



THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER
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Please save this newsletter as it is an easy reference for many HH procedures and information.

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Dear Happy Hollow Families:

Exciting opportunity awaits! Every year as the floors get shiny, new paint dries, carpets are cleaned and 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. Two of my favorite quotes that seem to personify our mission as educators to ensure that this spark of enthusiasm remains throughout a given year are:

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

We need to meet our young learners ready to challenge their minds academically ~ to take them to their next level of proficiency whether that is developing, progressing, meeting or exceeding expectations 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 Response to Intervention model, with time for teachers to plan and work as grade level teams to meet the diverse needs of all children, 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.

And so it is, we are ready! Please read the rest of this letter ~ even though filled with lots of information. Save procedures and dates so you can refer to them. It is here because it should serve as a guide over time and not something to be read once, skimmed and tossed aside. This is the foundation from which we spring into action. I can't wait to see all of my old friends ~ students and their families ~ and to meet those whom I've yet to have the pleasure! Much peace as you continue to enjoy all things summer for a few more weeks!

All best always,



Jim Lee, Principal

Important Information From Your Principal:

Our school will open Tuesday, September 4th at 8:45. This will be a full day of school for all children in grades 1 – 5. 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 1:50 p.m. Wednesdays
8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (M, T, TH, F)

*****There is a new family visiting time on Thursday, August 30th
From 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Sign up for the ListServ:

The HH ListServ and district listserv is the way newsletters and all other important messages are communicated. Please follow the link below and check boxes for both Happy Hollow and the Superintendent's ListServ emails, as well as any others in which you might be interested. You must sign up. If you cannot for some reason, please contact our office so we know to contact you and get information to you via an alternate route. Thank you.

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

Staffing:

We have shuffled some staff and are pleased to welcome others. Here's the list!

Staffing Changes:

Shuffles:

***Miriam Morrison** from grade four to grade two. ~ You know she is outstanding at all she does! Ms. Morrison is a gift to any school and gifted as an educator!

***Gretchen Knox** from grade five at Claypit to grade two at Happy Hollow ~ One school's treasure is now another's. Ms. Knox is well respected and well-loved here in Wayland! She will bring compassion, creativity and years of excellence in education!

***May Chan** moves from being May Chan to now going by Mrs. Moynihan ~ a change in which we all celebrate and take delight! ~ She also moves from grade four to grade three! We are delighted with both changes

***Susan Cherwinski** is moving from being a grade two teacher to a grade four teacher! Her many talents and abilities will be a fantastic fit at her new grade level and you already consider her beloved!

***Kori Rogers** from a permanent substitute in grade two ~ to a full-time fourth grade teacher! We could not be happier to welcome the very talented and highly competent Ms. Rogers.

New and/or returning in a new way:

***Vicki McGing** will join us as our third ~ part time (M, T, W) building substitute. She has been working as a TA at the Claypit Hill School and has shown herself to be an excellent addition to any staff. We are fortunate to have her on board.

***Jennifer Norton** is joining us as a resource teacher. She is replacing Karen Devine. She brings a wealth of experience and has worked in a similar role many times ~ She has taught with Alyssa Candini and not only are they good friends, one superintendent called them the "Dynamic Duo of educators." ~

***Julie Perryman** will return to us as a full-time TA working with students in Miriam Morrison's second grade class. You know and love her as the Drama Kids Teacher/Program Director ~ and now her talent and expertise is part of our full-time faculty!

***Torie Pappas** will also return working as a full-time TA working with a student in Deede Bergeron's first grade class. She did her student teaching in Ms. Chan's (Mrs. Moynihan's) class last year ~ stayed on as a TA in Mr. Gees' room and was exceptional in all she endeavored. She is new to the field but brings such a wealth of experience!

***Rebecca Lepow** will be replacing Judy Hardy working with Grades K-2 as a math coach. She has an impressive background and the experience that will make her a partner with all as she coaches, problem solves, offers resources and listens. We are again very excited she has chosen to join us.

We will have a new ELL staff member who will be assigned to our school for many more hours than we've had in recent years. This too is in the offering stage ~ but very exciting!

*****In all cases ~ The crowd roars in applause and delight! We know how skilled, component and kind both all of our staff is and we could not be more fortunate to add these changes and people to the mix!



Our ongoing initiatives will be moving along including the following:

- *Continuation of building our school and district RTI Model for all grades ~ including math this year
- *Weekly PLCs ~ will move to the a.m. once a week for all teams so that TAs will be able to attend
- *Recess before Lunch will continue ~ **with longer lunch periods as requested by parents!**
- *Differentiated Instruction and Closing the Achievement Gap will continue through our RTI work
- *Math Coaches and Reading Specialists will continue their work supporting our RTI and differentiated instructional practices
- *Monday morning school assembly meetings.
- *Service learning and community service learning will continue as a school-wide initiative
- *Health and wellness ~ anti-bullying initiatives ~ healthy relationships

Around the Halls and Such:

There are new cabinets for the musical instruments that will be outside the music room. This will help to keep our halls clear and protect your child's instrument.



New fixtures have been added and some technology installations have likewise been added.

Thanks to our generous PTO, there will be new playground equipment on the playground ~ added to our purple playground equipment. Hopefully, all will be installed by the opening of school or shortly thereafter.

***We will have two Curriculum Nights once again:**



Grades 3 & 4 & 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13th
Grades 1 & 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 20th

***School Meeting Assemblies** will be on Monday mornings. Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. We are moving back to an every Monday format! Yes!

Thank you to the Extraordinary Summer Staff:

As always, the custodians ~ Willie Hernandez, our head custodian led the way with many permanent custodial staff members from around the district, and summer student help have done an outstanding job in preparing our school even with summer Pegasus operating out of our school! They and our facilities manager, Pat Morris are truly the finest around.

Gwenne Foreman has done an incredible job in learning the ins and outs of our front office and supported us so well this summer as our lead administrative assistant. You may remember she worked here for many years in many capacities ~ Her work has always been top notch and this summer was no exception. ~ She is exceptional! It has been an honor to have her back ~ even for a short time. Leslie Corner and Betsy Meindl have also been in and as usual ~ doing the usual incredible things they do for us throughout the school year! Many thanks to them both!

Deede Bergeron, Beth Crozier, Conrad Gees, Eileen McManus and Walter Rockwell (who volunteered to work) once again have performed the impossible! They have worked so hard and in fewer days to put together a more than complex schedule.

Leslie Bastarache has not stopped! She has ordered, checked, re-checked ~ worked in the hottest of conditions with packages piled chin-high and because of her ~ our supplies are in great shape. No words can adequately express our thanks! ~ Thank you so much, Leslie~



Changes in Your Class Lists:

No summer is complete without the late August changes to your class lists. We continue to receive changes daily. We are up to 440 students~ If you notice changes since move along day or when you receive an updated list upon your return to school ~ we made some to welcome new students and to keep our classes balanced. Just be sure to welcome anyone new to your class.

Transportation:

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

**The fee for riding the bus if you live under the two mile limit is \$1.00 per day or \$180.00 per year per student.*

****Bus transportation may not be used for setting up playdates. All playdates and transportation to them must be made privately. You may arrange to have your child picked up by another parent by writing to his/her teacher granting that permission. *Students are not allowed to bring friends home on their buses unless the student already rides on that same bus. In that case, the student who is getting off at a different stop must present written notification to his/her teacher indicating that he/she has permission to get off at a different stop. No changes in stops may be made during the first two weeks of school.***

Pick-up and Drop-Off



DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR HH SCHOOL

- 1. There are two lanes of traffic in front of our school. The one closest to the building is the drop off line. The other is a live lane where traffic will pull out from the drop off line to exit or they may be driving through to park in the parking lot. (The parking spaces in front of the building are for staff only. No one may pull out of those spaces during drop off or pick up as it forces the driver to back into the live lane of traffic.)**
- 2. There is no left hand turn out of our driveway at drop-off or dismissal. This includes the following times: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Wednesday from 1:50 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. The Wednesday sign is not posted due to room on the sign, but it is nonetheless not a free day to make a left hand turn from our driveway at dismissal. ****Those who take a left slow the flow of traffic due to those trying to take a left into the driveway. Do not be the one holding up all other traffic!**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. 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.**
- 5. 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.**
- 6. 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.**
- 7. 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.**
- 8. 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.**



9. Watch for pedestrians in crosswalks and on the sides of the road.



10. **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.



11. **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.**

12. 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!

Behavior:

*Our core values center on the notion that kindness matters. To that end, we must work together to create a respectful environment and we need rules to help us understand exactly what that environment should look like. Therefore, we will be sending home an electronic version of the student expectations booklet during the first week of school. Please review the rules for appropriate behavior in the classroom, in the hall, in the bathrooms, in the cafeteria, at recess, on the bus and during field trip times. We are asking all families to review the booklet together and for the student to sign the end page indicating that he/she will put forth his/her best effort to work hard to uphold our rules. **Signing is not in any way a contract, but indicates that you have reviewed the rules together.***

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

*****Please return only the signature page and not the booklet. We want all families to have a copy of the booklet for reference throughout the year.**

Bullying Behaviors and Building Healthy Relationships:



The Wayland Public Schools are committed to helping parents work together to create a safe and respectful school learning environment for all students. Supporting children's development is a shared responsibility between home and school. Parents model the developmental tools, coping strategies, and life skills for navigating all facets of social interaction, which inevitably includes conflict. Wayland Public Schools encourages families to get involved in their children's schools and in their learning by attending conferences, attending school functions when possible, reading school and teacher newsletters and notices, and communicating with teachers regularly to provide input about their children's needs. Reading and discussing the school's core values or mission statement is another opportunity for discussion for families.

At each grade level, schools have responses to anti-bullying policies. There is a process and the range of age-appropriate responses to behaviors. Evaluating reports of concerning behaviors is a complex process that focuses on education, not just consequences, and considers the student(s) development and age. Among

considerations are how bullying is defined, what happens when bullying is reported, what the investigation process is and how/when it is implemented. Please refer to the WPS district's Bullying and Cyber Bullying Policy for additional information regarding the bullying laws and school procedures reference anti-bullying policies and Internet safety policies on the school websites.

As stated in the behavior section of this letter, we have outlined bullying behaviors for students and families in our student handbook. The consequence section of the student handbook addresses the actions that will be taken when bullying occurs. As the district anti-bullying policies evolve in the coming months changes will be made as deemed necessary.

Safety. Safety. Safety!

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

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



*Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed to be visible during school hours ~ they may not be used at any time. This includes all areas that are school property. Students must store cell phones and electronic devices in their book bags upon arriving on school property and may not take them out until they have left the property at the end of the day. They may not store them in their pockets or desks. Any such items that are visible to a staff member will be confiscated and stored in the principal's office until a parent or guardian comes to retrieve them. Please remind your child of this important rule if he/she uses a cell phone on the way to school or on the way home after school.

*Texting is never allowed during the school day.

*Help us keep the phone lines open by making play dates and travel arrangements before arriving to school. Students are not allowed to set up playdates during the day.

Permission to Put Your Family Names and Address in the HH Student/Family Directory:

Each year, we print a Happy Hollow Student/Family directory that lists all of our students as part of a class list. A student listing includes the student's name, address, city, zip code, parent/guardian names and a phone number.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS DIRECTORY; or if you would like to exclude any of the above mentioned information from being listed, please indicate which section(s) you would like to omit by contacting the office at (508)-358-2120.

IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU, ALL OF THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE WILL BE LISTED IN OUR DIRECTORY.



Dates and Events:

Our PTO has put together a detailed calendar that will go nicely on your refrigerator or a home bulletin board. It has all the dates and events for the upcoming month listed with times too and it is included in this mailing! Please try to attend as many events as you can. The more people we have, the more vibrant our school community becomes. Thank you to the PTO for all of your hard work and great organization!



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)-358-2120. Otherwise, our district is working to go green whenever possible.



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?

Principals 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. ~ Bring a positive attitude, endless amounts of a willingness to challenge your many capabilities, a strong sense of fun lightly wrapped so as not to crush it in any way, boxes of a readiness to develop your many talents, an ongoing supply of imagination and lots of respect and kindness for others. 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.

Being Nervous on the First Day Back:

Everyone who has ever been a student ~ all students, young and not so young, feel a touch of nervousness and excitement when each new school year begins. It is perfectly natural to feel this way. 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. ~The staff joins me in telling you that we all can't wait until you are here! A school is a lonely place without students.

Continue on with all things summer! You still have a lot of time left!



Letter from the PTO President

I hope that you are all enjoying a fun and relaxing summer! Your PTO plans for the fun to continue for your children and family during this coming school year! We'll be kicking off the year with:

- New playground equipment for bouncing and spinning – funded with Gift Your Child donations,
- Happy Hollow School T-shirts for sale, at cost, to build community, and
- More social events: including welcome coffee, first grade events, and new family resources.

Below is more information about the PTO: what it is, what we do, and how through this organization we can all work together to make the 2012-2013 school year a great one for our children and the entire Happy Hollow school community.

The Happy Hollow/Loker Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is made up of parents/guardians and teachers of all Happy Hollow and Loker students. Together, our goals are to: 1) promote communication amongst the school community, and 2) through fundraising and volunteering, provide support for activities and/or materials which directly contribute to the quality of education at Happy Hollow and Loker schools.

As an organization, the PTO provides:

- 1) **Financial and volunteer support of our teachers and specialists:** Expense reimbursements are provided for classroom and curriculum materials, and grade level enrichment, in addition to available wish-list funding. The PTO coordinates Room Parents, Lice Checkers, Library and Art volunteers, and many other volunteers on an as-needed basis.
- 2) **Enrichment Events, Activities, & Scholarships:** Authors, musicians, and artists are brought in on an ongoing basis to provide cultural enrichment to our students. The Just Like Me program teaches awareness and acceptance of others. The costs of field trips and activities are regularly offset by PTO funds and scholarship funding is made available to the principals.
- 3) **Student Activities:** The PTO runs many of our community's favorite annual events, including Halloween Movie Night, Talent Show, Bingo, World's Fair, school pictures, and book fairs.
- 4) **Informational and Community-Building Events:** Coffees with Mr. Lee, Curriculum Night, the 1st grade and New Families Scavenger Hunt, and school picnics are all supported by the PTO.

What you can do to support your child's educational experience at Happy Hollow:

- 1) **Sign up for emails** from your school (Happy Hollow and/or Loker), via the Listserv at: <http://www.wayland.k12.ma.us/listserver/subscribe.html>. This is the primary means of communication for the school administration and PTO.
- 2) **Gift Your Child:** The PTO fundraises using a direct-donation campaign in the fall, which saves you time and maximizes benefit for the PTO. You will be asked to contribute \$100 per child in elementary school, which approximates the amount that that PTO spends annually per child. In the spring, our teachers, staff, and community participate in Gift Your Child by offering fun and meaningful items up for auction--an annual favorite!
- 3) **Volunteer:** Whether you have a little time or a lot, there is a volunteer position for you! Visit <http://www.happyhollowpto.org/gettinginvolved/happyhollow.html> for a full listing of PTO events and volunteer opportunities.
- 4) **Participate:** Catch up with old friends and meet some new ones at our Welcome Coffee Tuesday, September 4th at 8:45 am. And check out our Save the Date list of events!

All members of our school community are invited to attend the PTO's monthly Board meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th at 9:15a in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria. Please come so that we can all work together to make this a wonderful 2012-2013 school year!

Best regards,
Stephanie Leong
Happy Hollow/Loker PTO
email: happyhollowpto@gmail.com

2012-2013 PTO Events: Happy Hollow

Save the Date

Together We Can Make It Happen!

Dates subject to change

EVENT	DATE/TIME	CONTACT
1st Grade & New Families Scavenger Hunt	August 30 (TH) 1:00 – 2:00 pm	Julie Suratt & Jamie Janoff
Gift Your Child: Part 1	August – December 1	Amy Simmons
Cultural Enrichment	Ongoing	Alexia Obar & Seta Abrahamian
Just Like Me	Throughout the year	3rd Grade: Beth Byrne 4th Grade: Jen Bonner
5th Grade Activities	TBA	Kate MacDonald
Welcome Back Coffee	Sept. 4 (Tu) at 8:45 am	Rebecca Purdin
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast	Sept. 5 (W) at 8:30 am	Michele Loconzolo & Leslie Thompkins
PTO Board Meeting	Sept. 10 (Th) at 9:15 am HH Caf	Stephanie Leong
Happy Hollow T-Shirt Sales	Sept. 10 (M) – Sept. 28 (F)	Stephanie Leong & Nell Getz
Lice Checks	Sept. 11 (T) at 8:45 am	Elizabeth Curtin
Happy Hollow Farmers Market	Sept. 13 (Th) at 2:30 pm	Stephanie Howard-Delman
Curriculum Night: Grades 3-5	Sept. 13 (Th) at 7:00 pm	Stephanie Leong
Room Parent Kick Off Meeting	Sept. 14 (F) at 8:45 am	Rama Ravi
1st Grade & New Families Coffee	Sept. 18 (T) at 9:00 am HH Caf	1 st Grade: Julie Suratt & Jamie Janoff New: Cathy Caulfield & Sally Lehr
Picture Day	Sept. 20 (Th)	Carla Stafford
Curriculum Night: Grades 1-2	Sept. 20 (Th) at 7:00 pm	Stephanie Leong
PTO Board Meeting (starting in Oct.)	1 st Mon. of the month (time TBD)	Stephanie Leong
PTO Meeting: Meet your School District Leaders <i>(Babysitting Provided)</i>	Oct. 18 (Th) at 5:30 pm Pizza Meeting starts at 6:00 pm	Rebecca Purdin
Nutrition Challenge	Week of Oct. 22	Ashley Welch
Book Fair	Oct. 25 & 26 (Th & F)	Lynne Cribben & Gretchen Dresens
Halloween Movie Night	Oct. 26 (F) at 6:30 pm	Elena Taxiarchis
Coffee with Mr. Lee (starting in Nov.)	Monthly	Rebecca Purdin
Toy Drive	November/December	Alexia Obar
Holiday Teacher & Staff Appreciation	Mid-December	Michele Loconzolo & Leslie Thompkins
Fitness Challenge	January	Jeanne Brown
Town-wide PTO Meeting	Winter 2013	Stephanie Leong
Gift Your Child: Part 2, Backpack Auction	January	Amy Simmons
Lice Checks	Jan. 8 (Tu) at 8:45 am	Elizabeth Curtin
Lice Checks	Feb. 26 (Tu) at 8:45 am	Elizabeth Curtin
Talent Show	Mar. 15 (F)	Nan Li
Town-wide Bingo at WMS cafeteria	Mar. 22 (F) at 6:00 pm	Alexia Obar
Lice Checks	Apr. 23 (Tu) at 8:45 am	Elizabeth Curtin
Earth Day Events	Apr. 27 & 28 (Sa & Su)	Katrien Vander Staeten
Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast	Jun. 6 (F) at 9:15 am HH Caf	Stephanie Leong
End of Year Picnic	Jun. 10 (M) at 5:30 pm Rain Date: Jun. 11 (Tu)	Nell Getz
Book Fair	Jun. 10 & 11 (M & Tu)	Lynne Cribben & Gretchen Dresens
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	Jun. 14 (F)	Michele Loconzolo & Leslie Thompkins

PTO Volunteer Needs

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED FOR 2012-2013

It's not too early to sign up to be a Room Parent at Happy Hollow for the Fall. Being a Room Parent is a rewarding way to be part of your child's classroom! No prior experience is necessary. If you are interested in being a Room Parent for the 2012-2013 school year, please submit the following information to the Room Parent Coordinator, Rama Ravi at mavipaji@gmail.com:

*Your Name & Contact Email & Phone

*Your Child's Name & Grade/Teacher

Room Parents will be notified in September of their assignment. If you sign up, please plan on attending the **Room Parent Kick-off Meeting on Friday, September 14th at 8:45 am in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria.**



Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event – Volunteers Needed!

Breakfast on Wednesday, September 5th at 8:30 am

Help us welcome back our hard working teachers and staff as they return on September 1st to set up our children's classrooms. Volunteer a food item, paper goods, or drinks by contacting Michele Loconzolo at mloconzolo@yahoo.com or Leslie Thompkins at lthompkins@verizon.net.



LICE CHECK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday, September 11th at 8:45 am

We need parent volunteers for the Happy Hollow Lice Check on Tuesday, September 11 at 8:45 am. Please reply to Elizabeth Curtin at 508-647-9870 or escurtin@comcast.net if you are available. We need at least one volunteer for every classroom. The more volunteers we have, the quicker the morning goes. The School Nurse will meet with all volunteers in the Happy Hollow Gym for a brief demonstration for those who need it and to hand out gloves and other items needed to do the check. Thank you in advance for your help.

PTO News & Events

1st GRADE & NEW FAMILIES SCAVENGER HUNT!

Thursday, August 30th at 1:00 – 2:00 pm

All first graders, as well as families new to town, are invited to a fun Scavenger Hunt on Thursday, Aug. 30th, at Happy Hollow. Parents and siblings are welcome to join their children as they follow clues to discover all that Happy Hollow has to offer. Stay afterward for popsicles and a playdate on the playground with fellow first graders and new families. Please direct any questions to Julie Suratt at juliesuratt@gmail.com.



WELCOME-BACK COFFEE

Tuesday, September 4th at 8:45 am

Please join us to greet your old friends and make some new ones on Tuesday, September 4th, at our annual back-to-school coffee with Mr. Lee. It will be held at the front of the school (or in the cafeteria, in case of rain) at 8:45 am.



SHOW YOUR HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Monday, September 10th through Friday, September 28th

The PTO is selling Happy Hollow School T-shirts during the month of September. T-shirts will be sold for \$7 (at our cost) to build community and raise fun rather than raise funds. For more information contact Stephanie Leong at Stephanie_Leong@alum.wellesley.edu or Nell Getz at nellgetzie@gmail.com.

PTO BOARD MEETING – All are welcome!

Monday, September 10th at 9:15 am

The Happy Hollow/Loker Board meets monthly, usually on the 1st Monday of the month am in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria. However for the month of September we will be on Monday the 10th. These meetings are open to the entire membership and everyone encouraged to attend with any questions, ideas or suggestions. Little ones in tow are welcome!



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Happy Hollow Farmers Market Thursday, September 13th at 2:30 pm



The PTO's Wellness Committee will hold its annual Farmer's Market on Sept. 13 at Happy Hollow with fresh fruits and vegetables available for sale to parents, students and teachers.

The produce is provided by Lanni Orchards of Lunenburg and the selection includes tomatoes, carrots, butternut squash, cucumbers, nectarines and apples. The funds raised at the Farmer's Market go toward the purchase of wellness-related items, such balls and jump ropes for the playground. For more information contact Stephanie Howard-Delman at stephmd@rcn.com.



CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Grades 3-5: Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm

Grades 1-2: Thursday, September 20st at 7:00 pm

Don't miss this chance to meet your child's teacher, see the classroom, and learn about all the great learning opportunities in store for your child this school year! This is a parents-only event, so book your babysitters today!



SMILE!!! School Picture Day is Thursday, September 20th

A great memory for your family that gives back to the school as well.

Photo envelopes and package information will be sent home in your child's backpack in early September. Please fill it out and return it in the backpack to your teacher *even if you do not wish to purchase any*. EVERY CHILD WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED whether you purchase them or not.

We will have a Re-Take Day for any absent students or photos you're unhappy with. Re-takes and the opportunity to have your Happy Hollow Siblings Photo taken will happen in November. For more information please contact Carla Stafford 508-358-2397 or cgstafford@staffordboys.com

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

Coming in October! Our Annual Meet Your School District Leaders Meeting

This year we will be meeting jointly with the other elementary schools in the new High School! This will be a great chance to get a peek at the new high school facilities while also learning about how our children's education at Happy Hollow fits into the larger District-wide goals set out by Dr. Stein. Stay tuned for more details!

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