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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER
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“I have always been deeply moved by outstanding achievement and saddened by wasted potential.”
~Carol Dweck

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

October, 2014

Dear Friends,

In the flurry of all things fall, we find a frenetic stirring that is not unlike the funneled spin of the falling foliage. Yet in the midst of all that goes into gearing up, we somehow find our stride. With no choice in the matter, we have to set things to a schedule, look for routines and “settle in”. ~ This is especially true in the world of an elementary school, wherein each new year brings a new teacher, a new classroom setting, a set of new classmates and a new curriculum. Everything “last year” is just that. ~

October is the month that holds the shift from learning the new to new learning. The year ahead begins to unfold and first conferences coincide with the adjustment so we can set our young learners on a productive and positive course. To guide the conversation and your reflection about how to maximize the year's opportunity for optimal learning, I want to offer a suggestion for a combined approach.

The first part has to do with keeping all adult eyes on ensuring that students are finding ways to put forth effective effort throughout each school day. I began with a quote from Carol Dweck ~ author of *Mindset* and many other like pieces~ a renowned researcher in the field of motivation and a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. She focuses her attention on why people succeed and how to foster successful people. In an interview with Education World, Dr. Dweck provided an elevator synopsis of her philosophy that I believe is ready-made for immediate application. She said,

“It is impossible to tell what people are capable of in the future if they catch fire and apply themselves. I will never forget a story I read in *The New York Times*. It told of a Nobel Prize-winning scientist who, later in life, got hold of his school records and saw his IQ score. According to him, it was not high. He freely admitted that had he seen this score earlier, he would not have tried to become a scientist and he would never have tried to make path-breaking discoveries.

Research on creative geniuses shows that many of them seemed like fairly ordinary children. Yet at some point, they became obsessed with something and pursued it avidly over a long period of time, leading to unique and amazing contributions. Many of these contributions could not have been predicted by IQ scores.”

- See more at: http://www.educationworld.com/a_issues/chat/chat010.shtml#sthash.1WpA8DLF.dpuf

In a time when we look to scores to be diagnostic, it is crucial to hold what Dr. Dweck has proven to be so powerful into all of our conversations with our young learners. They must know that all the adults in their world believe in their ability to succeed, no matter what their current level of proficiency is in a given area. The scores are rungs on a ladder toward success ~ not indicators of a problem that cannot be addressed and overcome. We must let them know that effort is essential and when efforts are not successful, the conversation about how to learn from those moments is the next-step in best learning ~ and ultimately what results in successful overall achievement.

The second piece to finding an optimal way to frame the year, your fall conference and your child's learning has to do with a current movement in education toward what is called “Deeper Learning”. The following is a compilation from research done in collaboration by Maureen Devlin and Susan Cherwinski which, I believe, holds the key for a year of excellent dialogue with your child and for when the adults in all of our students' lives look to collaborate around helping them to reach for their personal best.

Do you employ effective learning strategies & habits?

- **I am actively engaged in learning.** I don't just sit there.
- **I seek learning challenges.** I don't just do what I already know.
- **I learn what I don't know, and go beyond my comfort zone.** I look forward to a challenge even though I know I will make mistakes and it will be uncomfortable at times.
- **I use mistakes as an opportunity to learn, clarify, and study process.** Every time I make a mistake, I'll say, "Just another step on the learning stairs--what did I learn today?"
- **My teacher coaches my learning strategies by focusing feedback on my choices, behavior, attitude, and efforts.** I will ask my teacher the following questions: Did I use a good strategy? Did you think I had a learner's mindset? Did you notice how I worked with creativity and tenacity? Did you notice I used multiple resources, and collaborated with peers?
- **I look to the stories and words of successful learners/doers in my community and world for inspiration and understanding.** When I'm frustrated, challenged, or even lost in my learning, I'll look to the words and stories of those I admire and those who have successfully overcome similar challenges.
- **I use research to inform my learning behavior, goals, and strategies.** I research to learn. I start with easy to read, summary information in places like easy-to-read books, Wikipedia, quick Google searches, and well-known sites. As my research grows, so will the sites, information, experts, and resources I use to develop my understanding.
- **I ask about, research, and discover why and how my learning is relevant to my life, community, and world.** In order to psych myself up for the learning, I will learn how the learning objective/task is relevant to my success or the success of my community/world. That meaning will inspire my good work.
- **I use a portfolio to chart my learning goals, efforts, strategies, revision, assessment, and share.** I will regularly reflect on my portfolio with the adults in my life and with my peers. I will work with my teachers, mentors, family, and coaches to set goals/process, use strategy, and assess learning.
- **My teachers and family members are my learning coaches who mentor and model learning strategies, problem solving, and presentation to and with me.** I will ask my family/teachers to help me in my quest to learn well.
- **I make an effort to share my learning with my classmates, younger students, family members and others who I can help.** I will decide on an audience for all significant learning actions, and learn with that audience in mind. Later I will share the learning with that audience.
- **I find the resources, questions, projects, and problems that inspire my learning tenacity and direction as I move towards creating my life--a life that includes work I value, people I care for, and a lifestyle that brings me joy.** I self reflect as I learn, always thinking about what it is that I want to learn, and how I will learn that well in order to build a meaningful life of contribution, care, creativity, and camaraderie.

Deeper Learning MOOC Resources:

The information on this post was culled and copied from the Deeper Learning MOOC week one readings:

Rob Riordan and Larry Rosenstock on [making the case for project based learning](#)

Eduardo Briceno on [mindsets, student agency, and deeper learning](#)

Jal Mehta on [deeper learning and the common core](#)

[An infographic on deeper learning](#) from Tom Vander Ark and the Getting Smart team

At Happy Hollow, we want active learners who are actively pensive about their learning process at all ages ~ no age is too young. Each day brings a new opportunity to succeed. Please call or email with questions, concerns or comments.

All best,



Jim Lee
Principal



This and That from the Principal's Office:

DROP OFF AND PICK UP UPDATES:

1. There is no benefit to arriving early for either pick up or drop off.

The doors open at 8:30 am and the line moves along finishing at 8:45 am. If you arrive before that it makes it seem like it takes longer for drop off when the truth is the line will not move before 8:30 am.

Likewise, at drop off we dismiss the buses at 3:00 pm and then move the pick up line. We finish all dismissal by 3:15 pm or 3:20 pm at the very latest. Arriving early means you just sit in line. There is no benefit to being up front because once the line moves everyone is through in 10 minutes or less. It means that from 3:00 pm until 3:15 pm we dismiss 441 students from our building and get them on buses in cars on bikes or walking! We're doing well and I can't thank you enough for your assistance.

2. Please be careful not to block the sidewalks or roads around our school. Police will take notice and will write citations.
3. **Pull all the way up when you enter the line. It is a short distance to both doors and we have staff to guide the children. Know that many bus students follow the same routes to the front door and the kindergarten only door.**
4. Please use the cross walks during drop-off and pick-up times. People are crossing between the cars and busses. Although adults try to be careful, this is an extremely dangerous practice. You are modeling to students how to cross a busy street in an illegal manner. Take the extra few minutes to walk to the cross walk and show them that using cross walks is important.
5. No DOGS or pets on school grounds! This is a state law. We do allow animals at the school with special permission from the principal. In these 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. ~ To have a dog on the premise, we need to ensure that it is qualified as a therapy dog and that no students are allergic. **Bringing a dog to the drop-off and pick-up times is breaking the law.**

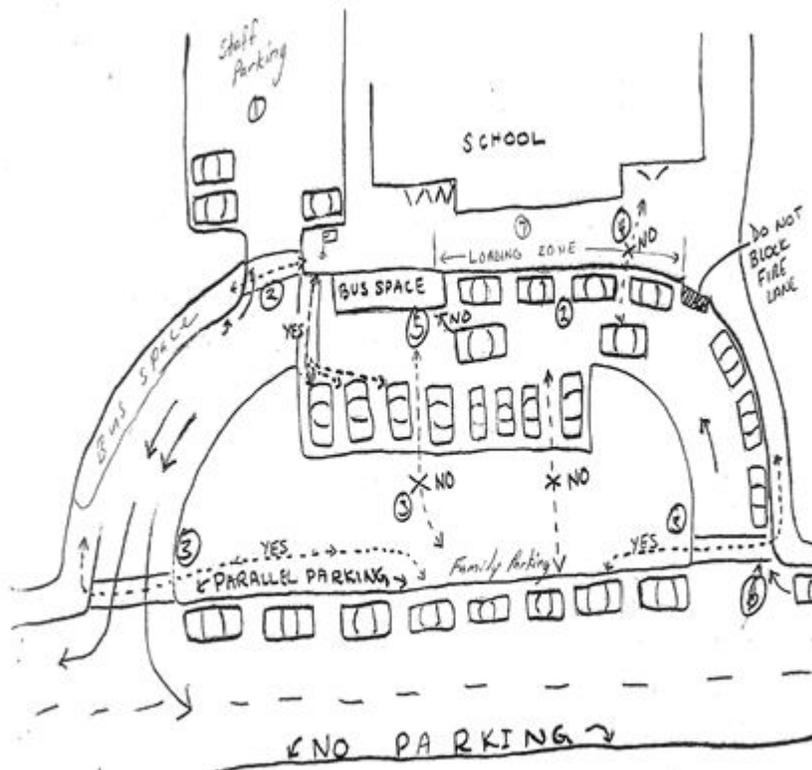
The following are our procedures:

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 (except for buses) when exiting our driveway M-F from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on M,T,Th and F. ~ **On Wednesday, from 1:50 until 2:20 (not posted on the sign due to space).**

4. Wednesday dismissal is 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. 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!



School Meeting Assemblies:

These exciting school gatherings take place every Monday unless there is a holiday or school cancellation. Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Lost and Found:

- Please continue to check this area on a regular basis. It means so much to us when we see the clothing and other items going home. Thank so much!

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

What is the Safe Arrival Program?

* A program that ensures that every child in the school is accounted for at the start of each day.

Are all Happy Hollow children enrolled in this program?

* YES all children are part of this program.

How does this program operate?

* **Families phone the school (508-358-2120 ext 1) before 8:45 AM**

and leave a message stating that their child(ren) will be absent **or late**. Message should include: child's name, teacher's name, date(s) of absence. Anticipated future absences or late arrivals can also be called in ahead of time.

* The office staff keeps a log of all calls.

* Classroom attendance is sent to the office and cross checked with the messages at 8:45 AM

If a child is still unaccounted for, the office staff then:

- * Rechecks the child's classroom
- * Contacts the parents/guardians at all phone numbers on file
- * Phones emergency contacts
- * Principal or designee drives to child's home
- * Police are contacted



October and November at Happy Hollow:

Monday, October 13	No School ~ Columbus Day	
Monday, November 11	No School Veteran's Day	
Wednesday, November 26	School closes at 12:00 Noon	
Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28	No School Thanksgiving Holiday	
Monday, December 1	Classes resume	

The annual SADD Fall Festival is just around the corner! This October 11th, Wayland High School SADD will again be hosting the Fall Festival at the Wayland High School softball field from 11am-4pm, or if there is rain it will be moved inside to the field house! There will be lunch courtesy of Whole Foods, and treats courtesy of Sweets for Smiles. Activities range from face painting to local artisan vendors. We will also have the Wayland town fire department come with a fire truck and teach about seat belt safety. We hope you can join us in celebrating the fall season and a safe and fun year!

It is with great excitement that we announce the start of the
2014-2015 Destination Imagination season
-- our 8th DI year in Wayland!



The Destination Imagination program not only encourages creativity and self-awareness, but it teaches patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and the collaborative problem solving process. Destination Imagination's programs teach kids how to work in teams after school to solve hands-on creative challenges and help children improve their self-confidence and communication skills.

To learn more about how your child can form/join a DI team, how you can become a DI team leader, or just to find out what DI actually is please visit www.idodi.org or www.madikids.org. If you are interested in speaking with a current team Manager on how to get started, or if your child is interested in joining a team, please contact Seta Abrahamian at seta@abrahamian.info.

We know of two Wayland DI Teams with YouTube postings. Check them out (links below):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5jvM7Fz0oo>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PS77Ozj3LPY>

Curriculum Corner

LIBRARY READS

The library is buzzing with activity! Our youngest students have just begun checking out books, and they are loving the independence of selecting their own books. Ask your child about the "five finger rule" for selecting a "just right" book. 4th and 5th graders have been rotating through various library centers, as they learn more about genres, library organization, and writing persuasive book recommendations. Please make sure that you know when "library day" is so that your child remembers to return his or her books. You can check out the newly updated (but still a work in progress!) Happy Hollow Library site at <https://sites.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/happyhollowlibrary/>



Colleen Flannery
Happy Hollow Librarian

MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. POHL

*Leaves, leaves floating down
Red, Yellow, Orange, Brown
Leaves, Leaves floating down
Swirling, gliding to the ground.*



Jay Broeker

This month in music class the children are performing autumn themed songs and poems to explore music concepts. We are having fun playing percussion instruments as we learn techniques for creating warm, rich sounds. The children are using such instruments as drums, xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels, guiros and finger cymbals. Lastly, the students are developing their singing voices through warm-ups, large group singing, and small group singing.

Amy Pohl

Band

4th grade band has begun and we are starting to learn to make music on our instruments. This month we will be learning our first few notes and how to care for our instruments

The 5th grade band students will be performing in this month at a Wayland High School football game. Come out and help us support our team on Friday, October 17th at 7:00 pm.

1st Grade Music

First graders will be singing and moving in music class this month. We will be singing songs such as 'The 5 little pumpkins'. We will be playing instruments to books such as 'The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything'.

3rd Grade Workshop

3rd graders will be learning how to read treble clef notation this month. We will be playing songs such as 'Skin and Bones' and 'Helter Skelter'.



Art News!

Please visit us at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/happy-hollow-art-program/2014-2015-art-studies>

Here you will find highlights of our latest curricular studies and can archive work from previous years

Technology News for Grades 1-5 from Ms. Crozier

It's been wonderful getting reacquainted with the children. They have done an excellent job reviewing computer lab rules and procedures. Students in grades 1st through 3rd have also reviewed many of the computer curriculum tools we use. Students in grades 4 and 5 have reviewed our Student Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and have been using google docs.



Starting this month we will begin Internet Safety lessons in all classes first through fifth grade. We continue to use the acronym LARK - Legal, Appropriate, Responsible and Kind to guide our Internet Safety discussions across the grade levels. We will have specific conversations connecting LARK to our school tools. Thank you to the PTO for purchasing the "All Digital Citizens" posters that are hanging in our classrooms. The digital scout helps spell out the important rules of LARK and being safe and appropriate on the Internet. Thank you to Mr. Lee and the office staff for personalizing the posters by adding LARK. Do you have internet safety rules at home for your children to follow?

HEALTHY HOLLER

Jeanne MacDonald, RN

News from the Health Room October 2014

Enterovirus D-68

- Please read the information available from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding this respiratory virus. See www.mass.gov/dph/enterovirus and www.cdc.gov/.
- Parents should continue to monitor their children for signs and symptoms of any illness. EV-D68 can cause fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches. Often there is no fever. (from the Boston Public Health Commission)
- Children should stay home from school if they are not feeling well to prevent spreading germs to others.
- Parents should be checking their cell phones throughout the day.
- It is important for your school nurse to be able to reach a parent if your child is ill and/or has any injury.
- Parents need to be able to pick their children up at school in a timely manner.
- Please have a backup plan (such as a neighbor) if you are not readily available.
- Please reinforce with your children: Encourage frequent hand washing with soap and water, especially after coughing and sneezing. Soap and water are preferred, but alcohol based hand sanitizers can be used. (from the Boston Public Health Commission)
- Practice good “cough etiquette” by coughing or sneezing into a tissue, or into your elbow instead of your hands. (from the Boston Public Health Commission). We continue to reinforce these teachings here at Happy Hollow.

Flu Clinics at the Town Building:

Community Walk in Flu Clinics

Wednesday October 8, 15, 29th

2PM-7PM

Town Building

Please bring Insurance Cards

Mist/Injectable Vaccine available

Vision and Hearing:

- It will be done the week of October 20, 2014, by the school nurses.
- Vision and Hearing is a mandated screening required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- Vision screening is done in grades 1-5 and hearing screening in grades K-3. Vision will be done on K+ students that do not have documentation on their physicals as it is required before entry to school.
- Letters will be sent home if your child fails their screening. If your child is followed outside of school by a specialist, please send in a written note excusing your child from this screening.
- Student should wear their glasses if required for the testing

Reminders:

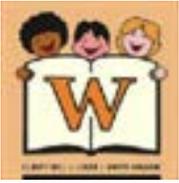
- All 4th graders require an updated physical this year. Please send in your 2014 physical, attention: school nurse.
- Please be sure that your child is appropriately clothed with the colder days ahead.
- Children in the lower grade levels should have a change of clothes available, placed in their backpacks in the event that clothes get wet during the school day.
- Please be sure your children are eating a good breakfast before they come to school. A morning snack should also be sent in with your child, to sustain them through their day.

Please contact me with any questions and/or concerns. I am available in the school from 8am-3:30pm daily. There is also confidential voice mail at 508-358-6051.

Jeanne MacDonald RN

Jeanne_MacDonald@wayland.K12.ma.us

PTO News and Events



GIFT YOUR CHILD

Did You Know?

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 over the past few years:

- Author residency by the award-winning Elizabeth Suneby, including interactive workshops for the students and a discussion of her book Razia's Ray of Hope.
- Purchase of:
 - Common Sense digital citizenship posters for classrooms and common areas.
 - Durable iPad cases for classrooms.
 - Volleyball equipment for after-school lessons and PE class.
 - Three sets of the Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention System Kit for the first grade classrooms.
 - Curriculum materials, supplemental website subscriptions, classroom supplies, and other learning enhancement tools for the Happy Hollow staff.
- The return of the Wayland Elementary Schools' World Fair, held at Loker School.
- Parent enrichment discussions with Lynette Owens, Global Director of Trend Micro Internet and Safety for Kids & Families Program and author Diane E. Levin on her book So Sexy, So Soon.
- Visits by:
 - Voci Angelica Trio (K – 5th grades)
 - David Polansky, musician (K)
 - The Tanglewood Marionettes (grades 1-3)
 - Promised Land (Songs & Stories of Immigrant Americans) (grades 4-5)
 - Bash the Trash (grades 1-5)
 - Bubblemania (K)
 - The Power of One, an anti-bullying seminar (all grades)
 - Poetry alive (all grades)
- The PTO sponsors many school-wide activities, including Halloween Movie Night, Coffees with Mr. Lee, the annual Talent Show, the end-of-year celebration picnic, and teacher appreciation events.

The PTO relies on Gift Your Child donations from all of you, in conjunction with the proceeds from our winter Backpack Auction, to provide these and many more enhancements for our children's schools and for our school community. We thank the many families who have already so generously donated. If you have not donated yet, it is not too late! You can donate easily and securely on-line with a credit card at:

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

or you can return your donation (checks made out to "Wayland PTO"), along with the pledge card from your orange envelope, via your child's backpack to the attention of PTO Gift Your Child. Your donation is 100% tax-deductible, and is eligible for employee matching gifts programs. Donations of ALL sizes will have a direct and meaningful impact on the PTO's ability to continue funding all of these programs and more.

If you have any questions about Gift Your Child, please contact [Andrea O'Brien or Cathy Davies](#).

WAYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIRECTORY

Do you want to plan a playdate for your child, but you don't know her friend's phone number? Can't remember little Joey Smith's mom's name? Do you need to mail out invitations to your child's birthday party, but you don't have any addresses? If you had a Wayland Public Schools Directory, you could look that information up and more – it has a school calendar, school district contact information, a town map, and contact information for all (listed) children in the district from kindergarten up through 12th grade – all in one convenient directory.

The good news is that you can buy one now from your PTO! Simply order one on-line with your credit card at <http://www.waylandpto.org>, and it will be sent home to you in your child's backpack. They are \$15 each and are a great resource to have on hand. Buy two, and keep one in your car!

SAVE THE DATE 5th GRADERS!

Come join us for pizza and roller skating **Thursday November 20 from 3:30-5:30** at Roller Kingdom, 5 Highland Park Avenue, Hudson, MA (978) 562-3440. Details and permission slip can be found at the link below:

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO HAPPY HOLLOW!

NEW THIS YEAR!! Shop ahead at the online book fair starting **OCTOBER 11th !**

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/happyhollowschool>

Our in-school Book Fair will run on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd from 8AM to 6PM** and **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th from 8AM to 8:30PM** but you can begin your book shopping at the **Online Book Fair** on **SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th.**

Benefits of Online Shopping:

- **Convenient access** 24 hours a day from OCTOBER 11th to OCTOBER 30th
- **Expanded selection** for ALL ages—preschool to adult
- Search for books by category, **grade, age** & price
- See your **teacher's** online **Wish List**
- Leisurely pick books with your child
- Send a wish list to invite family and friends to shop
- ALL purchases benefit our school
- **FREE** shipping directly to our school (orders will be sent home with your child)



SCAN TO ACCESS BOOK FAIR WITH MOBILE

HAPPY HOLLOW MOVIE NIGHT - Check out the Book Fair while you're there!

What: The Lego Movie
When: Friday evening, October 24th – doors open at 6:00, movie starts at 6:30
Where: Happy Hollow gymnasium
Cost: \$2 per person

Wear your pajamas! Bring a blanket. Siblings are welcome.

Popcorn, Apples, Treats and Water – Compliments of the PTO

We need a few volunteers that night for some simple jobs. Get involved and sign-up on Volunteer Spot:

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/PmgueP>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL LEE

Topic: Discuss future renovations at Happy Hollow

October 16th – Thursday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Happy Hollow Cafeteria

There are plans for renovations to the front end of the building at Happy Hollow.

- Will the cafeteria be expanded? Will “room 19” across from the cafeteria stay or will it become part of the cafeteria?
- What renovations are needed in the music room?
- The nurses office is currently located in the front office. Where will it go? What will happen to it's current location?

Come by to see and discuss the plans and the possibility of creating a parent task force to have your voices heard. Are you an architect or a designer that can help? What do your kids think? Join us for the discussion.

Principal Lee will also be available to answer any other questions you have as we settle into a new school year.

8th ANNUAL PTO HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE for CHILDREN in FOSTER CARE

For the 8th year, Happy Hollow will collect holiday gifts for children currently in Foster Care under the care of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. Children in Foster Care represent some of the most at-risk children in the Commonwealth. They have suffered more loss and hardships in their short lives than most adults. Our support can significantly build their feelings of self-worth and bring a ray of sunshine into their lives during the holiday season. In many cases these will be the **only** gifts the children receive during the holiday season.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the gift of giving with your children or partner up with another family and sponsor (buy gifts for) 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 buy for a child please send an email to
Kylie Williams at kyliemariewilliams@gmail.com
or
Jenny Harding at jenwilhar@gmail.com

Please make sure to include: SPONSOR A FOSTER CHILD in the subject line.

YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND LAST NAME

THEIR TEACHERS NAME

You will receive an envelope with information on a foster child via your child's backpack BEFORE Thanksgiving. When possible, you will be matched with a similar aged child. There are a few families with more than one child, so if you are interested in sponsoring more than one foster child, please let either of us know.

Any questions, please email using the above email addresses or call either
Kylie at (508) 654-0220 or Jenny at 978-844-0901.

This is a truly fulfilling experience that can provide parents with a memorable teaching opportunity and bring great reward to our community and some needy children.

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.

EVENT	DATE/TIME	CONTACT
1st Grade Meet & Greet for children & parents	Aug. 20th (W) 4:00 – 5:30; 4 Cole Road, Wayland Caulfield residence	Cathy Caulfield
Scavenger Hunt at Happy Hollow	August 28th (Th) 1:00 – Kindergarteners and new families 1:30 – 1 st graders	Julie Suratt
Kindergarten Meet and Greet for children & parents at Happy Hollow	August 28th (Th) Right after scavenger hunt	Jennifer Pearlman
Gift Your Child: Part 1	August – November	Andrea O'Brien & Cathy Davies
Welcome Back Coffee	Sept. 4th (Th) at 8:45 AM	Cathy Caulfield
Teacher and Staff Appreciation	Sept. 5th (F)	Jill Zukerman & Catherine Theobald
Cultural Enrichment	Ongoing	Vicki Sin & Seta Abrahamian
Just Like Me	Throughout the year	3rd Grade: Julie Suratt 4th Grade: Lauren Alongi & Laura Byrne
5th Grade Activities	Events/Dates TBA	Kate MacDonald
PTO Board Meeting	Sept. 11th (Th) at 9:00 AM at Happy Hollow (room location TBD)	Jennifer Pearlman
Curriculum Night: Grades 3-5	Sept. 11th (Th) at 7:00 pm	Jennifer Pearlman
Town-wide PTO Meeting	September 12th (F)	Stephanie Leong
Picture Day	Sept. 18th (Th)	Carla Stafford
Curriculum Night: Grades 1-2	Sept. 18th (Th) at 7:00 pm	Jennifer Pearlman
Room Parent Kick Off Meeting	Sept. 19th (F) at 9:00 AM HH	Elena Taxiarchis
METCO Picnic	Sept. 28th (Sun) 1 – 4 PM, Loker	Open
PTO Board Meetings	1st Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM at Happy Hollow (cafeteria)	Jennifer Pearlman

Coffee with Mr. Lee	Oct. 16 th (Th) at 9:00-10:00 AM at Happy Hollow (Cafeteria)	Jennifer Pearlman
Book Fair	Oct. 23 rd & 24 th (Th & F)	Sara Langan & Christine Walsh
Halloween Movie Night	Oct. 24 th (F) doors open at 6:00, movie at 6:30 PM	Cathy Caulfield
Coffee with Mr. Lee (starting in Nov.)	Monthly	Jennifer Pearlman
Toy Drive	November/December	Jenny Harding & Kylie Williams
Town-wide PTO Meeting	December 5 th (F)	Stephanie Leong
Holiday Teacher & Staff Appreciation	December 12 th (F)	Jill Zukerman & Catherine Theobald
Gift Your Child, Part 2: Backpack Auction	Early Winter	Andrea O'Brien & Cathy Davies
Chinese New Year Celebration	TBD	Nan Li
Town-wide PTO meeting	March 13 th (F)	Stephanie Leong
Bingo Night	TBD	Cathy Caulfield
World's Fair	TBD	Samantha Richter
Talent Show	March 27 or April 10 (TBD)	Vicky Sin
Earth Day Events	TBD	Jennifer Hood-DeGrenier
Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast	June 3 rd (W) at 9:00 AM in Happy Hollow Cafeteria	Jennifer Pearlman
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	Jun. 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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