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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER
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*“The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing
Is a vice so mean and low that every person
of sense and character detests and despises it.”*

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

~George Washington

October, 2015

Dear Friends,

We all know that much has changed since George Washington traveled about by way of a well-trained horse while wearing a white, powdered wig and wooden dentures ~ all of which was considered cutting edge. But in his above quote, he most passionately presents a vision of what “every person of sense and character” would naturally arrive at regarding the practice of using profanity or swearing as a commonplace means of expression.

So, what’s changed? ~ WTH! OMG! LOL!

There are so many good people who can “swear a blue streak” ~ so much of modern music, comedy, social media, entertainment, literature and even board room etiquette not only allows it ~ the combination sends the message that “every person of sense and character” needs to use it because somehow it presents him/her in a manner that is powerful, trendy and on the “in” track. ~ BTW, no one wants to be off that track with the alternative leaving him/her looking like the geometric shape that sports four equal sides and 90 degree angles at each of the four corners.

Then, there are the children...

Most adults and even teens or pre-teens do not want our young to swear. Why not? Is swearing like the rights of passage that tell young people to wait until they are old enough ~ like getting a drivers license, going on dates, drinking, etc? Should we be saying, “Don’t talk like that sweetie until you’re ~ _____ that is the legal age for swearing.”



Have we even considered the mixed messages that we send to our youngest members of society regarding the use of profanity? PsychCentral is an online resource regarding all things related to the modern human psychological situation. The contributing writers work in the field of psychology ~ teaching and in clinical ways. Timothy Jay, a psychology professor at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts said, “By the time kids go to school now, they’re saying all the words that we try to protect them from on television. We find their swearing really takes off between ‘ages’ three and four.” ~ Most often, not around the adults in their lives. Even these very young have learned a bit about our modern “code switch”.

Jay further reports, “Nearly two-thirds of adults surveyed that had rules about their children swearing at home found they broke their own rules on a regular basis ~ and in front of their children. This sends children a mixed, confusing message about swearing and when it is appropriate.”

Steven Arthur "Steve" Pinker (born September 18, 1954) is a Canadian-born American experimental psychologist, cognitive scientist, linguist, and popular science author. He is Johnstone Family Professor in the Department of Psychology at Harvard University. Pinker says, “When it comes to choosing words, our society has a bent toward novelty. We’re forever coming up with new ways to express that things are ‘good’ or ‘bad.’” To that end, instead of saying something is “Awesome!” ~ teens might now say, “It’s bitc-in!” ; or “It s—ks!” It used to be both were “bad” words. Now they are methods to express a degree of description ~ not even one filled with anger and/or frustration ~ which was part of the origin of swearing. Swearing/use of profanity is now a way to express how “fun” something is or how “good” it is.

That’s right. Unlike in the days of old, the new conversation with young people has to revolve around ~ “when it is appropriate” ~ not “if it is appropriate at all”. We, as a society have already made that choice. It is a part of who we are as a modern culture, so the real question is, do we want to do anything about it?

In my 31st year in the field of education, I can speak from personal experience when I say “doing something” today is much more challenging than in the mid 80’s and even throughout the 90’s. Students could be suspended for swearing during many of those years ~ not so much by the late 90’s! ~ Now my conversation with children sent to me for swearing and using profanity at school is much more about “code switching”. We have to teach our young when it is appropriate and when it is not to use profanity. ~ I always try to guide as well and explain that we always want to work to be better people. We want to build a better world ~ so let’s think how these words make us better. Do they? Students, fortunately, always tell me “No!” but I realistically have to tell them that I know they hear them with peers and will hear them. Some say they hear them at home from adults in their lives as well. I have to be careful then. These are “their” adults, good people, loving homes. ~ For better or worse, swearing is part of the adult world. My consequences have to show them how, in a place of respect, their word choice was wrong and have to create an opportunity for them to “fix” the problem. This often involves doing something to make the school a better place or to create opportunities for them to teach others not to use profanity.

Setting Boundaries:

1. Look for ways to discuss the intention behind the words. One parent told me she had her children describe what the words mean ~ “Tell me five different ways ~ what that word means and what you were really trying to say.” This parent also encouraged her children to express their feelings with other words to see how generic swear words are bland and not really creative in capturing true feelings. ~ Very effective as I’ve seen the end products of her adult children.

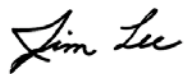


2. Explain to children where swearing will happen. Help them to know that if they feel they must use profanity to “fit in” ~ they must know where and when and still consider how they feel when they choose to swear or use profanity. If they don’t like it ~ help them to decide what language they will use instead ~ or what language they will use when they are older. Having them prepare for the world is always our common goal ~ whether academic or social and emotional.
3. Point out jobs where swearing/using profanity would result in immediate dismissal ~ e.g., the teacher most recently fired from the Brookline Public Schools.
4. Understand your own family values. How do you structure what is acceptable in your home? ~ Your home is your ultimate place of respect.
5. Point out places of respect ~ including school, churches, temples, synagogues, government buildings, courts, certain stores, restaurants, etc., ~ where it is absolutely not acceptable to swear or use profanity ~ something that hasn’t changed in my 31 years in the field is that there are still many places in our world where swearing and use of profanities is forbidden and/or frowned upon. I may have to discuss swearing differently and the consequences have changed, but elementary school is still a place where it is not acceptable for anyone to swear or use profanity ~ even when an adult isn’t within earshot.
6. Listen to all the children have to say. The more they tell you, the more you can guide. Encourage frequent, honest and straightforward conversations about use of swearing, profanity and other charged topics. Better for a parent to put the first spin on all that society offers than to have children do it all on their own.

At Happy Hollow, we strive for kindness. While it may not always be unkind to use profanity ~ especially if it is to say something is “good” ~ it never creates an environment that is kind for all of our members as, fortunately, many of our members are under the age of seven ~ and for the most part, we all agree it is not okay for children in those years to be exposed to, or to use profanity as a means of expression ~ good, bad or ugly. I’ll keep working on my end to help our young think about language choices they make ~ and what makes us all better ~ and I ask you to join me in that venture.

Let me know what you think on the subject. As always, my door is open and I am available by email and TWITTER.

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 premises, 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 2:30 (not posted on the sign due to space).**
4. **Wednesday dismissal is from 1:50 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 cancelation. 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!

Volunteers Welcome:

Are you looking for ways to help out at the school? We want to find a group of parent volunteers to assist staff with all the copying that modern day programs seem to put forth. We have one volunteer currently and staff have found her time and service invaluable. Volunteers could arrive at any time and there would be a box in the staff room with jobs that teachers would leave instructions regarding how to copy the materials. We would also leave work for those who would be willing and able to assist with laminating jobs as well. Please send an email to James.Lee@wayland.k12.ma.us if you would be willing to help.

October and November at Happy Hollow:

Wednesday, November 11	No School Veteran's Day	
Wednesday, November 25	School closes at 12:00 Noon	
Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27	No School Thanksgiving Holiday	
Monday, November 30	Classes resume	

HEALTHY HOLLER

Vision, Hearing and BMI screening will be done the week of October 19th. If you wish to exempt your child from these screenings, you must send a note via back pack or email before October 19th.



- All are mandated screenings required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- Vision screening is done in grades 1-5 and hearing screening in grades 1-3. These will also be done on K+ students that do not have documentation of one on their physicals, as it is required before entry to school. BMI is performed on grades 1 and 4.
- 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.** If not exempt, your student should wear their glasses if required for the testing.

Walk-in Community Flu Clinics at the Town Building

Wednesday October 14th and 28th

2PM-7PM

Please bring Insurance Cards

Preservative free injectable vaccine will be available, as well as Flu Mist for those aged 2- 18 (unless contraindicated due to a chronic health condition).

A flu guide for parents, as recommended by the MDPH, can be accessed by the following link:

<http://goo.gl/AcJoE9>

- 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 if soap and water are not available. Practice good “cough etiquette” by coughing or sneezing into a tissue, or into your elbow instead of your hands. We continue to reinforce these teachings here at school.

Please read the **educational letter attached about head lice**. It is important that students be checked by their parent as part of their daily health routine. Please notify the school nurse if you have an active case. If you need help, the school nurse is available as a resource.

Please do not hesitate to call or email if there are any questions and/or concerns. I am available 8am – 3pm daily.

Jeanne MacDonald RN

Jeanne_MacDonald@wayland.k12/ma/us

508-358-6051



HEAD LICE ALERT!



Dear Parent/Guardian:

This is an educational letter for parents as we begin a new school year. It is important to be checking your student's head for head lice, as part of their daily routine. Head lice can be a wide spread community nuisance. The purpose of this letter is to help you identify, treat, and control the spread of lice.

Facts About Head Lice

Lice are insects that lay tiny oval whitish colored eggs called nits on the hair strand near the scalp and behind the ears. The eggs are attached to the hair strand by a glue-like substance. Nits look like dandruff but unlike dandruff, which can be flaked off the hair, nits can only be pulled off with force. Lice are spread from direct head-to-head contact, and indirectly by sharing personal belongings. Head lice are commonly spread within households. They do not fly or jump from one person to another.

The most common sign of lice are nits on the hair strand. Symptoms of lice also include itching, rash and/or scratch marks close to the hairline and the base of the neck.

What Can Parents Do?

- Check your child's hair at least once a week. Work in bright light with a comb, parting the hair in one-inch sections for best results. You will usually find the live lice close to the scalp. Behind the ears and at the base of the neck are favorite hiding places. Look closely. They are sometimes hard to spot.
- Instruct your child to avoid touching the heads of playmates (hugging, putting their heads together etc.) and not to share hats, combs brushes or clothing. No direct head-to-head contact.
- Instruct your child not to put his/her head on the rug or to roll around on rugs.
- During the winter, tell your child to put his/her hat in the sleeve of the coat.

What if you find lice on your child?

- Go to a pharmacy for an over the counter lice shampoo, lotion or cream, also known as pediculicides. Follow the instructions on the label exactly. Your school nurse can help with diagnosis and suggestions about treatment.
- If you do not wish to use a pediculicide you must manually remove all live bugs and nits.
- Buy a metal lice comb (Lice Meister comb works best) since it works better than plastic ones. Soak combs and brushes in hot water for 5 minutes. (128.3 F/53.5C)
- Vacuum all rugs and furniture, which have been used by your child in the 2-3 days prior.
- Wash all linens and bedclothes that have been used in hot soapy water and dry in hot dryer. Dry cleaning also works well. If neither washing nor dry cleaning is possible put the clothes in a large plastic bag and leave sealed for a week or so before using.
- Check the heads of all family members and treat only those heads on which live lice or untreated nits are found. Before treating children younger than 2 years old or pregnant women, consult their physicians.
- Inform the mother of your child's best friend. If that child is infested and they are not both treated at the same time recurrent infection can occur.
- Inform the nurse in the school clinic if a case is found at home. She will also give you further instructions and will check your child's head when he/she returns to school after treatment.
- No healthy child should be excluded from or miss school because of head lice.
- Manual nit removal is the most effective way to get rid of nits.

If you have any further questions please contact the school nurse at 508-358-6051.

Jeanne MacDonald RN

CURRICULUM CORNER

FROM THE LIBRARY

Kindergartners and 1st graders have been learning about book manners, choosing "just right" books, and being responsible in the library. Their hard work has now earned them the privilege of borrowing one book each week!



2nd and 3rd graders are learning/reviewing the Dewey Decimal system, how the library is organized, and how to use the card catalog. They are still working to become independent library users. 2nds and 3rds may borrow two books for two weeks.

4th and 5th grade classes have been reading a *Wonder* short story. 4th graders reviewed how to use the card catalog and will soon be moving to library stations. 5th graders are doing work on their upcoming Explorers research project during library time. Ask your 5th grader if everything they read on the internet is true...! 4ths and 5ths may borrow three books for two weeks.

As a reminder, students must return their books each week in order to borrow a new book during library class. If there are any questions about misplaced books, please email colleen_flannery@wayland.k12.ma.us.

Thank you to all of my wonderful parent volunteers, especially Debbie Bell, who coordinates the volunteer schedule. I could not run the library without your help! We still need a parent volunteer for the following classes.

- 2 Niles Monday 1:50-2:20
- K Cherwinski Tuesday 11:30-12:15
- 2 Bergeron Wednesday 11-11:40
- 3 Cohen Thursday 10:30-11:1

Please contact Debbie at debbie_grabowski@yahoo.com if you'd like to help out in the library.

FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Fifth grade students have just completed an overhand throwing assessment and are working hard on practicing their form. We will complete an additional assessment that focuses on the overhand throw in the Spring.

Third and fourth grade students have also been working on their overhand throwing skills through various activities, and they have previewed the assessment that the fifth graders participated in.

Along with activities that center on our spatial awareness and listening skills, students in grades 1 and 2 have been playing games that are focused on underhand throwing and catching skills. One of their favorite games has been "Oscar's Garbage Can". In this activity, we make a "garbage can" made up of two gym mats standing on their sides, velcroed together. Two students get to be Oscars, and go inside of the can. The other students work on throwing trash (balls) into the can, as the Oscars throw the trash out. All classes have had a blast playing this game.

Kindergarten students have been doing an amazing job in getting accustomed to the physical education class rules. We have spent a lot of time on following directions, safe traveling, and spatial awareness. We have now started introducing underhand throwing and catching skills to a couple of our activities.

Reminder: Please send appropriate footwear to school on days that your child has class.

Thank you!
Mr. O'Connor

FROM THE ART ROOM

Art work which was created in September is already on display in the School Committee Room at Wayland's Town Building! Specific students will be notified by their teacher if their work was submitted. The show of artwork will be up through October and it represents a sampling of our projects thus far in grades 1,3,4 and 5.

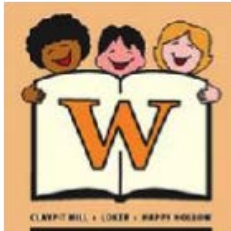
FROM INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

4th & 5th grade strings are off to a great start! It's so exciting to get started on new material and have fun making music together. If your child is a string player, please be sure that he/she is coming prepared with an instrument, music, binder, and pencil to each rehearsal. If you are not receiving my weekly strings emails, please let me know! Thanks! Whitney Tandon

Whitney_Tandon@wayland.k12.ma.us



PTO News & 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 last year:

- Scavenger hunt and welcome back coffee for kindergarteners and new families.
- The librarian invited "authorator" David Biedrzycki to speak to all grades. Students learned how Mr. Biedrzycki writes and illustrates his books and how he uses the computer programs Sumo Paint and Photoshop along with a Wacom Tablet for his work.
- Purchase of:
 - Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Orange System and Booster Pack for all three kindergarten classrooms.
 - Soccer goals for the field behind the school.
 - A colorful rug for the technology lab to help students keep their spacing.
 - White noise machines for the guidance department to protect the privacy of the students and improve the testing environment.
 - Curriculum materials, supplemental website subscriptions, classroom supplies, and other learning enhancement tools for the Happy Hollow staff.
- The teachers used grade level enrichment funds to offset costs for field trips to the New England Aquarium, Plimoth Plantation and The State House and even for an actress to come to school for a "Meet Eleanor Roosevelt" presentation!
- Assisted The Garden Team rebuild the Happy Hollow garden in a better location, away from the wetlands and the parking lot and organized parent volunteers to build new garden beds and remove the old ones.
- The return of the Wayland Elementary Schools' World Fair.
- An informational presentation for parents and pizza dinner with Principal Lee and Youth Officer Shane Bows, regarding the national safety program ALICE and how it is being implemented in Wayland schools.
- Visits by:
 - Illystyle and Peace, a hip-hop dance group that traces dance styles from the late 70's through today.
 - Jazz musicians, Made in the Shade, welcomed the children back after the winter break. This acoustic group entertains audiences worldwide with the exuberant spirit of New Orleans street music.
 - Storyteller, Big Joe
 - The Discovery Museum
 - The Power of One, an anti-bullying seminar for all grades
- Organization of the Holiday toy drive for children in foster care, with participation from over 80 Happy Hollow families.
- Organization of the Just Like Me Program for Grades 3-5, to help foster compassion and understanding of disabilities through interactive and hands on learning.
- The PTO sponsors many school-wide activities, including Movie Night, the annual Talent Olympics, Bingo Night, the end-of-year celebration picnic, teacher/staff appreciation events, desert at Curriculum Night, and parent social 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.

****Please note that a free directory will be provided this year with a minimum donation of \$25.**

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

PTO News & Events

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

BOOK FAIR SHOPPING TIMES:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22nd – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm (*we will be open during Movie Night!*)

Join us to celebrate the Opening of the Book Fair with **COFFEE & RAFFLE**:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st – 8:00 am to 10:00 am, to be entered in a raffle to

Win a Basket of Books! Look for the schedule attached to the Scholastic flyer (in your child's backpack the week of the Book Fair) to see when your child's classroom will visit the fair. You can send in payment or, better yet, visit the fair with your child!

Children may bring cash or checks made payable to WAYLAND PTO, but we also accept credit cards.

Shop Online! For an expanded selection of books or to consult your child's classroom schedule for the Fair, visit the **BOOK FAIR ONLINE** from **October 19th to November 8th** at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/happyhollowschool>

JOIN A GREAT GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS! Sign up with VolunteerSpot at <http://vols.pt/7BsNY2>



SCAN TO ACCESS BOOK FAIR WITH MOBILE

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! MOVIE NIGHT IS HERE!

The votes are in and Happy Hollow students voted and chose Home for this year's PTO Movie Night.



- Come walk the Red Carpet on October 23rd.
- Doors open at 5:50 Movie starts at 6:30
- Wear your PJs, a costume or your best movie star sunglasses! Then, get your treats, spread out your blanket and watch Home in the gym with other Happy Hollow families!
- \$2 per person (\$10 max. per family) at the door includes the movie, popcorn, a candy treat, apples and bottled water.

*We need **parent volunteers** to help with decorations, tickets, serving snacks and clean up. E-mail Melissa Hartford if you would like to volunteer: mchartford@outland.net or sign up at Volunteer Spot <http://vols.pt/PmrEFL>

BRING YOUR STOP & STOP LOYALTY CARD. WE WILL HAVE A TABLE TO SIGN YOU UP FOR THE A+ REWARDS PROGRAM! AND DON'T FORGET...THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN DURING THE MOVIE!

See you on the Red Carpet!

2015-2016 Happy Hollow Executive PTO Board

President & Town-wide Rep.	Jennifer Pearlman
Vice President	Meghan Flatley
Treasurer	Samantha Richter
Ways and Means	Andrea O'Brien & Cathy Davies
Secretary	Julie Suratt
Social	Cathy Caulfield
Past President & Town-wide Rep.	Stephanie Leong

2015-2016 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? 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
Scavenger Hunt at Happy Hollow for all kindergarteners and children that are new to the school (parents participate).	September 1 st (Tues) at 1:00 PM Location: Main entrance of school	Jennifer Pearlman
Kindergarten/new student Meet and Greet for children & parents at Happy Hollow playground	Right after scavenger hunt	Jennifer Pearlman
Gift Your Child: Part 1	August – November	Andrea O'Brien & Cathy Davies
Welcome Back Coffee for Parents	Sept. 8 th (Tues) at 8:30 AM Location: front of school	Cathy Caulfield
Teacher and Staff Appreciation Breakfast	Sept. 8 th (Tues) Location: Teacher's room	Jill Zukerman
Cultural Enrichment	Throughout the year	Vicki Sin & Seta Abrahamian
Just Like Me	Throughout the year	3 rd and 4 th Grade: Julie Suratt & Lauren Alongi
5 th Grade Activities	Events/Dates TBA	TBD
Curriculum Night: Grades 3-4	Sept. 9 th (Wed) at 7:00 PM	Jennifer Pearlman
Picture Day	Sept. 11 th (Fri)	Carla Stafford

First PTO Board Meeting	Sept. 11th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: Happy Hollow cafeteria	Jennifer Pearlman
Curriculum Night: Grade 5	Sept. 15th (Tues) at 7:00 PM	Jennifer Pearlman
Curriculum Night: Grades K-2	Sept. 16th (Wed) at 7:00 PM	Jennifer Pearlman
Room Parent Kick Off Meeting	Sept. 18th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: TBD	Jessica Polizzotti
Town-wide PTO Meeting	Sept. 25th (Fri) Location: Small conference room, School Dept.	Jennifer Pearlman
PTO Board Meeting	October 2nd (Fri) at 8:45 AM Location: Happy Hollow cafeteria	Jennifer Pearlman
All Elementary Principal's Coffee Topic: Developing a Love of Math with your Child	October 15th (Thurs) Location: Claypit Hill School	Jennifer Pearlman
Book Fair	Oct. 22rd & 23rd (Thurs & Fri)	Sara Langan & Christine Walsh
Happy Hollow Movie Night	Oct. 23rd (Fri) at 6:30 PM , Doors open at 6:00 Location: Happy Hollow gym	Melissa Hartford
Toy Drive for Foster Children	November/December	Jenny Harding & Kylie Williams
PTO Board Meeting	November 6th (Fri) at 8:45 AM Location: Happy Hollow cafeteria	Jennifer Pearlman
All Elementary Principal's "Coffee" Topic: Wayland Cares presents Internet Safety for 4th and 5th Grade Students <u>and</u> Parents	November 12th (Thurs) Location: Happy Hollow School Pizza dinner: 6:30 PM Presentation: 7:00 PM	Jennifer Pearlman
Town-wide PTO Meeting	December 11th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room	Jennifer Pearlman
Holiday Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	December 11th (Fri) Location: Teacher's room	Jill Zukerman
Gift Your Child, Part 2: Backpack Auction	Early Winter	Andrea O'Brien & Cathy Davies
Town-wide PTO meeting	March 11th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room	Jennifer Pearlman
All Elementary Bingo Night	March 11 (Fri)	Julie Suratt
World's Fair	Every other year, returning in spring 2017	Samantha Richter
Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast	Date: TBD Location: Claypit Hill School	
Happy Hollow Talent Show	Date: TBD Location: Happy Hollow Gym	Vicky Sin

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	June 2nd (Thurs) Location: Teacher's room	Jill Zukerman
Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast	June 3rd (Fri) Location: Happy Hollow Cafeteria	Jennifer Pearlman
Book Fair	June 6th & 7th (Mon and Tues)	Sara Langan & Christine Walsh
End of Year Picnic	June 6th (Mon) at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Rain Date: June 7th (Tues)	Cathy Caulfield
Town-wide PTO meeting	June 10th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room	Jennifer Pearlman

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