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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER

June 10, 2016

*“And what do we teach our children? We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you... You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel.” ~Pablo Casals~Spanish composer, cellist, and conductor*

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

June 10, 2016

Dear Friends,

We are quickly coming up on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> ~ when, as the old Alice Cooper song says, “School’s Out for the Summer!” Summer is a magical time ~ one that is locked in lazy days, ice cream, vacation time and lots of fun and good memories. It becomes the bookends that guide one year in the educational world to the next. Anyone connected in any way to education lives this calendar year as much, if not more than the one that supports January 1<sup>st</sup> as the defining moment that begins and ends a year.

In all elementary schools, the school year created the structures that create the memories that adults carry with them for a lifetime. Most can recall their teachers for these formative years and vivid memories of special days in a moment’s notice. The reason for this is because for 180 days, we come to a classroom or small grade level team, and meet with the same people. We learn together, laugh together, go through fun times and challenges together, and share a part of the history that makes our lives, that defines our spirits and builds who we are and who we will be in the days and years to come. No matter if you are a student, a family member, a staff member or a volunteer in the school, you are a part of what happens over the course of those 180 days. After that, the summer follows and it is all new. The past year, past classroom(s) and classes have all disappeared. The teacher is there, but there are new faces and the fall from the prior year lives only in the memories of those who experienced it.

At 1:50pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> it all changes. After the all-emotional clap-out walk, we will leave the school grounds ~ and everything will be different ~ it is like a dream. Some parts we will remember vividly, and others might be a blur, but it will be a dream we will never, and can never forget. It will be like a dream because all that was real just the night before, just the morning of, and even up to the moment we parted ways ~ will no longer exist in the real world. It will only live in our hearts and minds. No matter our role, the phenomenon of a year of school is like no other part of the human condition.

For me it is always a time that is filled with many competing emotions. However, I stand in awe of this wonder just as I did when I was a young student and throughout my career as an educator. Words cannot ever adequately capture the emotion, but to the best of my ability, some if it comes down to this: I am filled with proud principal feelings ~ so many successes and amazing things happened beyond the arched mosaic that is the keyhole to our “Community of Learning ~ Friendship, Respect and Scholars.” ~ I never tire of reading the lines that encircle our doors. ~

I have seen the extraordinary learning and teaching that crosses curricular areas, the social emotional and personal areas of development that become a year in the life of a child ~ your child ~ your children. I remember the smiles, the cute stories and the excitement of young people discovering the world one lesson at a time. ~ There is the unforgettable memory of the faces that just passed me in the clap-out walk and wonder what their futures will bring, how many I may never see again and how many I may meet when they are grown and return to touch base. I am filled with unbelievable joy ~ and at the same time, the kind of sadness that goes



hand-in-hand with each milestone in a human life. We are forever changed as we reach these defining moments and yet as we move on, we leave behind that segment of our formation.

This is the world of education. It is a phenomenon like no other, and its essence knows no bounds. Sharing in the life of a young learner is one of the greatest and most powerful of all human gifts and it is given to the constituents of a school each year. So if you are a student, a parent, a staff member or a friend of our school, you just traveled that journey through a time that will be like no other.

Each year that I have had the honor to serve as your principal, I use my final newsletter to capture all that I just described, and to let you know how much I treasure the opportunity to serve in my capacity. It continues to be a treasured privilege to be a part of these formative years ~ in each and every Happy Hollow student's life. This is the ninth time I've written this final letter and I still don't feel as though I've captured it all ~ I always worry that I will fail to properly thank everyone who is so deserving of gratitude and praise. There are so many who make the Happy Hollow School community thrive ~ and we are thriving! Our community continues to grow and flourish, and as it changes it reflects the work of every one of you. You all have a vibrant and crucial part in defining our school. So if you are not recognized in any of the following paragraphs ~ know that I am grateful to you for your role in making our community so great. I know in some cases, it is the silent home support that is felt at school, but not specifically seen, that is a major factor in being responsible for the overall achievement of a young person's successful school year.



**Thank You!**

- Thank you to the PTO and all who work on so many committees to bring us everything from cultural enrichment, to wish list items, to our beautiful garden, to an outstanding student talent show, to the movie night, to a new playground and all of the many items and endeavors that keep the creativity flowing and classroom teachers enriched with materials and opportunities to grow. Each of your efforts are the foundation that makes a school community prosperous in every sense of that word ~ from programs to financial support.
- Many thanks to the Wayland Schools Foundation for their generous grants that touch all aspects of learning across the grades.
- Special thanks to the School Council for continued support in providing us with the structures and programs that help us to understand our strengths and areas in which we will continue to improve ~ most importantly for the work done this year around "mindfulness" and its role in student success.
- Thank you to all of our many volunteers ~ for their compassionate contributions in the form of time and countless hours of direct service with staff and students ~ most especially to our Just Like Me teams!
- Thanks to our many student interns from nearby colleges who share their talent and recent educational experiences as they work to become certified educators.
- "Thank you!" to our outstanding Central Office staff beginning with our supportive superintendent and each of the individuals working with him. They are the behind-the-scenes supports that keep the district running smoothly.
- To our hardworking School Committee ~ "Thank you!" from the Happy Hollow faculty and me for hours of volunteer time to guide and oversee our school community.
- A huge "Thank you!" to Mabel Reid-Wallace and the whole METCO program and related committees for the many ways they enrich all of our lives by making us an outstanding METCO school district.
- To the parent and guardian group ~ it is your partnership that becomes the link that binds it altogether. You are the life coaches that navigate your young through the many tricky situations that are all a part of any school year. You offer praise and encouragement. You contact us when you need our assistance and you offer your assistance when we contact you. You help us teach your children well each time you sit with them to discuss homework, a project, a field trip, a special time, a fun or frustrating friendship. You volunteer in our school. You attend field trips, performances, assemblies and all that lets your children know that their efforts ~ effective efforts ~ are the key to the perseverance and stamina that builds success.
- A multitude of thanks and gratitude goes out from me to the Happy Hollow staff. They continue to be a most extraordinary group of people. I remain in awe of their dedication and amazing work. Their efforts begin with a commitment to strong professional development ~ ongoing and guided by the best known current practices. They create curriculum, plan and correct for more hours than a day or week should own as work time. They put countless resources into the formation of their class culture from the gifts they purchase and the gifts they bestow from their very talented and creative bank of reserves and tried and true ways of teaching to all students simultaneously regardless of their needs. They are always working to improve and solicit the feedback that they use in collaborative efforts that result in exciting and new ways to teach and to learn. I am honored to know and work with each of them each day.

Finally, it has become my tradition give you a list from which to begin a conversation with your child/children about the year past. Use the summer to revisit the year in a way that sets your child up for a new year that is filled with all that was good from the last one. This year, I offer you the following list:

(Note: I modify it each year and hope you find it helpful. Please feel free to send me feedback and/or an addition or two based upon where your conversations take you this summer...)



1. What new ideas did you think about this year?
2. What was special about the year?
3. For all you are grateful ~ Who had a hand in your success? How do you know that?
4. Name five things you didn't know about before the year started.
5. What did you get better at this year? How did you get better at it?
6. What people did you meet ~ in school ~ on field trips ~ in cultural enrichment ~ etc.?
7. What projects did you do? Which ones came out the best and why?
8. When were you kind to someone and how did that turn out?
9. Did you participate in service learning in some way? What was that like? Will you do it again or for the first time?
10. When did you try something new?
11. Did you take any risks?
12. Name one happy time. What were you doing?
13. What was fun?
14. What was challenging? How did you make it through?
15. How are you better at self-regulating? Do the "Zones of Regulation" help you here at home and will they this summer? If so, how?
16. What is perseverance? Did you develop the ability to persevere?
17. What is stamina? How did you show stamina this year?
18. What did you learn about friendship this year?
19. When were you a good friend and what did that feel like?
20. When was someone a good friend to you and what did you learn from that?
21. Are you still working on a challenge? How can I help you when the new year begins?
22. Who helped you and will you ever be able to help someone in that way?
23. When were you helpful?
24. How did you bring the core values of the school alive?
25. Why do you think people say that, "In the end, only kindness matters?" Do you agree? Why/why not?

Discuss with your child or children a time when they felt most successful, triumphant. Tell them to remember what that time was like and how they felt so they can keep that in mind and know that at least one way to learn is by building upon successes. Remind them that learning from mistakes and the times of challenge are equally important because how we learn to navigate those times becomes the strength and courage that we need to get us to the successes and joyful times.

**After Move-Along Day:** Please be positive about the new placement/new school setting brought home at the end of Move-Along Day. Point out the good in the class make-up and share your belief that things will be great ~ that discussion goes a long way for alleviating anxiety and for building confidence. Every staff member will provide for a wonderful year that will offer all described above. Help your child to be open to the possibility. Don't dwell on who is not in a class or which teacher you did or did not get. You will have a great year if you set your mind to that way of thinking.

**To the Fifth Graders:** Congratulations! Each class takes on a special personality as it travels through the grades. In your yearbook, I defined your class as my "Zest for life group" because you have the ability to remain positive and strong in your resolve to embrace all that comes your way with powerful enthusiasm. You work to make things happen ~ strong in your determination. You are driven by a positive nature, so you stick with friends, work hard to resolve things in the most peaceful way, and you are very accepting of others. Your learning style matches as you stick with your studies and develop your talents and abilities, so that you are always looking to improve and grow. That is the nature of a life-long learner, and you all possess that spirit. ~ I wish you all the happiness and success that comes from embracing life in that manner. Continue to work hard, to treat each other well and visit us often. You are true Happy Hollowians and will always have a home here!

**To Everyone:** Good, solid education is never a race, practice is key. You do not have to master everything the first time you are exposed to it. You have twelve years to learn all you need for college and life. Take your time and be gentle with yourself as you meet and master new challenges. Continue to choose what is good. Continue to find ways to help and support one another and continue to forgive and forget often. Kindness means giving second chances and helping others to learn from their mistakes. Continue to be involved in things that make you and the world better. Our choices become who we are.

I hope the summer days bring you all peace, relaxation and hours of fun. Summer brings the time for a lot of growing in so many ways ~ find each opportunity and grow as much as you can! When we gather in August to begin again, all will be new. We will be ready to once again create a year that will define who you are and touch the future of who you have yet to become.

Much peace,



Jim Lee, Principal

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

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**\*\*\*Dismissal time on the last day of school**

Monday, June 20th is following a **Wednesday schedule and we will dismiss at 1:50 p.m.** Lunch will be served as it always is, but dismissal will be at the Wednesday time. Please take note as waiting in the office on the final day of school for a late pick-up is a sad last image for a great school year.

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**\*\*\*Lost and Found:**

Look through the bins and on the tables. We want every piece of clothing to be found by its rightful owner. Thank you!

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**Move-Along Day: Friday, June 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

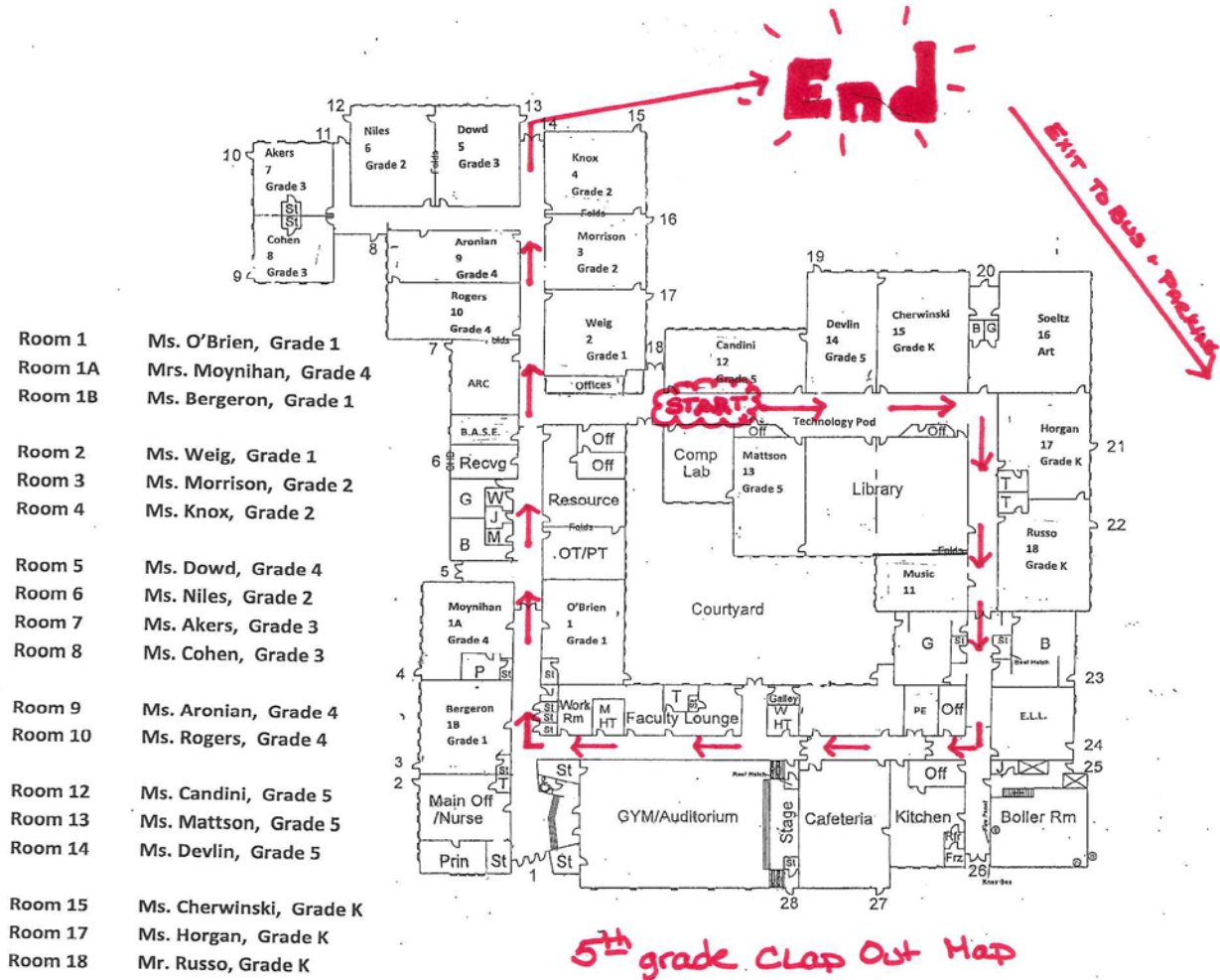
We will have a Move-Along Day to offer all students the opportunity to meet with their new teachers and classes. Please tell your children not to expect one teacher over another and not to expect all of their friends to be in their new classes. Be upbeat about the changes and they will come to that point as well.

Let our students know that they will find success and happiness in any possible class configuration (or school setting) and with any of our fine staff members. This will help it to be a positive and productive time for all. It is our hope that knowing will relieve some of the anxiety that grows over the summer when they are wondering whom they will have and who will be in their new classes. Seeing the new room and meeting the new teacher most often helps children to feel secure, most especially if they have your home support.

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**Clap Out:**

“Clap-Out” will begin at 1:40 p.m. on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and follow the route of the map below. Grades 1-4 will line the main school hallway and “Clap Out” the fifth graders at 1:50 p.m. We will exit to the back of the building and are asking you to form a corridor that extends to the side of the school by the fourth grade wing. No one should exit the back playground via the route by the modular classrooms to the parking lot. We are asking that all go up the side path by the fourth grade wing and out to the front of the building. This is to keep everyone safe.



**May and June at Happy Hollow**

Monday, June 13	<b>Ball in the House Cultural Enrichment</b>	9:00am/ 10:00 am - HH gym
June 13-17	<b>Wayland Public Librarian Miss Pam speaks to each class about summer reading</b>	
June 14	<b>Eine Kleine Recorder for grade 3 students</b>	9:00 Cafeteria
Thursday, June 16	<b>GR 3 Recorder Concert/Open houses</b>	8:15am/ 9:00am classrooms and gym
Friday, June 17	<b>Move Along Day – students only</b>	Happy Hollow
Friday June 17	<b>Report Cards go home</b>	
Monday, June 20	<b>Fun Day for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students</b>	
<b>Monday, June 20</b>	<b>Last Day of School</b>	<b>~1:50pm Dismissal</b> Clap-out for 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders!

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

## HEALTHY HOLLER

THANK YOU to the PTO, parents, and all of the Happy Hollow staff for your help and support this year. It has been a pleasure getting to know your children and sharing in their elementary journey.

How can I make sure that my child is protected with sun screen and/or insect repellent?

Parents are responsible for applying sun screen and/or insect repellent on elementary school children. Staff are not permitted to apply sun screen and/or insect repellent on children. Exceptions are made for students with a medical diagnosis that requires application before outdoor activity. A physician's order with parent permission must be on file for the school nurse to apply the product.



ALL medications (prescription and/or over the counter) need to be picked up the last day of school (June 20, 2016), by a parent or designated adult.

### Reminders for September:

New medication orders (prescription and/or over the counter) are required for each academic school year, and will be necessary for the start of school, September 2016. These orders need to be signed by BOTH a parent and licensed prescriber. Forms are available in the school office or can be downloaded from the Happy Hollow School web page (<http://whh.wayland.k12.ma.us/>) For Families/Health Services/Health Info & Forms. Orders can be faxed to the school at 508-358-3761 attention: Jeanne MacDonald RN in September.

### 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent(s):

Please submit your child's most up to date physical to the school nurse (2016). An updated physical is required on all students' entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade in September.

### Additional summer information:

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



Have a great summer!

Jeanne MacDonald RN

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# CURRICULUM CORNER

## FROM LIBRARY:

### ALL LIBRARY MATERIALS ARE NOW DUE!



Children may not check out any more books this year. Overdue notices will be handed out in classes this week and emailed home at the end of the week. Lost books will need to be paid for or replaced with a new copy (preferred.) Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or feel that your child received an overdue notice in error.

Please encourage your children to continue reading over the summer. Research shows that children are more motivated to read when they are given a choice of well regarded titles. Reading over the summer also helps to avoid the "summer slide." Make frequent trips to the library as part of your summer plans and offer plenty of interesting books at home. Don't miss the Wayland Public Library's Summer Reading Program for even more summer reading fun. Choosing a book for a family read-aloud is another wonderful way to share and discuss good books. For guidance, the elementary librarians have prepared a list of summer reading suggestions, which can be accessed [here](#).



On a personal note, I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone for making my year in the Happy Hollow Library so wonderful. Big thanks to the library volunteers, both parents and students, and especially to Debbie Bell for acting as the Library Volunteer Coordinator. The library simply wouldn't function without all of your help!

Enjoy your summer, and happy reading!

**Colleen Flannery**  
School Librarian



## FROM TECHNOLOGY:

It's been an amazing year in technology class. Students have created some wonderful projects, worked together to solve technical problems and become skilled users of technology. **All students in grades 3-5 made great progress in their keyboarding practice, feel free to continue to practice over the summer! All classes will end the year with some fun - exploring Osmo and new robots provided by the PTO - Dash/Dot and KIBO. Thank you so much for funding these new programming devices. Have a wonderful summer!**

**1st Grade:** First graders have been programming with Beebots and Scratch Jr. on iPads; where they created an animated water scene. Lots of time to be creative and expand their programming knowledge beyond the four basic commands - forward, backwards, right and left turn.



**2nd Grade:** Second graders finished up their continent slideshows just in time to share them at their classroom open house. If you missed it or would like to watch them again - please follow this link to [2nd Grade Sharing Projects website](#). This project showcases their amazing drawing and writing skills! Very proud of their work.



**3rd Grade:** Students expanded their Google Doc knowledge by creating a google presentation. Students researched a rock and presented their information. We hope to have their presentations ready to share during their classroom open house!



**4th Grade:** Students created infomercials for their endangered species animals using an iPad app called Chatterpix. Students had a lot of fun writing their scripts, recording their infomercial and putting on the finishing touches!

**5th Grade:** We used several class periods to help students prepare for their Biography Celebration - creating their biography poster with QR Code and working on their interview.

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



## PTO News & Events

### DO YOU KNOW ANY INCOMING KINDERGARTEN PARENTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Tell them to join us on Facebook NOW!

[Happy Hollow PTO on FB](#)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Events

### HAPPY HOLLOW 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BEACH PARTY

Monday June 20 after clap out

**Where:** Wayland Town Beach (Please note that transportation is not provided)

**When:** From 2:15 – 5:00 pm

**Cost:** \$2.50 per person OR present your Wayland Town beach pass

*This is a parent organized event for 5<sup>th</sup> graders (and their families) to celebrate their last day at Happy Hollow. This is not a drop off event. We will gather at the left side of the beach, close to where the DJ is set up. Come and join the fun in the sun as we celebrate the last day of school.*

\*DJ Jerry B will provide musical entertainment. If your 5<sup>th</sup> grader has a song request, please email [ccaufield16@gmail.com](mailto:ccaufield16@gmail.com) by Wednesday, June 15.

\*Please note: All students must bring their own blankets, beach gear, snacks & drinks. The snack bar will be open as well. We will have a limited supply of extra water.

NOTE: **Supervision is not provided and this is not a drop off event. Students should have a parent or guardian present.**

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE POOL PARTY

It is pool party time for 5<sup>th</sup> graders! After school on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> (raindate the 14<sup>th</sup>) we will walk over the Wayland Community Pool for some swimmingly good fun with friends.

**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2016 (Rain date, Tuesday, June 14, 2016)

**Time:** 3:00 pm walk from Happy Hollow with Parent Volunteers

\*3:30 – 4:50 pm Swimming at the Pool

**Location:** Wayland Community Pool, 258 Old Connecticut Path, Wayland

**Cost:** \$5 per child via check made out to Wayland PTO

Please be sure that your child brings swimwear, goggles, if needed, and a towel to school the morning of the party.

***If your child would like to participate, please put the following in an envelope in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Box in the Happy Hollow Lobby no later than Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>:***

- 1) Signed [permission slip](#) for the walk from Happy Hollow to the Pool, click here for the form
- 2) Signed [Wayland Community Pool waiver form](#)
- 3) \$5 per child check made out to Wayland PTO

\*VOLUNTEER to help us walk over to the pool or to donate waters & snacks: <http://vols.pt/qRVHbd>



## PTO Volunteer Opportunities

### ATTENTION 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS

We'll still need parent volunteers to organize some of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities for next year. Here is a list of positions on the committee. To sign up, contact Jennifer Pearlman at [HappyHollowpto@gmail.com](mailto:HappyHollowpto@gmail.com).

- Fifth grade Events Chairperson

Communicate with Claypit Hill and Loker chairs to determine the activity fee for the year. Write and send out a letter to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents detailing the events for the year. Collect the activity fees from the families and deliver to the PTO treasurer. Meet, as needed, with the activity planners and be available to discuss questions and issues.

- Roller Kingdom Trip – (with Claypit Hill and Loker) Collect fees, have waivers signed, book the Roller Kingdom date, and schedule the bus

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bash – (with Claypit Hill and Loker) Coordinate with volunteers from the other elementary schools to throw the dance party that the kids look forward to all year. You can follow what has become our foolproof plan of DJ, pizza and dancing at the middle school or put your own spin on it.

- Beach Party

Book the Wayland Town Beach, coordinate volunteers for set up, clean up, and snacks, book DJ, publicize the event

- Photograph Organizer

Collect pictures of each 5<sup>th</sup> grader for the year-end slideshow. Take pictures at events when possible.

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