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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER
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*“Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others.”
~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr. ~ American Author of Inspirational Books*

Dear Friends,

I have many lunchtime meetings in my office. When the light peeks in from both sides of my sun-porch workplace, it creates a warmth and brilliance that is truly spectacular ~ all year round! Even on a rainy, cloudy or stormy day, the space shines. The content of conversation matches the light, as no matter the focus, there are few outcomes that don't result in solid problem solving and a look toward a brighter future. I've seen and heard a lot over the eight years that I've spent with so many of you sitting at the table solving and discussing ~ looking to find a center of hope.

That said, my favorite meetings are always the lunchtime ones. The lunchtime ones are scheduled by students. They relate to service learning, auditions for an upcoming school meeting, planning and script writing with my fifth grade emcee friends and eating with students who just want to have lunch with their principal... I never cease to be touched by my lunchtime meetings ~ my meetings with my wonderful students ~ the gifts you give to our school each day. One can't help but to learn from them and the insightful voices of our young often shed light on any number of subjects with a credibility that lets me know we are in good hands with our future leaders.

All of these meetings are special, but every now and then, there is one that must be shared. As you know, I love our student-centered service learning. It is organic to their passions and interests ~ gives an opportunity for them to solve real problems, to apply social competency skills, to use what they've learned and to learn something new. It is always exciting and they never cease to amaze me. When our student engage in this work, H. Jackson Brown, Jr.'s quote comes alive because it never fails, when people are in active service to others ~ they inevitably find success ~ and it always makes the world a better place.

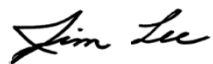


The one I need to share was with a brother and sister team. One is in second grade and the other in kindergarten. They came with notes written and a presentation ready. They invited their aunt to attend too, and greeted her with hugs. They captured the spirit of hope that is youth and the enthusiasm that makes service learning at the student level crucial. Their cousin has spent over 100 days as an inpatient at Boston Children's Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has a rare disease that greatly impacts his daily life. Despite this, his cousins see him as "happy, funny and a loving little boy". They look past all the medical intervention and find the language of children. They play with and enjoy him. He is their special gift. And as they have learned about disease and differences, they have joined his team. They are a part of helping. ~ It doesn't stop there. The entire family is so touched by the work of both hospitals ~ the stories of the many who attend to the needs and support those who need ~ they are on fire with wanting to give back.

And so we met. The two discussed many possibilities and decided to do a presentation at an assembly meeting, to collect spare change and to offer classes an opportunity to "walk" in support of the Children's Hospital ~ they want to initiate a challenge to all classes to walk, receive pins and then to give ~ so they know they have really made a difference.

When young, abled children sit at my table and are committed to making a difference that will help not only their own relation, but with an eye to helping a whole hospital ~ we have all seen a beacon of the brightest light ~ our future clothed in a spirit of hope. They are leading the way and by doing so finding the success that will ultimately make our world a better place no matter what they choose to do in their future.

All best and much peace to you!



Jim Lee, Principal



Parent/Student Survey:

Sam Levenson ~ a journalist and humorist appearing on a variety of TV shows over the course of many years once said, “You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t possibly live long enough to make them all yourself...” How true! So all opinions count! We don’t want to keep making the same mistakes. We certainly want to learn from those we’ve made all on our own, those we’ve made together, and those others have made for us. We all learn and grow from mistakes and wrong turns. It’s the learning that comes from making them that is important ~ “Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” ~ Albert Einstein

So please take a moment and fill out the survey. Your opinion matters and we appreciate your time.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HHparentsurvey7>



Lost and Found:

Our Lost and Found area is still looking a lot like snowy weather is on the way. Now that it is spring, we want all winter coats, snowpants and boots to find their owners. ~ Many other items are there too. We also have non-clothing items in the office ~ so if you lost glasses, a toy or the like ~ even foreign money ~ please check with us.



As always, remember to visit the Happy Hollow and District Calendars for upcoming events and look for Happy Hollow Happenings to stay current!



May at Happy Hollow:

Saturday, May 9	Florence Adler Walk/Run	WMS
Monday, May 25	No School Memorial Day	
Thursday, May 28	5 th Grade Play School Performance	10:00 am. -11:00 am Happy Hollow Gym
Thursday, May 28	5 th Grade Play Parents and Families	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Happy Hollow Gym
Monday June 1	String Concert	7:00pm Wayland High School
Tuesday June 2	Instrumental Concert	10:00am Happy Hollow Gym
Tuesday June 2	Band Concert	7:00 Wayland High School
Thursday June 10	Field Day	Rain Date Monday June 16
Thursday June 8	School Picnic	5:00-7:00 pm Happy Hollow (rain date June 10)
Friday June 19	Move Along Day	Happy Hollow
Monday June 22	Last Day of School	Dismissal 1:50pm

May MCAS/PARCC 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 (left open for school assembly)	5 MCAS Sci./Tech 5th grade	6 MCAS Sci./Tech 5th grade	7 PARCC ELA 3rd grade	8 PARCC ELA 5th grade
11 PARCC ELA 4th grade	12 PARCC Math 3rd grade	13 PARCC Math 5th grade	14 PARCC Math 3rd grade	15 PARCC Math 5th grade
18 (left open for school assembly)	19 PARCC Math 4th grade	20 PARCC Math 4th grade	21	22

HEALTHY HOLLER



5th Grade Postural Screening

- Postural Screening will take place the week of May 11, 2015 during gym class.
- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires that all 5th graders be checked for postural screening.
- If a parent does not wish their child to be checked or if you are followed by your physician, then a parent should put it in writing and send a note into the health room.
- Mr. O'Connor will be checking the boys and the Nurse MacDonald will be checking the girls.

5th Grade Parents-Puberty Video & Discussion:

- The fifth grade boys will be meeting with the physical education teacher, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Moynihan, and the girls with the school nurse and 5th grade teachers, in early June, to watch the video "Always Changing and Growing Up"
- After the viewing there will be a discussion, followed by question and answer session.
- We encourage parents to continue the discussion of this important topic at home. If there are any questions feel free to contact the school nurse.
- Information to review is available at: <http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/programs.php?pid=1>

Check your children for tick:

- Please click on the links for very important TICK Information:
- <http://www.aldf.com/raad.shtml>
- <http://www.tickencounter.org/>
- This is the time of year that you may find a tick and it is important to be checking your children.

Other information

- 3rd grade students entering 4th grade in September 2015 are required to have a current physical on file. Parents need to send their child's most current physical (August 2014-2015) into the school office, attention: school nurse/Mrs. MacDonald RN
- Please remember to apply sunscreen, bug spray, and to hydrate as the weather gets warmer.

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CURRICULUM CORNER

FROM THE LIBRARY

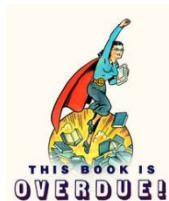
Students were treated to a visit from Big Joe the Storyteller when they returned from April vacation. Old and young enjoyed Big Joe's tales of ancient myths, Anansi tales, and more, infused with audience participation and hysterical humor. Thanks to the PTO for funding Big Joe's visit!



Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade classes have been reading non-fiction texts that read like storybooks. The children have really enjoyed these immensely! 3rd grade classes completed their unit on reference sources, and have been listening to a chapter book read-aloud. 4th graders are creating book trailers using iMovie on the iPads, and 5th graders are using library time to work on their biography project research. The library is always hopping and buzzing!



A heads-up that all library books will be due the week of June 8th. No books may be checked out after Friday, June 5th. Overdue notices will be sent out the first week of June so that students have ample time to locate their missing books. If a book is lost, library policy is to request payment so we can replace the book, or, alternatively, you may send in a replacement copy of the book (preferred.) If you must pay for a lost book, please make checks payable to Happy Hollow School and send them to the library, along with your child's name. Many thanks for your cooperation!



From The Gymnasium

With the beautiful weather that we have had the past few weeks, many classes have had the opportunity to go outside for class. One of the more popular games that we have been playing is "Capture the Rings", a twist on Capture the Flag that gives the game a lot more action!

This year, Field Day will be on Wednesday, June 10th. Students will be walking to the high school, where activities will be set up for all grades. There will be a K-2 section of stations and a 3-5 section as well. Permission slips will be sent home for the students to be able to walk to the fields. If you would like to volunteer for the day, please send me an e-mail: daniel_oconnor@wayland.k12.ma.us by Friday, May 29th. Please make sure that you are CORI checked before volunteering.

I am very excited for Field Day this year, and look forward to working with you to make this day amazing for the students.



From The Technology Lab

1st Grade: Students have been enjoying our programming unit. Students were introduced (reintroduced for many) to [Beebots](#), a programmable robot. Students are working at stations with a Beebot and a mat. The mats reinforce the concepts of money, shape attributes, phonics...The children program the Beebot to move on the mat to complete a variety of challenges. When programming, the children need to think about their path and then plan a sequence of commands to complete their task. Ask your child if they can remember the Beebot commands (forward, backwards, right turn and left turn).



2nd Grade: Students are continuing to work on their continent slideshow using Kid Pix. Their slideshow will consist of 5 pages. Students are doing an amazing job of making sure all of their pages are cohesive - at least two typed sentences on their page, creating or adding an appropriate background and supporting picture details. At this point in the project, students are working pretty independently.



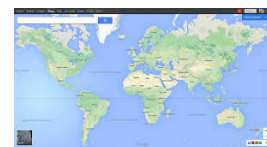
3rd Grade: All year long students have been working on their keyboarding practice using the program All The Right Type. I will be sending home this month the results of their keyboarding practice. Students have really grown their keyboarding skills!



4th Grade: Students have been programming with Scratch 2.0. This unit provides students with many opportunities to learn on their own and to learn from each other. Each week students will explore a variety of command blocks. Their final Scratch project will be to incorporate those commands to animate their name.



5th Grade: Students will be finishing up two projects - Digital Superhero (which many already have) and a Battle of the American Revolution Google Map. Students will pin at least 6 battles on a google map. Each pin will include the name of the battle, year, information about the battle and at least two images. Students were given a rubric to complete this project.



5th Grade Tech Crew: Thank you to the tech crew students in Ms. Devlin's class. They are doing a wonderful job running the technology needs at our all school assemblies. If you'd like to see tech crew video work, please check out [this link](#).

PTO News and Events

PTO DISCO NIGHT TICKETS – GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Saturday, May 9
7:30p – midnight
Sandy Burr Country Club

Break out the bell bottoms, feathered hair and white suits (or not) but do brush up on your Donna Summer and Bee Gees as we turn Sandy Burr into a disco inferno.

Boogie down with your friends from all three elementary schools—this is a party you won't want to miss. This is not a kids party so book your sitter now.



Tickets are \$15. There is a limited quantity so order now!

<http://waylandpto.org/elementary-ptos-paypal/>

THE SPRING BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Plan to visit our *Under The Sea Wonderland* **JUNE 8th through JUNE 10th!** More details to follow but in the meantime, help organize this exciting event for our young readers, contact *Christine Walsh* (christinepensivy@hotmail.com) or *Sara Langan* (sara_langan@hotmail.com) to volunteer!

TEXTILE PTO FUNDRAISER



A new fundraising opportunity to support the Wayland PTO has arrived at each Wayland school and at the Transfer Station. The Wayland PTO Green Team has partnered with Bay State Textile to provide donation boxes for textiles in “good, bad and ugly” condition. At Happy Hollow, it is located on grass area after crosswalk exiting the school circle. In addition to gently used clothing, these bins will also accept items that others do not including stuffed animals, highly worn or stained clothing, and even a single shoe! The only requirement is that they are clean and dry.

Over 520 MILLION pounds of textiles are disposed of at incinerators or landfills in Massachusetts, of which 95% can be reused or recycled. Bay State Textiles reuses 45% of the textiles here in the U.S. and overseas and the rest is recycled or reprocessed. This is considerably higher than with many other donation bins.

The average American discards 70 pounds of textiles a year. In Wayland, that equates to 455 tons. Turn your unwanted clothing, backpacks, shoes and linens into revenue for the Wayland PTO. Thank you.

2014-2015 PTO Events: Happy Hollow Save the Date

Together We Can Make It Happen!

Dates subject to change

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you looking to get involved in your child's school? We are in need of volunteers for many unique opportunities. Most of these volunteer opportunities require only a small time commitment, but have a huge impact on our schools and our children. Take a peek at the events calendar below and contact the committee head to learn more. Or, email the Happy Hollow PTO President, Jennifer Pearlman, at: happyhollowpto@gmail.com.

Elementary Joint Social – Disco Party!	May 9 th (Sat) Sandy Burr Country Club	Cathy Caulfield
Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast	June 3 rd (W) at 9:00 AM in Happy Hollow Cafeteria	Jennifer Pearlman
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	June 4 th (Th)	Jill Zukerman & Catherine Theobald
Town-wide PTO meeting	June 5 th (F)	Stephanie Leong
Book Fair	June 8 th & 9 th	Sara Langan & Christine Walsh
End of Year Picnic	June 8 th (M) at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Rain Date: June 10th (W)	Cathy Caulfield

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