot find the words to adequately express how appreciative I am. You bring about the excellence that defines our schools and we could not continue to be a leadership district if we lost the collaborative efforts from all constituents that comprise our school.

There are so many contributors to the successful schools found in Wayland. Thank you to the PTO and all of your remarkable committees ~ each bringing about the underpinnings that make a school community well-rounded ~ from programs to financial support ~ to the Wayland Schools Foundation for their generous and invaluable grants ~ the leadership that maintains a district on the move to improve ~ to the School Council for structures and supports that help us to understand our strengths and areas in which we will continue to improve ~ to the senior volunteer programs for compassionate contributions in the form of time and countless hours of direct service with staff and students ~ to the Central Office Staff for their many behind the scenes supports that keep the district running smoothly ~ to the METCO program and related committees ~ to the School Committee, our student teachers and interns ~ THANK YOU ALL!

Parents ~ thank you for the hours that promote a successful school, for volunteering, for nights spent assisting with homework and projects, and for your generosity in creating the partnership that makes the Wayland Public Schools so outstanding.

To the extraordinary Happy Hollow Staff ~ I continue to hold you all in the highest regard. Your dedication knows no limit as you constantly improve your already strong craft. You are so very generous with your time and resources ~ working long after or before each school day begins. You are constantly planning, correcting and thinking about ways to reach all of your learners all of the time. You do this in the classroom, on the playground, in the cafeteria, after the school day, on weekends, over vacations, and even in work over the summer. I am so very grateful for all that you do to provide the high quality education that makes Wayland known across the area and nationally.



The second purpose for which I use my closing newsletter has to do with the quote from Marina that began this piece. ~ It is in our human nature to compare. We do it all the time. Sometimes it is positive and motivational ~ other times it slows us down and clouds our vision. I know it is crucial to see each year of school in an individual way. The collective package creates the end product. If we make one year better than another, we can lose part of a lesson that may build an important part of the whole character. ~ To that end, it is important to reflect upon the school year ~ to find the lessons learned that (as Marina said so well) establish the possibilities that lie ahead. Each year brings lessons that make everyone stronger and no year goes without value. Note the successes and help your young learner to be positive as he or she comes home from Move-Along Day ~ and be positive about the year past and the new one to come. As you move from the year into the lazy days of summer haze ~ ponder these questions...

1. What new ideas did you think about this year?
2. Name five things you didn't know about before the year started?
3. What did you get better at this year? How did you get better at it?
4. What people did you meet ~ in school ~ on field trips ~ in cultural enrichment ~ etc.?
5. What projects did you do? Which ones came out the best and why?
6. When were you kind to someone and how did that turn out?
7. When did you try something new?
8. Did you take any risks?
9. Name one happy time. What were you doing?
10. What was fun?
11. What was challenging? How did you make it through?
12. Who helped you and will you ever be able to help someone in that way?
13. When were you helpful?
14. How did you bring the core values of the school alive?

The questions can go on and on if you have the time or a long drive to any of the many events or destinations that take us to our summer plans. However, as the conversation takes shape, the year will too, and you will find the places of success that every grade school year brings ~ those that helped to develop the character of value that has changed your child forever...

Discuss with your child or children a time when they felt most successful, triumphant. Tell them to remember what that time was like and how they felt so they can keep that in mind and know that at least one way to learn is by building upon successes. Remind them that learning from mistakes and the times of challenge are equally as important because how we learn to navigate those times becomes the strength and courage that we need to get us to the successes and joyful times.

Be positive about the new placement brought home at the end of Move-Along Day. Point out the good in the class make-up and share your belief that things will be great ~ that discussion goes a long way for alleviating anxiety and for building confidence. Every staff member will provide for a wonderful year that will offer all described above. Help your child to be open to the possibility. Don't dwell on who is not in a class or which teacher you did or did not get. You will have a great year if you set your mind to that way of thinking.



To our students: Remember, good, solid education is never a race, practice is key. You do not have to master everything the first time you are exposed to it. You have twelve years to learn all you need for college and life. Take your time and be gentle with yourself as you meet and master new challenges.

To our fifth graders: Congratulations! You have done a remarkable job. When you pass through the halls to the thunder of applause ~ know that it is for your cumulative work. It is for every year and all of your effort over all your years in elementary school. You are not being “clapped out” of a building ~ although you will always belong to Happy Hollow and it will always belong to you. You are being “clapped out” for your work, your struggles, your successes and your triumphs. You are being “clapped out” for every experience because you put forth effective effort and that brought you to this milestone in your life.



To everyone: Treat yourselves and others with kindness. Our school motto remains “Kindness Matters” because it is the inspiration for all that is good in our world. Continue to choose to be positive and productive. Continue to find ways to help and support one another and to forgive. Continue to be involved in making things better in a way that is constructive and builds a school community where we work together for the common good. We always choose the kind of people we are and there is always an opportunity to make the choices that make us better people.

I continue to be truly honored to be your principal. Have a happy and healthy summer. Create the memories that will open your hearts and minds to endless possibility ~ Marina's possibility. ~ Remember to be safe, be smart and be ready to practice once again when we reopen our doors. The possibilities will be one step beyond our beautiful mosaic archway. Take care! Thanks for an outstanding year!

Handwritten signature of Jim Lee.

Jim Lee, Principal

This and That from the Principal's Office:

Dismissal time on the last day of school, Thursday, June 21st is following a typical Wednesday schedule and we will dismiss at 1:50 p.m. Lunch will be served as it always is, but dismissal will be at the Wednesday time. Please take note as waiting in the office on the final day of school for a late pick-up is a sad last image for a great school year.

Some Dates to Remember at HH ~ Keep Checking Our Calendars to Keep Up-To-Date:

8June12	Cultural Enrichment – Laser Mania	Gymnasium 9:00AM & 10:00AM
11June12-12June12	Book Fair	Happy Hollow
11June12	HH End of Year Picnic	HH Play Ground
14June12	K to 1 Move Along Day	Happy Hollow 9:30AM-10:30AM
15June12	5 th Grade Biography	Gymnasium 8:45AM-10:00AM
18June12	3 rd 4 th 5 th grade Field Day	HH Play Ground
20June12	Move Along Day	Happy Hollow 9:35AM-10:20
21June12	Last Day of School 5 th Grade Clap Out	Happy Hollow 1:50

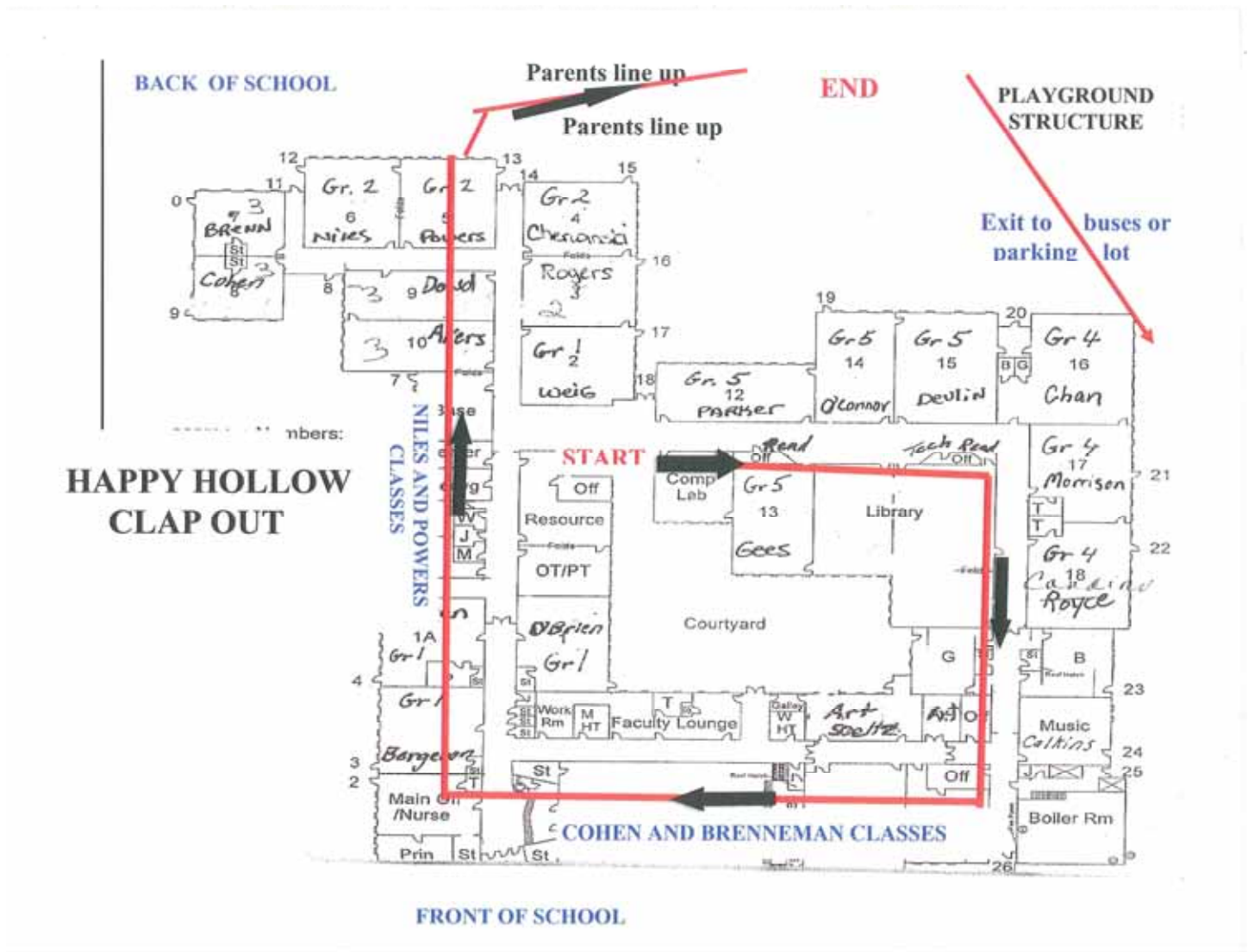
Move-Along Day: Wednesday, June 20th from 9:35 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

We will have a Move-Along Day for every grade. Students will have the opportunity to meet with their new teachers and classes. We ask that you prepare your children. Please tell them not to expect one teacher over another and not to expect all of their friends to be in their new classes. Let them know that they will find success and happiness in any possible class configuration and with any of our fine staff members. This will help it to be a positive and productive time for all. It is our hope that knowing will relieve some of the anxiety that grows over the summer when they are wondering whom they will have and who will be in their new classes. Seeing the new room and meeting the new teacher most often helps children to feel secure, most especially if they have your home support.

Clap Out:

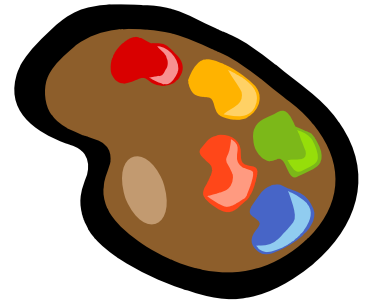
“Clap-Out” will begin at 1:40 p.m. and follow the route of the map below. Grades 1-4 will line the main school hallway and “Clap Out” the fifth graders at 1:50 p.m. We will exit to the back of the building and are asking you to form a corridor that extends to the side of the school by the fourth grade wing. No one should exit the back playground via the route by the modular classrooms to the parking lot. We are asking that all go up the side path by the fourth grade wing and out to the front of the building. This is to keep everyone safe.

Please see the map below.



Masterpieces from the Art Classroom

Visiting Artist: Virginia Fitzgerald



All students at Happy Hollow were presented with stories and a slideshow of Virginia Fitzgerald's creative art work. Virginia's themes for her visit were about using recycled materials in art and opening our eyes to creative opportunities all around us each day. Students enjoyed the countless ways she has created, using "dresses" as a vehicle to represent her thoughts on our culture and her ideas for supporting our earth.

In June, all students will continue a "Jellyfish" sculpture which Virginia designed and we will hang it in the courtyard outside the art room. We will use VCR tape and plastic bags, cut, wrapped and hanging from a chicken wire armature. (The materials are reminiscent of one of my favorite sculptures she has created: a mannequin type dress from VCR tape. We were lucky to keep it in our art room while Virginia was visiting us at Happy Hollow!)

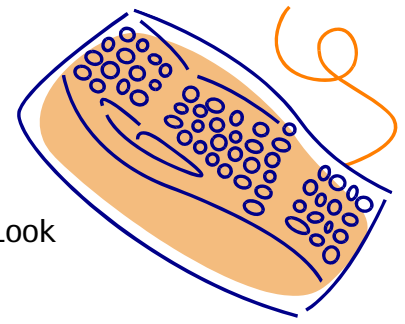
With her art studio space in Natick, MA, we didn't have to go far to find this fascinating artist who could share her creative endeavors with our students. Virginia's "Dress Project" is an exemplar of extending a theme in many directions, making connections to academic areas beyond the arts. For more information on Ms. Fitzgerald, please visit the Happy Hollow Visual Arts webpage where you will find links to her blog pages.

This artist's visit was generously provided through a grant by the Wayland Public Schools Foundation. Our proposal was to bring an artist into our school who uses found materials in their work and who raises awareness for our environmental impact. Thank you, Wayland Public Schools Foundation and thank you, Virginia!

Bytes from Technology

Technology Grades 1-3:

1st Grade: Students created an animated water scene in MicroWorlds Jr. This was the final project in our robotics unit. We are working on the best way to share their projects with you via the Happy Hollow website. Look for a letter in your child's backpack with directions.



2nd Grade: Students are working on finishing up a Kid Pix slide show using their continent research. Once our slideshows are finished, they will be posted on the Happy Hollow website. Look for a letter in your child's backpack with directions.

3rd Grade: Students are also working on finishing up a Kid Pix slide show using their rock research. Once our slideshows are completed, they will be posted on the Happy Hollow website. Look for a letter in your child's backpack with directions.

Wow - these last few weeks have flown by! The children have created some amazing projects be sure to check them out! Have a wonderful summer!

Technology Grades 4-5:

In grade 4 students are studying Endangered Species. Each child is researching an endangered animal. In Technology class we are creating presentations in Google Presentation to showcase all the research they have done. The presentations Have information gathered through research on slides. The slides also have pictures and videos. Students learned to create the slides, animate sections and apply transitions. When the presentations are completed students will be able to share them with their families.

In grade 5 students are working hard to prepare for their Biography Presentations. This year in Technology class we have taken significant dates students gathered about the character they have been studying, and we are using them to create a timeline of their life in Excel. Students are using several drawing tools to make the timelines appealing to the eye. Ask your child to share their timeline with you.

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NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM June 2012

On sunny days please remember sunscreen and hydration!

THANK YOU to the PTO, parents, and all of the Happy Hollow staff for your help and support this year.

ALL medications (prescription and/or over the counter) need to be picked up the last day of school (June 21, 2012), by a parent or designated adult. **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CARRY MEDICATION**, except for inhalers.

Reminders for September:

New medication orders (prescription and/or over the counter) are required for each academic school year, and will be necessary for the start of school, September 2012. These orders need to be signed by **BOTH** a parent and licensed prescriber. Forms are available in the school office or can be downloaded from the Happy Hollow School web page (<http://whh.wayland.k12.ma.us/>) **For Families/Health Services/health Info & Forms**. Orders can be faxed to the school at 508-358-3761 attention: school nurse at the start of school.

Please submit your child's most up to date physical to the school nurse (2012). This provides very important information. It is a state requirement for **ALL 4th** graders.

Additional summer information:

Please read information about tick borne and mosquito borne diseases: Lyme, West Nile, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) on the MA. Department of Public Health webpage at www.mass.gov/dph search health topics A-Z.

Please take a look at this great website:

ChopChop Newsletter: The ChopChop newsletter is the product of an innovative partnership with ChopChop Magazine, a nationwide quarterly publication that focuses on fun, healthy cooking for families. The free newsletter will be posted on the Department of Public Health's Mass in Motion website at www.mass.gov/massinmotion/chopchop

See you in September! Have a great summer!

Jeanne MacDonald RN

508-358-6051

******Green Team Announcements******

>> *Hands-On Composting in Action! Are you interested in learning more about how composting works at school and possibly for your home? Would you like for your children to have a better understanding of how food is grown?*

Please join the Green Team on Monday June 11th at 4pm at the Claypit Hill School compost bins to see the results of a year's worth of composting, and help us move the fresh material to the Claypit Garden. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a shovel and a wheelbarrow if you can. Learn more at www.waylandgreenteam.org.

>> *New Blue Recycling Totes in Wayland!* You have probably noticed the new totes "buddied" up to the existing Green totes throughout Wayland. The Green Team and the Wayland DPW are delighted to carry on the mission of Pat Conaway (a well respected and retired Middle School teacher): to encourage educators, students, community groups and neighbors to develop hands-on initiatives that promote student leadership, community service, outdoor education and environmental projects that leave a small footprint on the earth. Way to Go Wayland! Next step: carry re-usable containers and help eliminate waste.

>> *Let's Solarize Wayland!* Solarize Massachusetts is a state-sponsored program developed by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (MA DOER) to encourage residential solar photovoltaic electricity (PV) installations. Wayland, Sudbury and Lincoln applied together and were admitted into the program, which is available for residential and commercial installations up to 15kW.

The three towns will be working with one Installer to maximize cost benefits. With just one contract signed, participants will enter the first tier (already under the average cost per Installed Watt). As more people sign up, everyone, including those who have already contracted under the program, will move up into higher tiers and into more cost savings. Only contracts with the Installer signed before 30 September 2012 will fall under the Solarize Massachusetts program, its conditions and benefits.

Timeline. First week of June: Announcement of Installer, contract and price tiers, and start of site visits and contractual sign-ups. September 30: end of program, last day to sign a contract with the Installer under this program. Systems will be installed within a year of the program end date. For general info, go to www.solarizemass.com. For info on our local program, go to www.solarizelsw.com. Or contact Coach Kaat Vander Straeten (kaat@transitionwayland.org) and Assistant Coach Anne Harris (solarizeway@gmail.com).

Thank you. -Wayland Schools Green Team

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

Together We Can Make It Happen!
Dates subject to change

EVENT	DATE/TIME	CONTACT
Cultural Enrichment	Ongoing	Alexia Obar and Seta Abrahamian
Just Like Me	Throughout the year	Jennifer Bonner and Susan Green
End of Year Picnic	Jun. 11 (M) at 5:30 pm Rain Date: Jun. 18 (M)	Nell Getz
Book Fair	Jun. 11 & 12 (M & T)	Lynne Cribben and Gretchen Dresens
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	Jun. 15 (F)	Loconzolo/Thompkins

PTO Events



HAPPY HOLLOW END OF YEAR PICNIC CELEBRATION

Monday, June 11, 5:30-7 pm (raindate: June 18)
Happy Hollow Playground

Pack a picnic and bring your family to the annual Happy Hollow end-of-year picnic! Celebrate on the Happy Hollow playground. A DJ will play music, and popsicles will be provided.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday, June 11, and Tuesday, June 12

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Happy Hollow on June 6 and 7. Please contact Lynne Cribben at lcribben@yahoo.com for more information.



PTO Volunteer Needs



END-OF -YEAR STAFF & FACULTY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Please volunteer now! The luncheon is Friday, June 15

The PTO is planning the End-of-Year Luncheon for the staff and faculty of Happy Hollow School on Friday, June 15th. We want to thank our dedicated teachers and staff for another wonderful year by providing a delicious meal and recess volunteers.

We are asking for salads, drinks and desserts. Please follow the link below to contribute.

Thanks in advance for your support of this special event. It's a very busy time for everyone and we truly appreciate your help!

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/832345632440300028>



2012-2013 COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS ARE OPEN!

Sign up to chair a committee next year!

Thank you to all of you who have served as Committee Chairs in the past and those of you who have offered to continue on in your roles next year!

Want to join the fun and get involved? We are looking for a:

- Co-Chair to Coordinate Lice Checks
- Wayland 375 Committee Chair
- METCO Liaison

For more information or to volunteer for one of these positions please **CLICK THE LINK BELOW** or contact Stephanie Leong at happyhollowpto@gmail.com.

<http://www.happyhollowpto.org/gettinginvolved/volunteerneeds20122013.html>

PTO News

LASERMANIA SPECTACULAR PTO-sponsored with Gift Your Child donations

Your PTO dollars at work! This Friday, students will enjoy their final Cultural Enrichment event: **LaserMania Spectacular**, presented by Prismatic Magic, is an exciting ensemble of mesmerizing laser-drawn animations set to current and recent rock/pop music.

Happy Hollow Hurrah!

Thanks to...

... **all Happy Hollow parents** for a great year. Have a fun summer! From, your PTO Board

If there's anyone who's helped out that you wish to acknowledge, please email:
beccapurdin@gmail.com.

Visit us online at happyhollowpto.org

The Wayland Free Public Library is in the middle of a Long Range Planning process for the library (for the next five years). Part of the process is conducting a 20-question online community survey. The library needs to hear from all parts of the community, including teachers, students of all ages, and parents. Let us know how we can serve you better and what you would like to see in an "ideal" library of the future. Participants can choose to be entered into a raffle for a Starbucks gift card. Please take the survey by visiting our website, waylandlibrary.org or by following this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9TSG2SV>



Granting Success for Every Child

*Looking for a way to acknowledge a special teacher,
staff member, or retiree?*



A Teacher Appreciation Program of the Wayland Public Schools Foundation

The end of the school year is only weeks away!

Please consider honoring special teachers and staff members with a gift to the Wayland Public Schools Foundation's HATS Off Program. Honorees will receive certificates acknowledging that a donation has been made in their honor and will include your personalized message. The amount donated will not be disclosed.

For over 25 years, the **Wayland Public Schools Foundation (WPSF)** has supported our schools by funding teacher-led, innovative and creative units of study not covered by the regular school budget.

This year, the Foundation provided funding for a number of unique and innovative programs across the Loker and Happy Hollow School curriculums, including:

- A collection of electronic books, accessible to all K-12 students, teachers and parents.
- Eco-artists in residence. Bringing artists who work with recycled media in to the classroom.
- Innovative professional development for all English Language Arts teachers grades K-8.
- Sensory Tool Boxes for each kindergarten classroom.
- Introduction of projection based technology in the form of mounted projectors and document cameras.
- iPads to be utilized by the kindergarten students at Loker School.

The WPSF is encouraging donors to order **HATS Off** certificates through our website, waylandpublicschoolsfoundation.org. Certificate forms may also be downloaded and mailed to **P.O. Box 97, Wayland, MA 01778**, along with a check made payable to the Wayland Public Schools Foundation. Donations also qualify for matching gifts at participating companies.

The deadline for **HATS Off** donations is **Monday, June 18th**. For late submissions, delivery of certificates before the end of the school year cannot be guaranteed.

In 2012, HATS OFF is celebrating the retirement of the following longtime and dedicated teachers and administrators. Please consider making a contribution in their honor or in honor of another educator of your choice.

Pat Babcock, Loker and Claypit Hill, Teacher Assistant
Susan Batchelder, WHS, Teacher Assistant
Debbie Besso, Claypit Hill, Administrative Assistant
Ruth Brenneman, Happy Hollow, Teacher
Judy Hardy, Claypit Hill, Teacher & Elem. Math Coach
Kathy Hawkins, WMS, Teacher

Vangie Jones, WMS, Teacher
Cathy Milton, Claypit Hill, Special Education
Meg Mozdiez, Happy Hollow, Teacher
Diane Muffitt, WMS, Teacher & Band Director
Phyllis Roys, WMS, Administrative Assistant

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