



# THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER

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*“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”*

*~John Dewey ~ Twentieth century educational philosopher*

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

November, 2012

Dear Friends,

Education is a science but the act of educating is truly an art. Conferred to every beginning educator is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education ~ The turbulent and ever-exciting field of education, its principles, professionalism, purpose and progress are consistently measured in quantitative and qualitative formats that become educational libraries with endless numbers of doctorate level thesis books bound with hard covers and bound with the determination to target and define the practice of education in scientific terms.

So as we continue to study ourselves, the field, the practice and policies that give title to those who educate, what is really new? What is different in the classrooms at Happy Hollow that can assure you that your children are receiving the best possible education from talented and competent scientists?

With 28 years of participating and observing this field ~ I've studied and worked in regular education, special education, administration and across the grades from elementary to high school ~ somehow skipping middle school ~ I can tell you things are very different.

There is a greater focus on defining student learning through data analysis and well-defined student outcomes. Teacher practice is driven by the student data. The new Common Core is defining what competencies students need to have within a trajectory that becomes a diploma that signifies a learner is set with options based upon strong competencies that cross curricular areas.



Deborah Schifter, a research scientist at the Education Development Center (EDC) who studies mathematical practices says, “A fundamental critique of American education is that it is ‘a mile wide and an inch deep.’ The authors of the Common Core responded to this criticism by creating a set of standards that approach mathematics instruction in quite a different way than most of the sets of state standards that it replaces...the Common Core is both focused and mathematically coherent.”



As I make my way from classroom to classroom, I am in awe of what I see. Students spend more time in small group learning situations. Technology is a partner in providing new and exciting learning venues that engage our young learners and allow teachers to differentiate instruction even during whole group lessons. Content is sophisticated and discussions are steeped in rich vocabulary. Student literature is rich and the genres are varied. Teachers define “what good learners do and/or what they look like” during key learning times. Pedagogical practices include think-aloud teaching where teachers model how to think about a given topic or subject. Inquiry-based focus lessons ask students questions that are taking them to higher levels of thinking. There are many partner and group peer learning opportunities so students can discuss their learning and learn from one another. Auditory processing times are accompanied by strong visual aids that include clips from the Internet, ties to learning websites that bind our teachers with teachers from all over the country. This means there are

more graphic organizers and structures that organize student thinking so all level learners can access a grade appropriate curriculum and take it to their next level of proficiency.

Teachers are meeting together to study student data across grade levels. They plan and work closely with curriculum directors, math coaches, reading specialists, special educators and teaching assistants and guidance staff. In addition, some also collaborate with occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech and language therapists. There is coordination between the art, music, library, technology and physical education specialists and classroom teachers.



Is this new way better than that of days gone by? I can only defer to Dewey himself where he says "...education is life itself." So for this time, I will tell you that education at Happy Hollow is exciting, focused, and rigorous and led by the educators whom I could not respect or admire more. They are scientists and artists that inspire and instruct the 441 students that comprise our school; and the end result is that our students are engaged and happy.

I frequently interview students throughout any given day and I'll ask, "How are things going today/this week?" Inevitably, they describe something they have learned or something they are about to do in their classrooms. They care about their learning and they know that their teachers and principal care equally as much. They tell me that they like to come to school ~ and frequently ~ in the spirit of all things that define Happy Hollow, they turn with a smile and skip down the hall.

All best,

Handwritten signature of Jim Lee in cursive.

Jim Lee  
Principal

### **This and That from the Principal's Office:**

#### **Movie Night ~ A huge success!!!**

**A Big "THANK YOU!" goes out to our Elena Taxiarchis and Karen Levy for leading this activity under PTO Committees. It was an *amazing* Movie Night! Other volunteers who brought this great time together were Lynn Kennedy, Karen Hughes, Carrie Greenberg, Laura Byrne, Sandy O'Driscoll, Oliver Ludwik and Julie Potter. Students and families were able to curl up on blankets, chairs and share a fun movie, delicious popcorn and great company! It was truly a terrific community event!**

**School Meeting Assemblies** will be every Monday unless there is a holiday or school cancelation. Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

**Special Thanks to our Fifth Grade Team!** ~ All students got to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see them learn about this important right. They took it seriously and learned from the fifth graders who presented at assembly meeting on Monday. People were respectful and it was a fantastic way to see our democracy in action!

**Special Thanks to Beth Ann Crozier and Maureen Devlin** for creating our staff blog called COLLABORATE. Staff attend conferences and share their notes, links and important cutting edge thinking! ~ One more way our school is truly outstanding!

**Congratulations to Mike O'Connor and Maureen Devlin** for presenting at MassCUE ~ an impressive technology conference. So many of our staff are presenters ~ teachers of teachers ~ and that is very exciting!

**Congratulations to Mike O'Connor** for also being accepted as a presenter at the National Teachers of Mathematics Conference this coming April in Denver, CO. Mike will present on linking best practices/coaching for teaching the mathematical standards under the new Common Core. This is a most prestigious honor and we are very proud of Mike! ~

**Congratulations to Michael Moynihan** for receiving the prestigious award of 'Man of the Year' for youth programs!

### Lost and Found:

Keep checking. We are having many found items this year and it is making me very happy and very proud that people are taking care of their belongings. Thank you!

### October and November at Happy Hollow:

Monday, November 12	<b>No School</b> Veteran's Day	
Tuesday November 13	<b>Ellin Oliver Keene</b> will be joining us to discuss research-based strategies to help students achieve at high levels in reading in s	Epiphany School, Dorchester 7:00 dinner 7:30 presentation
All Mondays that are not Holidays or otherwise specified	<b>School Assembly Meeting</b>	Happy Hollow Gym 9:00-9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 21	<b>School closes at 12 Noon</b> <b>No Lunch Served</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	
Thursday and Friday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>No School</b> ~ <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	
Monday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Classes resume.</b>	
Friday, December 7 (November and December coffees have been combined due to available dates)	<b>Coffee with Mr. Lee</b> Topic: How is our tiered intervention program (RTI) meeting the needs of all children – Is everyone finding a comfortable level of challenge?	9-10 AM HH cafe
Wednesday, December 19	<b>Strings Concert</b>	6-8:30 HH Gym
Thursday, December 20	<b>Band Concert</b>	6-8:30 HH Gym
Friday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Full day of school Holiday Recess begins at 3 p.m.</b>	
December 22 <sup>nd</sup> through January 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Holiday Recess</b>	
Wednesday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Classes resume.</b>	

# HEALTHY HOLLER

## News From The Health Room November 2012

### Reminders:

- Please make sure that your cell phone is checked periodically throughout the day as there are times that contact must be made to a parent if your child is sick and/or injured.
- The school nurse may only leave a message on your home number informing you of your child's visit to the health room if they have been able to return to class.
- Please be sure that your child is appropriately clothed with the colder days ahead (coats, hats, mittens, etc)
- Children in the lower grade levels should have a change of clothes available, placed in their backpacks in the event that clothes get wet during the school day.
- Flu mist is still available within the elementary school setting-please call 508-358-6051 if you are interested and/or have any questions.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent(s) :

- Students require an up to date physical within the school year as required by the MA Department of Public Health. If your child has had their annual physical done, please send it into the school nurse ASAP. Many physicals are still missing-please call me if you are unsure if you sent one in.

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent(s)

- The state's BMI Screening mandate (M.G.L. c.71 s.57) requires that all schools collect height and weight measurements of students in grades 1 and 4 at the Elementary Schools. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be measured by the school nurse sometime in December.
- These measurements will be used to calculate BMI and the results will be reported to students' parents or guardians and to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- BMI is a "weight for height for age" index that can be a useful tool in early identification of possible health risk factors among children and youth.
- The results of the BMI screening will be kept confidential in each student's school health record and will be mailed or directly communicated in writing to the parents or guardians; not sent home with the student. These letters will be sent sometime in the Spring.
- The school nurse will do these required heights and weights.
- Parents must send in a note, dated and signed, to exempt their student from this requirement.



### When should you keep your child home:

A child should stay home for at least 24 hours to rest if the following symptoms are present the morning of school or the previous night:

- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Fever of 100.4 degrees
- Itchy or reddened eyes with drainage
- An unusual rash
- A poor night's sleep due to illness, cough, etc.



Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday

Jeanne MacDonald RN [Jeanne\\_MacDonald@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:Jeanne_MacDonald@wayland.k12.ma.us) 508-358-6051

# Important Information Regarding the Flu

## Colds versus Flu: How to Tell the Difference

The table below shows some differences and similarities between colds and flu. <b>Differences Between Colds and the Flu</b>	
<b>WITH A COLD:</b>	<b>WITH THE FLU:</b>
Symptoms are usually <b>less severe</b> than flu symptoms	Symptoms are usually <b>more severe</b> than cold symptoms
Symptoms develop <b>gradually</b> over a few days.	Symptoms come on <b>quickly</b> and severely.
You rarely have a fever.	You almost always have a <b>fever</b> .
You feel sick mostly in your head and nose.	Your <b>entire body</b> feels sick.
Body aches, headaches and pain are usually mild if you have them.	<b>Body aches, headaches and pain are common</b> and can be severe.
You may or may not feel tired and weak.	<b>Tiredness and weakness are common.</b>
There is no vaccine to protect you.	You can get vaccine (a shot or the nasal spray) to protect yourself.
There are no prescription medicines to treat colds.	There are prescription medicines to treat the flu.
<b>Similarities Between Colds and the Flu</b>	
<b>WITH A COLD:</b>	<b>WITH THE FLU:</b>
Caused by a virus.	Caused by a virus.
Affects the body's breathing system (nose, throat, windpipe and lungs).	Affects the body's breathing system (nose, throat, windpipe and lungs).
Usually goes away on its own.	Usually goes away on its own.
You should contact your doctor if symptoms change or get worse.	You should contact your doctor if symptoms change or get worse.

Are you coming down with a cold? Do you have the flu?

Published from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health- August 2011 ([www.mass.gov/dph/flu](http://www.mass.gov/dph/flu))

# Open Studio Art!

Grades: FOUR AND FIVE

Fridays: November 16, 30 and Dec 14

Time: 810-840am

Where: HAPPY HOLLOW ART ROOM

Come in and explore concepts that reach beyond what we cover in art class! Just drop by the art room, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! (No fee.)

Sessions will be available for our younger students at a later date!

Ms. Christine Soeltz  
Art Instructor



## October in the Library

During the month of October,

**kindergarten** students (at Loker) read the folktales "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "The Lion and the Mouse" in preparation for the cultural enrichment puppet show. We also read fiction and non-fiction books about fall, apples and pumpkins and discussed the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

**First graders** have been learning how to find a fiction book by looking for the appropriate spine labels such as humor, mystery, fantasy, holidays, etc. and have read and discussed books about Veteran's Day.

**Second grade** read an ebook about butterflies and learned how to access ebooks from their home computers. They learned how non-fiction books are arranged on the shelves, and practiced choral reading with the book "You read to me, I'll read to you".

**Third grade** studied the mystery genre this month and discussed the elements of a mystery while reading the story "Meg Macintosh and the Stage Fright Secret"

**Fourth graders** practiced taking succinct notes from a video while reviewing their map and globe skills, and discussed suspense and foreshadowing after reading seasonal stories.

**Fifth graders** continued their explorers research project while learning about note taking, plagiarism and the importance of citing sources and how to create a bibliography.

## Technology News



All classes in grades first through third began internet safety lessons in October. We first simplified the details of LARK.

**L**egal - ask permission

**A**ppropriate - school tools are for school work

**R**esponsible - take care of yourself, others and the environment

**K**ind - with your words

**1st Grade:** Our first internet safety lesson focused on "Going Places Safely". We outlined rules to follow when visiting new places in the real world and new places on the Internet. **Here are the three rules we will follow:**

- Always go online with an adult
- Don't wander off - stick with websites an adult says are okay
- Talk only with people you know

Visit the [1st Grade Internet Safety](#) website.

**2nd Grade:** Second Graders learned about the Website Traffic Light rule. Do you know the Website Traffic Light Rules? Visit the [2nd Grade Internet Safety](#) website for more details.

**3rd Grade:** Third graders learned about private information. What is it? Why and where do websites ask for this information? What do you do if a website asks for private information. Check out the [3rd Grade Internet Safety](#) website for details.

We will have continue these conversations and more in all grade levels throughout the year. I will post lessons on the appropriate grade level websites. I'm wondering...What are your "home" internet safety rules?

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** During the month of October, grades 4 and 5 have been learning all about CyberSafety while using the internet. We have viewed cartoons from the website iKeepSafe.org to learn how to be safe while using online tools. Students have been given worksheets to share at home with their families about Information Privacy and computer vocabulary.

At the end of each lesson, students were give a review lesson in All the Right Type, our keyboarding program. We now use an online version, so students can also practice their typing at home. To find the program go to the Happy Hollow Web page. All The Right Type is the first link under the for student's tab.





## MUSIC NOTES:

### FIRST GRADE

In first grade music class we practiced sound and silence rhythms with two squirrel songs. Using four tree pictures and pretend nuts we created rhythm patterns. We said “munch” whenever the squirrel visited a tree with nuts and were silent when he pointed to an empty tree. The children really enjoyed having Simon the puppet squirrel visit our class to hear them sing the songs, play xylophones, and speak rhythm patterns. Now we are looking at real music notation and reading sound and silence rhythms. One of our favorite songs this past month was “Rocket Ship Run” by Laurie Berkner. The children moved and sang along with this lively song.

### SECOND GRADE (Ms. Knox’s class)

During music Ms. Knox’s class focused on sounds that move up and down. We sang a gentle song called the *Sun Is Rising* and added an ascending xylophones part to represent the sun. In addition we sang a spooky folk song called *Skin and Bones* and added a descending instrument part as well as other sound effects. Each week we also practice reading rhythms. The students are getting really good at reading quarter notes, eighth notes, and half notes.

### THIRD GRADE

During music the third grade students worked cooperatively in small groups to create drum rhythms. They used the color of leaves as building blocks for their rhythmic ideas. Each child had a set of four blank leaves on a piece of paper to color in whatever way they wanted. For example one student had: “Rainbow, yellow, red, brown.” Then within groups the students had to decide on an order for their papers/rhythms. Finally they played their rhythms on the drums and performed them for the class.

### FOURTH GRADE

In music the fourth grade classes had fun with a Russian game called *Sasha*. During this activity the students listened to music as they performed a hand clapping rhythm with a partner. Next they walked around the room to the beat while greeting each other in non-verbal ways. As the music repeated each time the student closest to them became their new partner. In another lesson we discussed major and minor modes and played a mysterious sounding xylophone piece called *Breezes Blowing*. The students had an opportunity to improvise their own minor melodies to go along with this piece. Many students shared their improvisations as solos and I was really impressed with their musical ideas.

### FIFTH GRADE

In music class we began talking about the fifth grade play. The fifth grade play this year is *The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf*, a courtroom comedy about when the three little pigs take the wolf to trial for his crimes. The play features 1950s style music, dancing, singing, and instruments. We will perform the play Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for families. Please look for the yellow play letter in your child’s bag and return the attendance form by Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 2012-2013 PTO Events: Happy Hollow Save the Date

*Together We Can Make It Happen!*

Dates subject to change

EVENT	DATE/TIME	CONTACT
Gift Your Child: Part 1	August – December 1	<a href="#">Amy Simmons</a>
Cultural Enrichment	Ongoing	<a href="#">Alexia Obar &amp; Seta Abrahamian</a>
Just Like Me	Throughout the year	3rd Grade: <a href="#">Beth Byrne</a> 4th Grade: <a href="#">Jen Bonner</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Roller Kingdom	Nov 15 (Th) from 3:30-5:30pm	<a href="#">Kate MacDonald</a>
Coffee with Mr. Lee	Dec 7 (F) at 9:00am	<a href="#">Rebecca Purdin</a>
Toy Drive	November/December	<a href="#">Alexia Obar</a>
Holiday Teacher & Staff Appreciation	Mid-December	<a href="#">Michele Loconzolo &amp; Leslie Thompkins</a>
Fitness Challenge	January	<a href="#">Jeanne Brown</a>
“Race To Nowhere” Presentation	Jan 10 (Th) 6:00 – 8:00pm	<a href="#">Rebecca Purdin</a>
Town-wide PTO Meeting	Winter 2013	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
Gift Your Child: Part 2, Backpack Auction	January	<a href="#">Amy Simmons</a>
Lice Checks	Jan. 8 (Tu) at 8:45am	<a href="#">Elizabeth Curtin</a>
Diane E. Levin, Ph.D. Lecture @ Loker Auditorium	Feb. 6 @ 7:00 pm	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
Lice Checks	Feb. 26 (Tu) at 8:45 am	<a href="#">Elizabeth Curtin</a>
Talent Show	Mar. 15 (F)	<a href="#">Nan Li</a>
Town-wide Bingo at WMS cafeteria	Mar. 22 (F) at 6:00 pm	<a href="#">Alexia Obar</a>
Lice Checks	Apr. 23 (Tu) at 8:45 am	<a href="#">Elizabeth Curtin</a>
Earth Day Events	Apr. 27 & 28 (Sa & Su)	<a href="#">Katrien Vander Staeten</a>
Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast	Jun. 6 (F) at 9:15 am HH Caf	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
End of Year Picnic	Jun. 10 (M) at 5:30 pm Rain Date: Jun. 11 (Tu)	<a href="#">Nell Getz</a>
Book Fair	Jun. 10 & 11 (M & Tu)	<a href="#">Lynne Cribben &amp; Gretchen Dresens</a>
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	Jun. 14 (F)	<a href="#">Michele Loconzolo &amp; Leslie Thompkins</a>

## Gift Your Child

### DID YOU KNOW??

#### Where the PTO spends your Gift Your Child donations?



\*\*PTO Halloween Movie Night\*\*  
\*\*New Playground Equipment\*\*  
\*\*Talent Show\*\*  
\*\*Recorder Concert\*\*  
\*\*New Sound System\*\*  
\*\*Sol y Canto\*\*  
\*\*Fifth Grade Memory Book\*\*  
\*\*Laser Mania!\*\*  
\*\*Race to Nowhere\*\*  
\*\*Fifth Grade Play\*\*  
\*\*Museum of Science\*\*  
\*\*Potato Hills Poetry\*\*  
\*\*Mr. Lee Coffees\*\*  
\*\*Discovery Museum\*\*  
\*\*School Picnic\*\*

The PTO has provided this much (and more!) for Happy Hollow using Gift Your Child donations.

Many thanks to the families who have already so generously donated. We have reached 83% of our goal for Part 1 (the fall fundraising drive), and this is amazing! In order to prepare for Part 2 (the Backpack Auction) later this winter, the fall fundraising drive will be wrapping up at the end of November. If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so today. It is easier than ever to donate on-line via PayPal at [www.waylandpto.org](http://www.waylandpto.org)

You may also return a check to your child's school (made out to "Wayland PTO") either by mail or in your child's backpack to the attention of PTO: Gift Your child.

**ALL DONATIONS COUNT** – whether you can give \$25, \$50, \$100 or more – participation is the goal, and every donation you are able to make will directly help the PTO continue to fund all of the educational enhancement programs listed above, as well as so many more.

We thank you for your continued support!

### BACKPACK AUCTION!

#### Do you have a talent or ability to share with the community?

The Gift Your Child Backpack Auction Committee is busy rounding up annual camps, experiences with the local fire and safety departments, varsity sports, and this year's Backpack Auction. Last year, with great success, we expanded the offerings a bit to include some of the many talented members of our community. again, extend the invitation to anyone within the Wayland community who might be able to offer a unique or special experience to please consider donating to the auction. This could be anything from sharing a hobby (knitting lessons, sports lessons, photography, baking lessons, cooking an ethnic dish, etc.), to something pertaining to your career (author, musician, athlete, artist, event planner, etc.), or a donation from a family-run, Wayland business (architect, baker, photographer, musician, restaurant, etc.) in the form of a product or an experience. If you have an idea for an experience that you could share with a winner (adult, child and friend, group of children, etc.) or something you'd like to offer to the elementary school community to bid on, please contact Amy Simmons ([simmons221@comcast.net](mailto:simmons221@comcast.net)) by Friday, November 30.



favorites including teacher items for Backpack Auction We would like to,

And look for the Backpack Auction booklet coming to a backpack near you this January!!

## PTO Events

### COFFEE WITH MR. LEE

Thursday, January 17, 2013, 6:00pm, Happy Hollow Cafeteria



Topic: **Wayland Schools' Tiered Intervention Program – "Response to Intervention" (RTI)**

How is it meeting the needs of all children? Is everyone finding a comfortable level of challenge? Come ready to discuss your child's experience and your questions.

### RACE TO NOWHERE PRESENTATION

Thursday January 10, 2013, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Happy Hollow

"Race to Nowhere" is a film that asks us to think about our definitions of success and achievement. It also calls us to explore current thinking about how we can prepare our children for success and alternative ways to achieve this goal in a manner that encourages them to maintain healthy balanced lives.



### SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 7:00pm, Loker Auditorium



Diane E. Levin, Ph.D. co-author of *So Sexy, So Soon* will be joining us to discuss the new sexualized childhood and what we can do about it. Dr. Levin is a professor of education at Wheelock College and a former Wayland Public Schools teacher. She is an internationally recognized expert who helps professionals and parents deal with the effects of violence, media, and commercial culture on children. *So Sexy, So Soon* was written to help parents understand how early sexualization affects children of all ages and genders, and to give parents age-appropriate tools to deal with these issues.

PTO speaker event supported by your Gift Your Child donations.

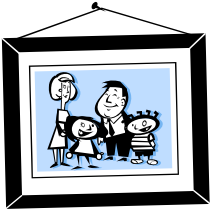
### PLANNING FOR THE HAPPY HOLLOW FITNESS CHALLENGE

We are planning for this year's Fitness Challenge, which will run in January. If you want to volunteer to help with this fun event or contribute a fitness-related prize, please contact Jeannie Brown at [jeanne\\_brown@comcast.net](mailto:jeanne_brown@comcast.net).



## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MEMORY BOOK

\*\*\*ALL 5th Grade Parents\*\*\*



We need an individual Kindergarten photograph of your child to include in this year's Memory Book and slideshow. The younger picture you provide will be shown next to their 5th grade picture. The Kindergarten photo can be a school picture or a picture taken at home.

**Important!!** We need your photos as soon as possible, in order to create the best Memory Book for your children.

Ways to submit your photo

- Email digital copy: [hmemorybook@gmail.com](mailto:hmemorybook@gmail.com)
- Hard copy: Put in your child's backpack for his/her teacher.
- Mail: Kristen Fuller, 152 Boston Post Road, Wayland MA 01778

Questions: Contact Kristen Fuller or Carla Stafford at [hmemorybook@gmail.com](mailto:hmemorybook@gmail.com).

## HAPPY HOLLOW'S 5th ANNUAL PTO HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

For the 5th year Happy Hollow will collect holiday gifts for children currently in under the care of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. Foster Care represent some of the most at-risk children in the Commonwealth. They suffered more loss and hardships in their short lives than most adults. Our significantly build their feelings of self-worth and bring a ray of sunshine into during the holiday season. In many cases these will be the only gifts the receive during the holiday season.



Foster Care Children in They have support can their lives children

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the gift of giving with your children or partner up with another family and sponsor a child. Your participation will allow these children to personally experience the special love and caring that the holiday season is all about.

If you would like to sponsor a child please send an email to Alexia Obar at [obars@verizon.net](mailto:obars@verizon.net) with SPONSOR A FOSTER CHILD in the subject line. Please include your child's first and last name along with their teacher's name. You will receive an envelope with information on a foster child via your child's backpack next week. I will when possible match you with a similar aged child. I have a few family's of children so if you are interested in taking more than one child please let me know.

Any questions please call Alexia Obar at (508) 647-0881 or email at [obars@verizon.net](mailto:obars@verizon.net).

## LOST N FOUND!!

Now that the cold weather is upon us, it's a great time to fetch your child's missing Fall from the Happy Hollow LOST N FOUND!! Come check it out and see what you may know you are missing!!!



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## HAPPY HOLLOW BOOK FAIR



The Fall Book Fair was a success selling a total of \$7,080.41 in Scholastic Books. The PTO receives 25% of the book sale profits (\$1,770.10). Special thanks to our helpful volunteers Jen Bonner, Pam Cerne, Lisa Clayton, Elizabeth Curtin, Nancy Funkhouser, Susan Greene, Jamie Janoff, Stefanie Janoff, Lynne Kennedy, Elizabeth Rainge. The book fair will return to Happy Hollow in the Spring 2013.

## WAYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIRECTORY

There are still a limited number of 2012-2013 Wayland Public Schools Directories for purchase. The directory is an invaluable resource with contact information for all children grades K-12 in the Wayland Public Schools. It also includes a school calendar, district contact information, and a monthly planner – all in one convenient book!



available  
(listed)  
school

You can order a directory on-line through PayPal at [www.waylandpto.org](http://www.waylandpto.org) and it will be sent home to you in your child's backpack. They are \$15/each – at that price, buy two and keep one in your car! For alternate purchasing arrangements, please contact Amy Simmons at [simmons221@comcast.net](mailto:simmons221@comcast.net). Many people ask what the PTO does with the money raised through Gift Your Child donations– read on to find out about just a few of the many ways the PTO put your donations to use at Happy Hollow last year:

## Happy Hollow Hurrah

A great big thank you to Stephanie Howard-Delman for running the nutrition

Special thanks to our Book Fair organizers, Lynne Cribben and Gretchen Dresens, volunteers Jen Bonner, Pam Cerne, Lisa Clayton, Elizabeth Curtin, Nancy Funkhouser, Susan Greene, Jamie Janoff, Stefanie Janoff, Lynne Kennedy, Rainge.

Huge round of applause for Elena Taxiarchis, Lynne Kennedy, and Karen Levy for the wonderfully fun Halloween Movie night, and to all the parents who pitched in to help out on the night of the event.



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planning

Visit us online at <http://www.happyhollowpto.org/>

# Why Wait?

## What to say to your child about substance abuse and how to say it

**Wayland High School Students with**

**special guest speaker Joani Geltman**

**Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

**Wayland Middle School Auditorium**

Wayland High School students will present data on substance use among  
Wayland students

**Joani Geltman will offer**

### **“Adolescent Psychology – The Parent Version”**

In this presentation, Joani reviews the many physical, cognitive, and emotional/social changes that occur in adolescence. Adolescent brains are changing and this drives their behaviors. Teens have all these new ideas, thoughts, curiosity, and feelings happening at once and they don't have the emotional experience to handle the overload. Joani helps the audience understand that there is a context in which troublesome behavior occurs: it's not about bad kids or kids who are mean to their parents. It's about developmental changes that are out of control because teen's brains and bodies, their ability to understand, to conceptualize, to analyze, and to be introspective, are all brand new.

**This program is designed for those with students in grades 4-7**

*Presented by WaylandCares and Wayland Elementary Schools PTO*



# MEMORIES IN STONE



- **Inscribe your memories on a brick at the school of your choice.** You can honor your child's teacher, memorialize your child's school year or commemorate your child's team; choose your own words, your own memory, use clip art.
- New bricks will be added to installations at the school(s) of your choice: High School- bus drop off area; Middle School- along the front walkway; Happy Hollow- around the tree and bench at side entrance; Loker- along the front garden beds; and Claypit Hill- ramp at front entrance.
- Is this a gift or honorarium? We'll send a gift card.
- Proceeds benefit Wayland METCO and Wayland k-12 school programming.  
 Questions? Contact Wayland METCO at 508-358-3755 or email to rena\_santillo@wayland.k12.ma.us

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**BRICK ORDER FORM**

First/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Price:** \$75.00 per brick, \$50 for each additional brick. Add \$10 for specific clip art (see reverse). Please use a separate message section for each additional brick and attach to this form.

Quantity of Bricks Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Wayland Public Schools METCO Program** and mail to 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA 01778 or bring to school office.

**Message:** There are 16 characters and spaces per line and two or three lines per brick (if clip art is used, 12 characters per line). Bricks are in upper case block letters. Each space counts as one character, including punctuation.


Yes, I want clip art, see attached 'Brick Layouts with Clip Art and Clip Art Library' form. \_\_\_\_\_

**Brick Location:** \_\_\_ Loker    \_\_\_ Happy Hollow    \_\_\_ Claypit Hill    \_\_\_ Middle School    \_\_\_ High School




**Gift Information:**

This is a gift for \_\_\_\_\_ Gift address \_\_\_\_\_

Gift message or occasion \_\_\_\_\_



# **SAMPLES MESSAGES FOR YOUR BRICKS**

<b>MR. SMITH SCHOOL LIBRARIAN 2001-08</b>	<b>THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, MS. SMITH</b>
<b>THANKS TO MS. SMITH FOR A GREAT YEAR</b>	<b>METCO CULTIVATES UNDERSTANDING</b>	
 <b>WHS WARRIORS 2006 SUPER BOWL WINNERS</b>	<b>CAPA CELEBRATES THE FINE ARTS THE SMITH FAMIY</b>	<b>IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN SMITH</b>
<b>KATE'S PARENTS ARE VERY PROUD OF HER-2006</b>	<b>KATE SMITH WAS HERE 2001-2006</b>	
<b>KATE SMITH WAS HERE</b>	 <b>CONGRATS CLASS OF 2009</b>	 <b>KATE, JOHN SMITH 2001-08</b>
<b>EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION</b>	<b>THE SMITH FAMILY</b>	
<b>TAYLOR SCHOOL ROCKS!</b>	<b>KATE AND KARA FOREVER 2008</b>	<b>JOHN PLAYED HERE</b>

Create a message, for your child, for a teacher, for a class.

**BE CREATIVE.** Clip art available.

Personal art will be considered for an additional \$100.

8' x 8' possible for additional cost.

**JOIN THE OVER 150 OTHER FAMILIES WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR  
'MEMORIES IN STONE'.**