



# THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER

September 14, 2011

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*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*

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

September, 2012

Dear Friends,

Over the past five years, we have indeed brought to life our motto "Kindness matters." ~ Although nothing could make me happier or prouder ~ that our constituents would tell you that Mr. Lee cares first and foremost for that ~ there is in fact a triad of what I consider most important and all are inseparable in my dedication to our school community and its mission. To be a successful principal I must care equally ~ and at all times ~ about the safety, emotional well-being and academic success of all of our students ~ all four hundred forty-one of them! And I do.

Therefore, when I write to you about kindness ~ it is never separate from the other two. Kindness is the foundation from which the safety emanates, creating the cradle for all academic growth and excellence. Likewise, if I write about academic excellence, I must know that with outstanding staff we have created a safe and kind environment wherein students will take risks, make mistakes and learn from them.

As I begin my sixth year as your principal I wanted you to know the triad from which all I endeavor is grounded. My commitment to providing safety, emotional well-being and academic excellence defines my principalship and complete dedication to our students and all of you as our exceptional families.

We have begun the year in the most extraordinary way! I believe that we have started with kind students, who are acting and promoting safety ~ emotionally and physically ~ and a staff that not only supports both, but has already begun the journey into grade appropriate challenges and very exciting learning. Therefore, my food for thought in this first note is about a topic that remains of utmost importance to me and one that I have grown to see how important it is in the day of any of our students across the grades. ~ Recess time! The following are some thoughts compiled by Rachel Sindelar from Clearinghouse on Early Education and Parenting entitled, "Recess: Is it Needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?"

The studies cited and most research supports the idea that recess helps academic success by creating the interdependence not dissimilar to the triad that I described above for how I view my principalship. No success has an isolated road to fruition. Therefore, the aspects of recess that directly build academic success have to do with the following: sharing with peers, cooperating, communicating with teachers and children, solving problems, respecting the rules, resolving conflicts and self-discipline ~ the correlation to academic learning is astonishing! (Jambor, 1999) Therefore with the start of a new year, please consider the following as a part of your daily conversation with your young learner(s) and seek assistance from any and all school personnel if we can be of assistance. A good recess is most certainly a partner to excellent academic success.

Some successful conversation around this crucial aspect of your child's day might include:

"What did you play? How did that help (not help) your day?"

- “Do you concentrate better after recess? Why do you think that is?”
- “Who made you feel better about yourself? Who did you make feel better about themselves?”
- “How did feeling better help your day? How did not feeling better impact your day?”
- “What did you learn at recess that made you a better student?”
- “How will you make your recess time better? How will you keep it going well?”
- “What control do you have over a good recess?”
- “What help can you receive and how do you access it?”
- “Why is a good recess part of being a smarter student?”

You can continue the list, but conversations like these often unlock the academic successes of the day as well. Students view recess as “free time”, so talking about recess ~ the time that often impacts all other aspects of a student’s day ~ is usually a nonthreatening way to get at the whole day. Otherwise it is easy to have the age-old conversation around ~ “So how was school?” ~ “Good.” ~ “What did you do?” ~ “Nothing.” ~

Let’s all work to make this the best year yet! As always, my door is open, email and phone available. Call or write any time.

Most sincerely,  
 Jim Lee  
 Principal



**This and That from the Principal’s Office:**

- **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Please take some time to notice our new playground equipment provided by our PTO! We have a jumping ring on the purple playground and sit and spin rides in the front area by their last year’s gift of the blue climbing structure. Every year they make our playground a better place ~ fun, exciting and one that promotes recess time that impacts academic success! Thanks so much!**
- **As in years past, the PTO honored our staff with a first day luncheon and a delicious breakfast during the first week of school. We are so grateful for your generous gift and the gift of time that goes with both!**



***Transportation:***

- ***Janet Delano is the First Student Dispatcher. Her office phone is (508) 358-7543. Please contact her or our business office with questions or concerns. Business office: (508) 358-3751.***
- ***Please direct your questions to the business office regarding payments, payment assistance and route related information, (508) 358-3750.***
- ***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.***

## 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. 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.
3. There is no left-hand turn when exiting our driveway M-F from 8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on M,T,Th and F. ~
4. **Wednesday dismissal there is no left turn from 1:50 p.m. - until 2:30 p.m.**
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Watch for pedestrians in crosswalks and on the sides of the road.
11. 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.



12. **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.**



13. **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!**

**Our Student Handbook is posted on our website. Please print it out.**

*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. 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 with a promise to work hard to uphold our rules.*

***Signing is not in any way a contract, but indicates that you have reviewed the rules together. If a student wants to cross out the promise part, he/she may but we are hoping that everyone will make the commitment to making our community safe and productive.***

*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.*

**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.
- Help us keep the phone lines open by making play dates and travel arrangements before arriving to school. Thanks!
- 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 and phone number in the HH Student/Family Directory (This is part of the "Opt-Out" option sent to you by listserv.):**

- 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 call the school and indicate which section(s) you would like to omit.
- PTO would like to have your email address so that they may communicate with you more easily.  
**IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS HAPPY HOLLOW AND YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AVAILABLE TO THE HAPPY HOLLOW PTO AND ROOM PARENTS ONLY (not for distribution outside of PTO) PLEASE EMAIL LESLIE CORNER at leslie\_corner@wayland.k12.ma.us**

**IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21, ALL OF THE INFORMATION MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE LISTED IN OUR DIRECTORY AND SHARED WITH THE HAPPY HOLLOW PTO.**

- **Curriculum Night for Grade 5 will be Wednesday September 19, 2012 and for Grades 1 & 2 will be Thursday, September 20, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. I hope you enjoyed the 3 & 4 presentations on September 13, 2012.**
- **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. The first was Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The students were great and we used this to ready for when our fifth graders will host!
- **Coffee anyone?** Mr. Lee and the PTO will hold monthly coffees for informal chats and discussions. Dates will be forthcoming.



### **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.*



## HEALTHY HOLLER

### Just An Important Reminder :

- Please keep your *child home from school if showing any signs and symptoms of illness and call the Safe to School Line at 508-358-2120 Ext 1.*
- This year we have *two students that have medical conditions* that require that parent(s) be extremely vigilant in keeping your child home from school if not feeling well.
- “Sick Child Guidelines” were sent via e mail last week and are available in the parent handbook. Please be sure that you read this very important information. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions and/or concerns at 508-358-6051.

### Mosquito Borne Illness:

- West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (mosquito borne illness) have been detected throughout MA.
- All Massachusetts residents are urged to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

The best way to protect you and your family from West Nile Virus/EEE is to avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes. CDC officials recommend the following protective measures:

- Use insect repellents when outside.
- Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk.
- Install or repair window and door screens.
- Use air conditioning whenever possible.
- Do not leave standing water outside in open containers, such as flowerpots, buckets and kiddie pools.
- People infected with the West Nile virus/EE can develop fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. In more extreme cases, the virus can lead to serious neurologic illness, such as encephalitis or meningitis (inflammation of the brain or surrounding tissues). You should contact your family physician if you have any symptoms and/or concerns.  
(Information from the CDC website)

### THANK YOU PTO AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

- We completed our 1<sup>st</sup> PTO school wide head lice check on Tuesday, September 12th. Thank you to Elizabeth Curtin our head lice coordinator, and to all of the parent volunteers that have helped with this very important task.
- Please continue to check your child’s head as part of their daily routine. Early detection does help to minimize any outbreaks. For up to date educational information please review the following web pages:
- [www.cdc.gov/lice/head/factsheet.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/lice/head/factsheet.htm)
- [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org)
- The next head lice check will be done after December school vacation, on January 8, 2013.

### Reminders

- All 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have an updated physical on file in the health room this year. Please be sure to schedule your child’s physical if needed, or send in a copy if already completed.
- Please bookmark Wayland Public Schools/Happy Hollow school website <http://whh.wayland.k12.ma.us/http://whh.wayland.k12.ma.us/> Click on For Families, then Health Services and you will find a wealth of medical information, including school health forms if needed.
- All medications require an order from the student’s medical doctor and parent permission to be administered during the school day.

Please have your student *place a change of clothes in their backpack* in the event that clothes get wet during the day. This helps eliminate the need to call a parent.

Please call if there are any questions and/or concerns. I am available 8am – 3pm daily.

Jeanne MacDonald RN

[Jeanne\\_MacDonald@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:Jeanne_MacDonald@wayland.k12.ma.us)

Direct # 508-358-6051

## Curriculum Corner



### MUSIC NOTES

The Happy Hollow music room is full of energy and sound as we sing, chant, stomp, clap, move, play instruments, and listen to music. Many beginning of the year activities included our names as a way to get to know each other. First grade students chanted the poem "Acka Backa Soda Craker" and at the end shared their names with a motion. Second graders sang their names as a solo with "The Jazzy Name Song." Third grade students chanted "Whose in the Room" and found playful ways to add flare to their names. Fourth grade students used their names to create a drumming piece. Fifth grade students sang the song "Cheerio" and lead dance moves when their name was chanted. All students are moving to classical music by composers such as Dvorak, Beethoven, and Respighi as we build our listening and musicianship skills.

### HAPPY HOLLOW 4th & 5th GRADE CHORUS

The fourth and fifth grade students received a purple chorus letter this week. If your child is interested in joining please turn in the signed form or e-mail me at [Amy\\_Pohl@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:Amy_Pohl@wayland.k12.ma.us). The Happy Hollow Chorus is a free program offered to all fourth and fifth grade students on Thursday mornings before school. We meet at 8:10 am in the Happy Hollow music room and will perform in November and January. Please feel free to e-mail or call [\(508\) 358-2120](tel:5083582120) if you have any questions. Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 27th at 8:10 am.

### Art News:

Welcome back!

Please visit our art web page monthly to read and view samples of our curricular activities. Also, please send children to art class in clothing suited for messy work. At this time we are looking for volunteers to help with hallway displays. If you are interested, please email Christine Soeltz at Happy Hollow. Below is the link to the Visual Arts web page. I am looking forward to an exciting year of exploration with your students!

Thank you,

Christine Soeltz, Visual Arts Instructor

<https://sites.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/happy-hollow-art-program>



### Technology News for Grades 1-3 from Beth Crozier

Welcome back! It's been great visiting with the children and meeting many new friends. For the month of September, all children in grades 1st-3rd will get reacquainted with the computer lab - everything from how we enter the computer, how do we login, to how do we leave the computer lab. We will also have continued conversations around being good listeners, being respectful to one another and the equipment. We have revised our [Student Acceptable Use Policy \(AUP\)](#). We are using the acronym LARK - Legal, Appropriate, Responsible and Kind. We will be reviewing this policy in all classes with October being Internet Safety month.

## 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 Activities	TBA	<a href="#">Kate MacDonald</a>
Happy Hollow T-Shirt Sales	Sept. 10 (M) – Sept. 28 (F)	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong &amp; Nell Getz</a>
Happy Hollow Farmers Market	Sept. 13 (Th) at 2:30 pm	<a href="#">Stephanie Howard-Delman</a>
Curriculum Night: Grades 3 & 4	Sept. 13 (Th) at 7:00 pm	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
Room Parent Kick Off Meeting	Sept. 14 (F) at 8:45 am	<a href="#">Rama Ravi</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade & New Families Coffee	Sept. 18 (T) at 9:00 am HH Caf	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: <a href="#">Julie Suratt &amp; Jamie Janoff</a> New: <a href="#">Cathy Caulfield &amp; Sally Lehr</a>
Picture Day	Sept. 20 (Th)	<a href="#">Carla Stafford</a>
Curriculum Night: Grades 1-2	Sept. 20 (Th) at 7:00 pm	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
PTO Board Meeting (starting in Oct.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. of the month @ 9:30 am	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
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	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>
Nutrition Challenge	Week of Oct. 22	<a href="#">Ashley Welch</a>
Book Fair	Oct. 25 & 26 (Th & F)	<a href="#">Lynne Cribben &amp; Gretchen Dresens</a>
Halloween Movie Night	Oct. 26 (F) at 6:30 pm	<a href="#">Elena Taxiarchis</a>
Coffee with Mr. Lee (starting in Oct.)	Monthly	<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>
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 8:45 am	<a href="#">Elizabeth Curtin</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>

## PTO Volunteer Needs



### ROOM PARENT NEEDED

Thank you for those who volunteered to be the Room Parent for this school year. We still need for the following class rooms:

Ms. Niles, Ms. Morrison --- Second grade (Need one more, if possible)

Ms. Akers --- Third grade

Ms. Cherwinski --- Fourth grade

If you decide to be a RP, please plan on attending the Room Parent Kickoff meeting on Sep 14 at 8:45 am. Please give it some thoughts and send an email to Rama Ravi at [mavipaji@gmail.com](mailto:mavipaji@gmail.com) giving the following details:

Your name:

Your kid's name:

Grade:

Teacher's name:

If you sign up, please plan on attending the **Room Parent Kick-off Meeting on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria.**

### JUST LIKE ME

Just Like Me is a program for 3rd and 4th graders to teach them about people with disabilities, and to help them realize that all people have similar needs and deserve respect, regardless of our differences. The sessions for the 4th graders are held in October, December, January and February and the 3rd grade units are held in April.

We are currently looking for parent volunteers for the first 4th grade unit, Physical Limitations. Volunteers are needed: Wednesday, October 3 from 9-10:30am for Ms. Devlin's class and 10:45am-12:15pm in Ms. Cherwinski's class Thursday, October 4 from 9-10:30am in Ms. Rogers' class and 10:45am-12:15pm in Mr. Moynihan's class.

Volunteering is fun, rewarding and a great way to be with your child in the classroom. Kids really enjoy the program because they learn through lively and interactive activities led by parent volunteers. Training takes place on Monday, September 24th from 7-8pm at Happy Hollow and is strongly suggested. Please sign up to volunteer through our webpage. For more information, click [here](#) or email Jennifer Bonner at [jenbonner@verizon.net](mailto:jenbonner@verizon.net). Thank you!

## PTO Events

### HAPPY HOLLOW FARMERS MARKET

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm

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



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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](mailto:stephmd@rcn.com).



### CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Grades 3-4: Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Grades 5: Wednesday, September 19<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm

Grades 1-2: Thursday, September 20<sup>st</sup> 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!

## 1ST GRADE AND NEWCOMERS WELCOME COFFEE

(with Sally's famous French donut muffins!)

Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Do you have a 1st grader at Happy Hollow? Are you new to the school? If so, the PTO's First Grade Committee and Newcomer Committee invite you to a coffee social 18th at 9am outside in the beautiful gardens at Happy Hollow (weather-permitting). and homemade baked goods (don't miss Cathy's to-die-for whoopie pies!), and learn how to get involved in the Happy Hollow community. Little ones in tow are always welcome. For more information, contact Julie Suratt at [juliesuratt@gmail.com](mailto:juliesuratt@gmail.com) and Jamie Janoff at [jamie.janoff@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie.janoff@yahoo.com), co-chairs of the 1st Grade Committee, OR Cathy Caulfield [ccaufield16@gmail.com](mailto:ccaufield16@gmail.com) and Sally Lehr [lefam46@yahoo.com](mailto:lefam46@yahoo.com), co-chairs of the Newcomer Committee.



Happy Hollow  
on Tues, Sept.  
Enjoy coffee

## SMILE!!! SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

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

envelopes and package information will be sent home in your child's backpack in September. Please fill it out and return it in the backpack to your teacher *even if you do not wish to purchase any.*



Photo  
early

\*EVERY CHILD WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED whether you purchase a package 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](mailto:cgstafford@staffordboys.com)

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



## MEET YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS!

Thursday, October 18, 2012 @ Wayland Middle School

5:30pm Pizza (Cafeteria)

6:00pm - 7:30pm Presentation (Auditorium)

You won't want to miss this joint Elementary School PTO event to hear your School District leaders speak about their goals for the year and how they relate to the curriculum currently being taught to our children.

Featured speakers:

Elementary Principals Debbie Bearse, Brian Jones, & Jim Lee

Superintendent, Paul Stein

Director of Technology and Accountability, Leisha Simon

Math & Science Curriculum Director, Tricia O'Reilly

English Language Arts & Social Studies Curriculum Director, Karyn Saxon

METCO Director, Mabel Reid-Wallace

Pizza dinner from 5:30 to 6:30. Please RSVP to Elisa Scola at [cpandes@yahoo.com](mailto:cpandes@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us for pizza.

Babysitting from 6:00 pm until the end of the event, provided by BASE staff. Children must be potty-trained and able to separate from their parents.

For more information please contact, Stephanie Leong at [happyhollowpto@gmail.com](mailto:happyhollowpto@gmail.com).

## PTO News

### GIFT YOUR CHILD

Gift Your Child, the Wayland elementary schools PTO's annual fundraiser is now under envelopes went home to each household last week with more information and a pledge our table at upcoming Curriculum Nights to drop off your donation check (and pledge card), and to learn more about what the PTO does with your donation. You can also donate with a credit card on our new (user-friendly!) website, or by returning your completed pledge card with a check (made payable to Wayland PTO) in the orange envelope. Just send it back to school in your child's backpack with "PTO Gift Your Child" written on the front, or drop it in your school's PTO mailbox.



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If you have any questions about Gift Your Child, please visit our website or contact Amy Simmons. For more information about what the PTO did in 2011-2012 with your donations, visit our "Did You Know?" page.



### SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT! Happy Hollow T-Shirts On Sale Now!

Last year Happy Hollow students provided the PTO with words that they felt best represent Happy Hollow School. This year these words are featured on a Happy Hollow T-shirt that is being sold for \$7 (at our cost). To see a picture of the T-shirt go to

<http://www.happyhollowpto.org/images/HHTshirtPicture.pdf>.

Order forms will be sent home in your child's backpack during the week of September 10th. They are also available on the table in the school lobby, or you can download it at <http://www.happyhollowpto.org/images/HHTshirtform.pdf>. To order please return the form and payment in your child's homework folder or in the PTO mailbox in the lobby by Friday, September 28th. The shirts will be delivered in 3-4 weeks. For more information, please contact Nell Getz at [nellgetzie@gmail.com](mailto:nellgetzie@gmail.com).

### WAYLAND ALL-SCHOOLS DIRECTORIES

The Wayland All-Schools Directories are now available for sale from the PTO.

They will be available for purchase at the PTO table at upcoming Curriculum Nights (Sept. 13th for grades 3-4, Sept. 19th for grade 5, Sept. 20th for grades 1-2, and Oct. 11th for K) with cash or check, or you can purchase one on-line at [www.waylandpto.org](http://www.waylandpto.org) with a credit card and it will be sent home in your child's backpack. For other purchasing arrangements, or for any questions, please contact Amy Simmons.

### HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

**A Parent Representative is needed to serve from October 2012- September 2013.**

Per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 59C, at each public elementary, secondary and independent vocational school in the commonwealth there shall be a school council consisting of the school principal, parents of students attending the school, teachers who shall be selected by the teachers in such school, and other persons, not parents or teachers of students at the school, drawn from such groups or entities as municipal government, business and labor organizations, institutions of higher education, human services agencies or other interested groups. 50% of the council shall be non-school members.

The school council, including the school principal, shall meet regularly and shall assist in the identification of the educational needs of the students attending the school, make recommendations to the principal for the development, implementation and assessment of the curriculum accommodation plan, and shall assist in the review of the annual school budget and in the formulation of a school improvement plan.

Please nominate someone (or yourself) to serve by visiting <http://www.happyhollowpto.org/parentresources/schoolcouncil.html> and filling out the form today! Nominations will be accepted until September 21st. Nominees are asked to submit a paragraph about themselves to:

happyhollowpto@gmail.com.

## Happy Hollow Hurrah

Thanks to... Shaun Powers of S.P. Landscaping (508-653-6820, splandscaping@hotmail.com) for cleaning up the grounds outside Happy Hollow.

A huge round of appreciation to First Grade/Newcomers Scavenger Hunt volunteer Amy Simmons, and even organizers: Julie Surrat, Jamie Janoff, Sally Lehr, and Cathy Caulfield. Thank you!

We would also like to thank Pam Cerne, Kristen Fuller, and Cathy Caulfield for all their help stuffing envelopes for the Gift Your Child campaign. Thank you so much!

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*  
~Elizabeth Andrew

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

## JUST LIKE ME

Just Like Me is a program for 3rd and 4th graders to teach them about people with disabilities, and to help them realize that all people have similar needs and deserve respect, regardless of our differences. The sessions for the 4th graders are held in October, December, January and February and the 3rd grade units are held in April.

We are currently looking for parent volunteers for the first 4th grade unit, Physical Limitations. Volunteers are needed:  
**Wednesday, October 3 from 9-10:30am for Ms. Devlin's class and 10:45am-12:15pm in Ms. Cherwinski's class**  
**Thursday, October 4 from 9-10:30am in Ms. Rogers' class and 10:45am-12:15pm in Mr. Moynihan's class**

Volunteering is fun, rewarding and a great way to be with your child in the classroom. Kids really enjoy the program because they learn through lively and interactive activities led by parent volunteers. Training takes place on **Monday, September 24th from 7-8pm at Happy Hollow** and is strongly suggested. Please sign up to volunteer through our webpage. For more information, click [here](#) or email Jennifer Bonner at [jenbonner@verizon.net](mailto:jenbonner@verizon.net). Thank you!