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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER

June 14, 2013

“Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Accordingly a genius is often merely a talented person who has done all of his or her homework.”

*~Thomas Edison (1847-1931)
Inventor/Businessman*

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

June 14, 2013

Dear Friends,

Thomas Edison clearly bestowed upon us the fruits of his “genius” ~ and yet ~ described it above as “talent” and the skillful development of that talent. ~ The homework ~ which is the practice, the problem-solving, the prolonged tenacity, and the period of engaged learning ~ ultimately creates the genius. In June of every year, as our students exit the building each day to board buses, hop in cars, bicycle, and walk in the directions that take them away from the school, I begin to wonder how they have changed ~ how they have grown, how they have engaged and ventured down new paths ~ how they have developed new parts of their brains and added to their content base. ~ I marvel at the process that is fine education and my heart is full of the gratitude that a proud principal feels when a school is thriving. It's a hugely collaborative happening and my pride is not for myself but rather for all of us, for what we have created and continue to create each year. As I end my sixth year as your principal, I can honestly say that we keep creating our best days and the spirit of growth is as phenomenal as each of you.

To that end, I must begin my annual practice of using this final letter to express that which cannot be adequately expressed by words. There are so many to thank and so many ways you create the school that prospers.

Thank you to the PTO and all who work tirelessly on your many committees to bring us everything from cultural enrichment, to wish list items, to an outstanding student talent show, to the movie night and all of items and endeavors that keep the creativity flowing and classroom teachers enriched with materials and opportunities to grow ~ each is an underpinning that makes a school community well-rounded ~ from programs to financial support ~ to the Wayland Schools Foundation for their magnanimous and invaluable grants ~ a gift of time, resources and inspiration to innovate ~ to the School Council for continued support in providing us with the structures and programs 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 from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of all of our distinguished faculty.

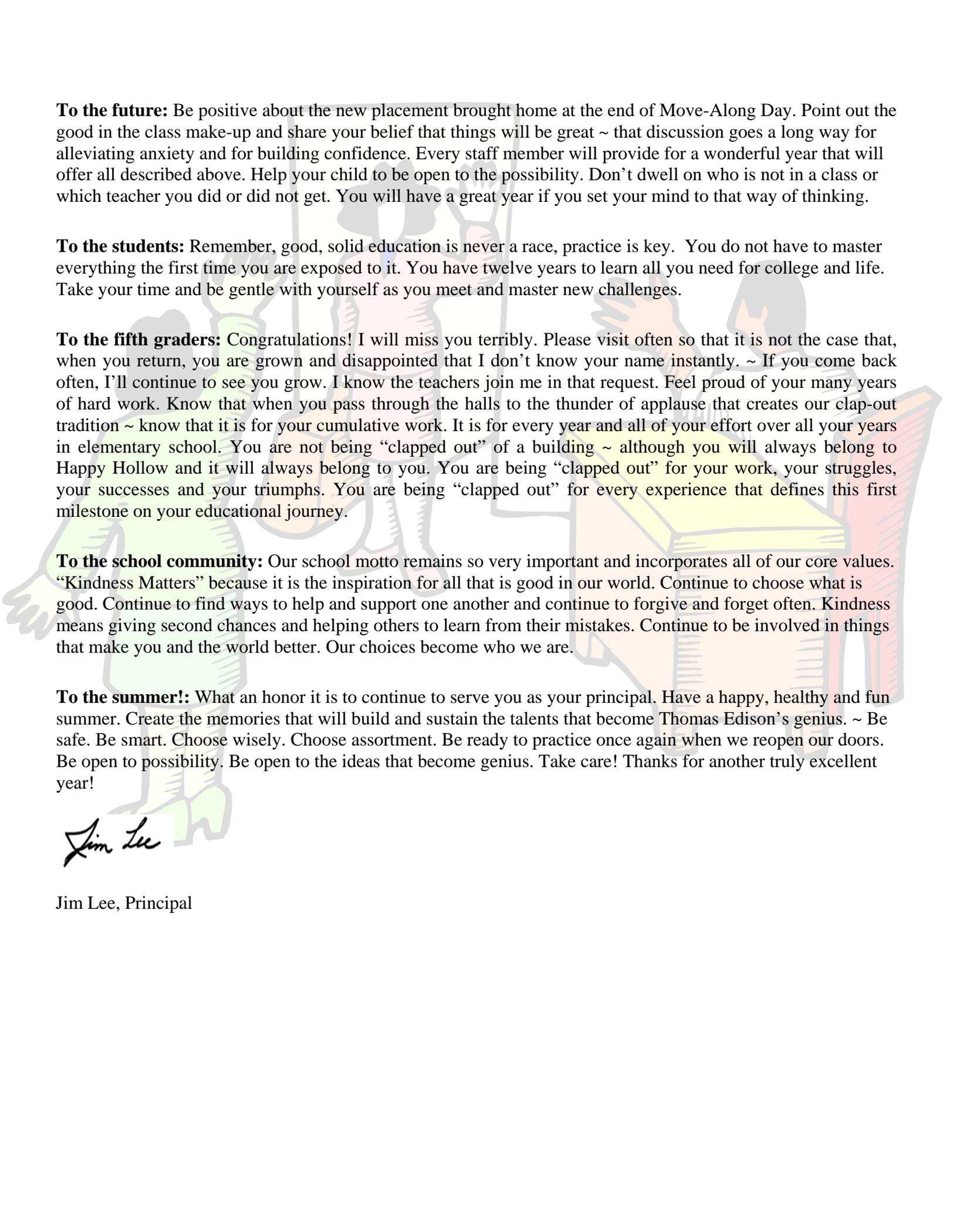
Parents ~ I continue to stand in awe of the partnership you create with our school, whether volunteering, attending field trips or spending never-ending amounts of time assisting with homework projects and all things school-related ~ for attending so many functions, performances, assemblies and all that let your children know that their efforts are important and celebrated ~ the talents that become the genius! ~

To the sensational Happy Hollow Staff ~ talented to the point of Thomas Edison's genius and getting better all the time! You work nonstop throughout the year ~ during all seasons ~ even the summer ~ learning, creating new ways to approach your already strong craft. You take courses to keep current, spend hours (during the school day and long after ~ on weekends, holidays and vacations) giving feedback to your students and their families, you create curriculum, you work with your grade level teams and the larger school to create the climate that invites all level learners into the partnership that teaches them that they can learn and will learn. ~ Then you work equally as hard to ensure that they find the means toward that end. You bring unparalleled professionalism to our classroom settings, to our playground, to our cafeteria ~ to all of our constituents ~ all of the time. I am so very grateful to know each of you and to work with you each day. You are the leaders in keeping Wayland a leadership district.

My next tradition is to encourage you to use the end of the school year to begin that all important conversation with your child or children. You have the whole summer to discuss the happening that has past and the one that will begin when the doors under our arches reopen as the season changes and the changes become the start of a whole new grade and all that encompasses that occurrence. I continue to find this list ~ modified somewhat from year to year ~ helpful in having the conversations that keep the talent turning to genius. They include asking:

- 1. What new ideas did you think about this year?**
- 2. What was special about the year?**
- 3. Name five things you didn't know about before the year started?**
- 4. What did you get better at this year? How did you get better at it?**
- 5. What people did you meet ~ in school ~ on field trips ~ in cultural enrichment ~ etc.?**
- 6. What projects did you do? Which ones came out the best and why?**
- 7. When were you kind to someone and how did that turn out?**
- 8. When did you try something new?**
- 9. Did you take any risks?**
- 10. Name one happy time. What were you doing?**
- 11. What was fun?**
- 12. What was challenging? How did you make it through?**
- 13. Are you still working on a challenge? How can I help you when the new year begins?**
- 14. Who helped you and will you ever be able to help someone in that way?**
- 15. When were you helpful?**
- 16. How did you bring the core values of the school alive?**
- 17. Why do you think people say that, "In the end, only kindness matters?" Do you agree? Why/why not?**

This part I never change and began asking parents to lead these discussions from the first year I taught. 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.

A faint, colorful illustration in the background shows a group of children and an adult. One child is holding a large book, and another is pointing towards it. The scene is set in a classroom or library environment.

To the future: 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 the 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 the fifth graders: Congratulations! I will miss you terribly. Please visit often so that it is not the case that, when you return, you are grown and disappointed that I don't know your name instantly. ~ If you come back often, I'll continue to see you grow. I know the teachers join me in that request. Feel proud of your many years of hard work. Know that when you pass through the halls to the thunder of applause that creates our clap-out tradition ~ 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 that defines this first milestone on your educational journey.

To the school community: Our school motto remains so very important and incorporates all of our core values. "Kindness Matters" because it is the inspiration for all that is good in our world. Continue to choose what is good. Continue to find ways to help and support one another and continue to forgive and forget often. Kindness means giving second chances and helping others to learn from their mistakes. Continue to be involved in things that make you and the world better. Our choices become who we are.

To the summer!: What an honor it is to continue to serve you as your principal. Have a happy, healthy and fun summer. Create the memories that will build and sustain the talents that become Thomas Edison's genius. ~ Be safe. Be smart. Choose wisely. Choose assortment. Be ready to practice once again when we reopen our doors. Be open to possibility. Be open to the ideas that become genius. Take care! Thanks for another truly excellent year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Lee".

Jim Lee

Jim Lee, Principal

This and That from the Principal's Office:



Dismissal time on the **last day of school, Monday, June 24th** 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.

Lost and Found: Many, many thanks to [Nancy Funkhouser](#) for tending to our lost and found ~ putting up the tables, sorting out the clothing, marking each table with signs ~ and for doing this at least two times a year ~ and then packing it up for donation ~ over many, many years! ~

The greatest thanks we could give to her is to have empty tables ~ please find!!!



Move-Along Day: Thursday, June 20th from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.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.

HEALTHY HOLLER
Jeanne MacDonald, RN

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM June 2013

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 24, 2013), by a parent or designated adult. **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CARRY MEDICATION**, except for inhalers.

5th grade parents-Puberty Video & Discussion:

- The 5th grade classes will be meeting with the school nurse, teachers, and Mr. Berry next week, to watch the video “Always Changing”
- After the viewing there will be will a discussion, followed by question and answer session.
- Parents can review this video at www.pgschoolprograms.com
- We encourage parents to continue the discussion of this important topic at home. If there are any questions feel free to contact the school nurses.

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 2013. 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 (2013). This provides very important information. It is a state requirement for ALL 4th graders.

Additional summer information:

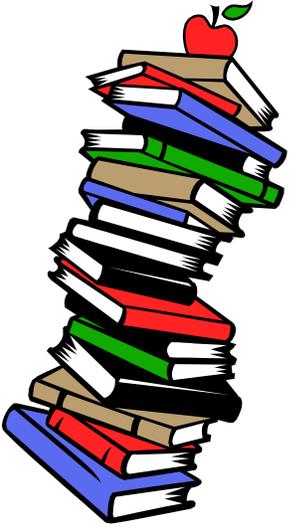
Please read information about tick borne and mosquito borne diseases: Lyme, West Nile, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis(EEE) on the MA. Department of Public Health webpage at www.mass.gov/dph search health topics A-Z.

See you in September! Have a great summer!

Jeanne MacDonald RN

508-358-6051

Curriculum Corner



It's been another active year in the library - 17,856 books, magazines, ebooks, audiobooks and other materials were checked out this year to 532 students and teachers. All books are now due back into the library.

Be sure to keep up the habit of reading over the summer. There are many summer reading programs and initiatives available including "Dig into Reading" at the Wayland Public Library and other libraries in Massachusetts, The Massachusetts Teachers Association's Boston Red Sox Summer Reading Game, Barnes and Noble's summer reading program and a reading incentive from TD Bank.

The 2013 Summer Reading List will be send home via email and it is also posted on the Happy Hollow website. Be sure to visit your public library and ask the children's librarian for more suggestions. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy some lazy days under a shade tree with a good book.

MUSICAL NOTES



Just a reminder -- get your child signed up now for next year's string and band programs! Students will not be able to begin lessons (which start in the second week of school) until they are registered and paid.

To sign up for STRINGS (entering grades 3,4,& 5):

<https://sites.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/wayland-strings/elementary-strings/sign-up-forms>

To sign up for BAND (entering grades 4 & 5):

<http://waylandiselementaryband.weebly.com/2013-2014-band-registration-form.html>

Please contact Mrs. Tandon (whitney_tandon@wayland.k12.ma.us) with strings-related questions, or Mrs. Keenan (tristie_keenan@wayland.k12.ma.us) with band-related questions.

We wish you a happy and music-filled summer!

Working with the second graders this year has been such fun...the enthusiasm and humor they bring to music class is contagious at times! Our June music lessons will focus on rhythmic and melodic literacy and a review of some of the songs, dances and musical concepts covered in class. We'll dance and drum and incorporate a variety of the skills acquired throughout the school year.

I am always delighted to be working with Wayland's creative and talented young students. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Susan Calkins, DMA
<susan_calkins@wayland.k12.ma.us>



June 2013

1st Grade: Students have created an animated water scene using MicroWorlds Jr. This was the final project in our robotics unit. We will finish up the projects this week. I will share them on the Happy Hollow website. Look for a letter in your child's backpack with directions.

2nd Grade: Second graders have been very busy in technology class these last weeks finishing up their continent slideshows using Kid Pix 3D. I wonder if your child has already told you about this project or if you have viewed them during your child's open house? **Below are directions to access these slideshows.**

1. Happy Hollow Website - For Students
2. Scroll down to Technology Lab & over to Ms. Crozier's WebPage
3. Along the left side ~ click on 2nd Grade Sharing Projects
4. Click on the link for Continent Slideshows
5. Click on the link for your child's classroom
6. Use the down arrow next to your child's file to download the movie.

3rd Grade: Third graders have been very busy in technology class finishing up their rock slideshows. They have done an amazing job. I wonder if your child has already shared information about their slideshow with you?

To view the slideshow projects, go to the:

1. Happy Hollow Website ~ click on For Students
2. Scroll down to Technology Lab & over to Ms. Crozier's WebPage
3. Along the left side ~ click on 3rd Grade Sharing Projects
4. Click on the link for your child's classroom
5. Use the down arrow next to your child's file to download the movie.

5th Grade Tech Crew - It has been a wonderful year working with the 5th graders on the HH Tech Crew. Thank you to all of the families for your support. And to the children for your commitment and dedication to this volunteer program. Have a wonderful summer!

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!

WELLNESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY!

Promoting healthy lifestyle habits and safe choices among students is an important part of the mission of schools. The Wellness Committee of the Wayland Public Schools is seeking your input to identify potential areas of growth within the district's school policies, programs, and health and wellness curriculum. Based on your responses, the Wellness Committee will explore ways to address the issues that surface as being the highest priority.

Please click the link below to complete the survey. We ask that the survey be completed by June 30, 2013.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RB53VSB>

Green Team Announcements

The Happy Hollow School Garden is growing food for shelters and food pantries this summer from seeds and seedlings planted by the students. Please "adopt" the five small raised beds to water, weed and harvest for just a week.

Not a green thumb? No worries: we offer a gardening tutorial for young and old and in-between. Sign up in the Doodle Poll (<http://www.doodle.com/rm4xzuz3easkmgwi>) and contact Deborah Niles (deborah_niles@wayland.k12.ma.us) or Kaat Vander Straeten (kaat@transitionwayland.org)

Please consider joining the Green Team next year to help bring sustainability and environmental literacy to our schools.

Thank you. -Wayland Schools Green Team

Welcome the 2013-2014 PTO Board

At our Annual Meeting on June 6 the PTO membership in attendance voted on the 2013-2014 PTO Board. Please welcome the following people to our 2013-2014 Board.

President & Happy Hollow Townwide Rep:	Amy Simmons
Vice President:	Andrea O'Brien
Past President & Happy Hollow Townwide Rep:	Stephanie Leong
Secretary:	Cathy Davies
Treasurer	Pam Cerne
Ways & Means:	Abby Brogan Heidi Renneker
Social Activities:	Nell Getz
Kindergarten Rep – 1 & Loker Townwide Rep:	Lisa Lappi
Kindergarten Rep – 2:	Vacant

Thank you all for a great year
especially all of our dedicated and hardworking volunteers!

**For more information about the PTO, visit us online
at <http://www.happyhollowpto.org/>**



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



**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 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 Happy Hollow School curriculum, including:

- A customized program at Franklin Park Zoo that allow will students to engage and explore in a hands-on, multisensory experience relevant to the science curriculum
- iPads in every first grade classroom for small group work and independent learning centers
- iPods for Reading Fluency in reading work centers
- Interactive Boards to support differentiated, engaging and collaborative learning.

The WPSF is encouraging donors to order **HATS Off** certificates through our website, www.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 **Tuesday, June 18th**. Delivery of certificates before summer break cannot be guaranteed for donations received after the deadline.

Questions? Contact Jen Murray at jbm723@comcast.net or Sue Mitrano at smitrano@comcast.net.



HATS Off

Honor and Appreciate Teachers and Staff

I/We would like to make a donation in honor of _____ at (school) _____

Please acknowledge the gift from (name and address)

Message:



Make checks payable to the Wayland Public Schools Foundation. Your donation is tax-deductible.
Mail to: Wayland Public Schools Foundation, P.O. Box 97, Wayland MA 01778

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