



THE  
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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER  
September 11, 2015

*“If you can dream it, you can do it.”*

*~Walt Disney*



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

September, 2015

Dear Friends,

One of the best parts about being your principal is that I get to welcome you to many gatherings throughout the year. This is perhaps the most important of them all. In this newsletter, I have the privilege to officially welcome you to our school. It is different than the welcome I offered to you in my summer mailings and it is different than when I will welcome you to our musical performances, our many assemblies, our academic-related presentations, our curriculum nights and even our fifth grade play! This welcome comes with a special invitation to become an integral member of our school community. Although there are many ways to do this in an active, volunteer kind of way, there are ways to do it from your home ~ ways that support your child's successful feelings about being part of the Happy Hollow Community. That is the most important invitation of all. So for this article, I will offer welcome to all those who are new to our school community, to welcome back those who are returning ~ and to go over key features that make us the outstanding school we are.

To all who are joining our Happy Hollow family, I want you to know that we ~ the staff and I ~ are so happy you are here! Happy Hollow School is a very special place because we work hard as a community to keep it that way ~ it doesn't happen without hard work and many working to make it happen. Our motto is “Kindness matters.” It is a sentence not a title. As a sentence, it is a stand-alone statement that makes everything else come alive ~ a real call to action.

Because it is an overarching value, it embodies all of the core values that set students in line for successful, productive, and as-happy-as-possible school days. Using KIND as the acronym to focus our attention while also keeping kindness as the foundation for all we do, we reinforce our adage with the actions that bring it to fruition in a manner that is far from weak or lightly well-intentioned. Approaching any aspect of life with kindness brings about the success, the learning and the practices that make the world have meaning and elevate human beings to their personal best. It is a challenge that encompasses the tools for making the world a safer and brighter place.



**“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”**

*~Mark Twain*

The acronym that personifies our school’s core values is:

K ~ Kind

I ~ Invest in learning

N ~ Need to include

D ~ Determined to do our best

The sentence version that we will use to reinforce our core values with our students are:

We make kindness matter.

We invest in learning and get smarter.

We need to include everyone.

We are determined to do our best because effort brings success.

In this way, all the virtues of learning are incorporated into, and fall under, the statement “Kindness matters.”

If we are constantly working to make kindness matter ~ it is challenging to be mean ~ everyone is included and accepted. If students are being kind to themselves, classmates and teachers ~ they must invest in learning as members of a learning community. They must be respectful. Investment in learning brings about a determination to try one’s best and in that way, it all fits together to bring about learning postures that codify a productive and positive school experience. Please discuss and reinforce our motto and acronym at home so we are all clear about why and how our school community remains so exceptional. The more you use it at home the more automatic it becomes at school and you have already become an integral member of the community by that action alone. If it holds true at home, it holds true at school.

Other ways to be involved include some of the following and I would be happy to discuss them with you in more detail if any pique your interest: We have weekly all-school assemblies and families are always welcome to attend. We would even like to make a video of some this year so we can share them on our webpage or WayCam for those of you who cannot make them. They are amazing and the student leadership and public speaking opportunities define them.

We have opportunities for you to assist our students with service learning projects. Last year, we had 39 finished projects. What is different and special about these projects is that they are student initiated, guided by adults and tie community service to learning. It is a big part of who we are and adult volunteers to help students bring their ideas to fruition really helps them find the success that makes service and learning enhanced and a part of who they are as people and learners ~ so important.

There are ways to help staff from home or even coming to school to copy for units of study, special projects or progress monitoring materials. The staff is grateful for this help and we’ve had some amazing volunteers over the years.

You can offer to be a reader in our library or in your child’s classroom. You can sign up to be a room parent or work on a room parent’s team. In this way, you’ll always be called first for helping out in your child’s classroom when the teacher requires such assistance.

There are many opportunities in the fall and again in the spring to become involved with our greening work ~ much of this may revolve around helping with the many chores that keep our school garden growing strong and being an important part of showing students how to care for the earth and to be mindful of using it well and respectfully. Deb Niles, a second grade teacher heads up the greening initiatives and even looks for parents to serve the food from harvest times during lunches.

If time permits, sign up for our substitute list. You could choose to be a substitute for a teaching assistant if you don’t want to be a lead. We always have a need for good and reliable substitutes and whatever time you give, it is a chance to be with the students and to share your talents. Some of our best substitutes have been members of

our parent and even older student community. You do not need a teaching degree, just a college background, a background check ~ and our staff and I work to get you started.

Maybe you have a special talent or interest that you could share, one I haven't mentioned, but you know it would make us grow as a school. Call me and let's discuss how it could become a program or activity that would benefit our young learners. If an idea remains idle, it never becomes a part of innovation. You might have our next innovation and not even realize it!

Joining our School Council or PTO are other ways to be involved and we will be asking for a new parent representative on the School Council. Think about what your time would allow. Most commitments only involve one meeting a month. Beyond that, it is all about what you can give in a way that is comfortable for you, your family and/or your work.

Many don't consider this a way of being active in the school community, but over the years, I know that it might be the most important of all ways to be involved. I have collected some successful conversation-starters around how to discuss your child's day with him/her. Using them ~ or your own version of them ~ avoids the "How was school today?" ~ response ~ "Okay." ~ "What did you do?" ~ response ~ "Nothing." ~ I hope they help you all have many exciting and productive conversations that are ongoing throughout the year. This is an amazing way to be involved in the school community. These are the conversations that build the bond between parent and child that sets the child up for a happy and productive year ~ no greater gift to a school community!

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

"Do you concentrate better after recess? Why do you think that is?"

"Who made you feel better about yourself? Who did you make feel better about themselves?"

"How did feeling better help your day? How did not feeling better impact your day?"

"What did you learn at recess that made you a better student?"

"How will you make your recess time better? How will you keep it going well?"

"What control do you have over a good recess?"

"What help can you receive and how do you access it?"

"Why is a good recess part of being a smarter student?"

Finally, last year, I came across an article in the Harvard Ed. Magazine, Fall 2014. It was written by Mark Russell who is the media director of the Making Caring Common Project at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The Making Caring Common Project helps educators, parents, and communities raise children who are caring, respectful, and responsible toward others and their communities. I want to share it again this year as we have many new families who are joining us and it is good for us all to remember the true mission we have as an outstanding school. As we consider the kind of success we want for our youngest learners, his article gives cause for reflection. In its entirety:

What is Success?

A large majority of youth appear to prioritize aspects of success- achievement and happiness – above caring for others.

This is one highlight of a report released in June by the Ed School's Making Caring Common Project. The report is based chiefly on a survey of nearly 10,000 diverse middle and high school students that the project conducted in 2013. The report also points to a troubling gap between what adults say and what students perceive about the importance of caring, kindness, and respect: Adults claim to prioritize caring, but that's not the message that teens are hearing.

According to the report, a majority of teens view their parents as more concerned about their children's achievements than about their being caring people. A majority also report valuing, and perceiving their parents and peers as valuing, aspects of their effort such as "working hard" over moral characteristics such as fairness. Similarly, while teachers report that developing students' capacity for care is more important than their

achievements, youth are much more likely to view their teachers as valuing their achievement over their caring. The report also notes important race, class, and culture differences in findings.

“Our founding fathers envisioned a society that balanced success and happiness with the common good,” says Rick Weissbourd, Ed.D.’87, codirector of the project and senior lecturer at the Ed School. “We now seem to have lost that balance. And the irony is that the intense focus on happiness doesn’t appear to be making children happier.”

Weissbourd said the good news is that the survey clearly shows that caring is still valued by the students they surveyed.

“Our challenge is to help parents and educators show that they prioritize caring and goodness and give our youth an opportunity to build their moral muscles, “ Weissbourd says. “We’ve drawn on our knowledge of moral development and social emotional learning to develop clear strategies designed to do just that.”

Some of the strategies the report suggest include conducting a survey of the school climate, cultivating students leadership to address troubling aspects of the school’s climate, building student’s capacity for empathy and self-regulation and their commitment to the common good, and ensuring that all students have a positive relationship with an adult mentor.

The article confirms my belief that we at the Happy Hollow School are on the right path for combining academic success with the teaching of strong moral character. We use our weekly school meetings to bring about leadership and to create a school climate that works for the common good. We highlight student achievement while encouraging and sharing experiences in creating and bringing to fruition service learning projects. We constantly tie service to learning. Learning is active and defines our world and we will share how we are working to build a school wherein the two are always hand-in-hand. Your children may come home to discuss ideas for service learning ~ know that when they do this, they will be looking to apply academic learning with their affective social competency learning. I will be writing more about this partnership throughout the year and remain excited by our past success.

Feel free to offer me feedback on any of the above. My office is always open to you and I am happy to meet or talk by phone or email. I am a principal who considers my first priority (after safety) to be in touch with what you are thinking and needing for your child/children. The partnership for success during your time as a member of the Happy Hollow Community depends on our ongoing dialogue.

Most sincerely,  
Jim Lee  
Principal



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

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As in years past, the PTO honored our community and our staff. Thanks so much for running the "Meet and Greet" scavenger hunt, related playdate, the morning coffee gathering on the first day of school, the staff luncheon and a delicious breakfast during the first full week of school. We are so grateful for your generous gifts and the gift of time that goes with all!

## Transportation:

\*Please direct your questions to the business office regarding payments, payment assistance and route related information.



\*The fee for riding the bus if you live under the two mile limit is \$350.00 per year per student, with a family maximum of \$1,000. Please note that ridership is subject to space availability. You can visit the student transportation website or contact the transportation coordinator Dianne Potter at Dianne\_Potter@wayland.k12.ma.us to learn more about the transportation program.

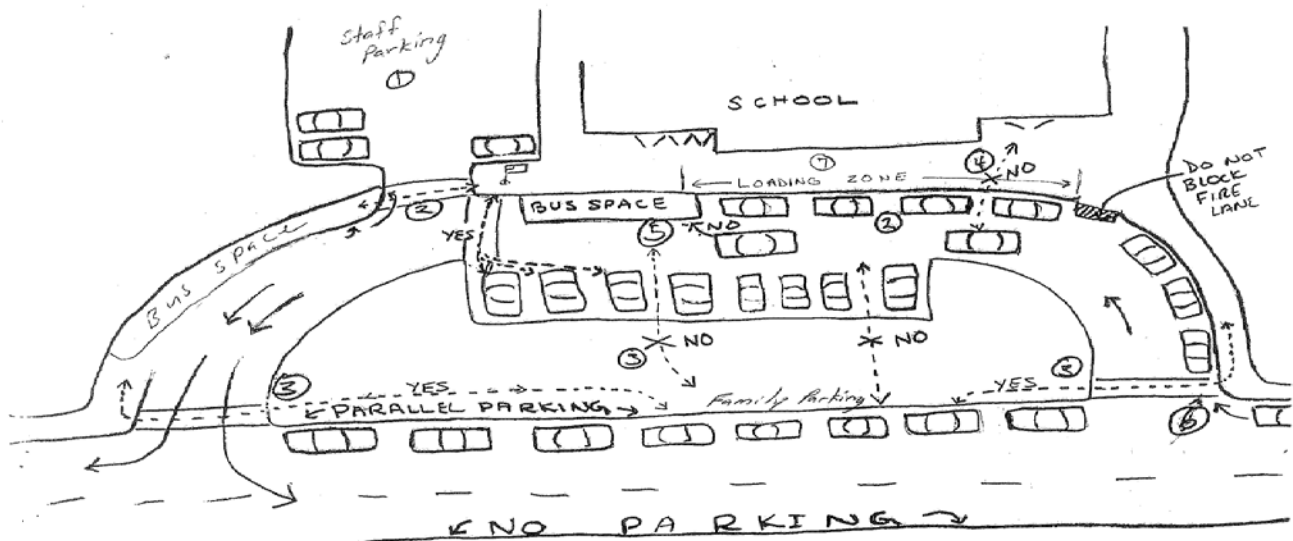
\*Bus transportation may not be used for setting up play-dates. All play-dates and transportation to them must be made privately. You may arrange to have your child picked up by another parent by writing to his/her teacher granting that permission.

\*Students are not allowed to bring friends home on their buses unless the student already rides on that same bus. In that case, the student who is getting off at a different stop must present written notification to his/her teacher indicating that he/she has permission to get off at a different stop. No changes in stops may be made during the first two weeks of school.

### Key

1. Park only in designated areas.
2. Remain in vehicle when in fire lane.
3. Use crosswalks at all times.
4. Load and unload students only at the curb.
5. Preserve open bus loading area.
6. Maintain single file line for pick-up and drop-off.
7. Children must be picked up in loading zone area only.

Pick-up and Drop-Off



(Please refer to this map and follow the procedures listed below right from the first day of school.)

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL

1. There are two lanes of traffic in front of our school. The one closest to the building is the drop off line. The other is a live lane where traffic will pull out from the drop off line to exit or they may be driving through to park in the parking lot. (The parking spaces in front of the building are for staff only. No one may pull out of those spaces during drop off or pick up as it forces the driver to back into the live lane of traffic.)
2. Please drive slowly and be aware that cars will be moving in and out of the traffic area. There is a period of congestion, but if everyone remains aware and patient, the whole process takes 15 minutes or less from beginning to end. This is to admit and dismiss over 400 children. It is impressive and moves smoothly when everyone cooperates.
3. There is no left-hand turn when exiting our driveway M-F from 8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on M,T,Th and F. ~
4. **Wednesday dismissal 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. Pets: By state law, no animals are allowed on school property without specific permission from the principal. In such cases, precautions are taken and arrangements made to ensure that there are no allergies to the animals and that the environment is safe. These times would include show and tell or the like, not drop off or dismissal times.
13. Wayland Police will be out in full force looking for those who do not honor the speed limits on the roads around our schools and neighborhoods... You do not want a note from them! Those notes linger long!

Thank you for your cooperation in all of these matters... they really do matter!



**Our Student and Family Handbooks are posted on our website. Please click these links and print it out.**

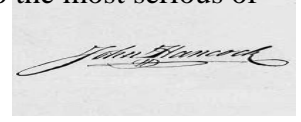
The state has added a new section on discipline and we need to have both parents and students sign sheets that they have been made aware of our expectations around behavior. We have sent home hard copies of these acknowledgement sheets. Please review the rules for appropriate behavior in the classroom, in the hall, in the bathrooms, in the cafeteria, at recess, on the bus and during field trip times.

**Signing is not in any way a contract, but indicates that you have reviewed the rules together. It is an acknowledgement and an important one.**

Both documents outline the consequences and procedures for noncompliance with our rules. There is a section in the booklet that addresses what bullying behaviors are and such behaviors move right to the most serious of consequences as listed in the consequences section

**Please return the signature page to your child's teacher by September 25, 2015.**

[click here for Student Handbook.](#) [Click here for Family Handbook.](#)



**Safety, Safety, Safety!**

- All doors to the school will remain locked during the school day and visitors will be required to ring the buzzer, identify themselves and state their business to gain access to the building. Each person should buzz in individually. **Please do not hold the door open for a person entering behind you. Please do not let anyone into the building as you leave or wait in the lobby. Students should never open the door for anyone (even their own parent).**
- All visitors must report to the office to sign-in **and wear a visitor's badge** while in the building.
- All volunteers in the building **must** fill out CORI forms before they can begin to work with the children and to attend field trips. Please fill out one early so you are cleared to participate in all school-related volunteer activities. CORIs remain valid for three years. If you do not know if your CORI is still valid, our office staff is happy to look it up for you.
- If you are dismissing your child early, you must sign him/her out at the office before he/she can be dismissed. Children will be dismissed to the office, please do not go down to their classroom during instructional time.
- Help us keep the phone lines open, and allow your children to focus on their learning by making all play dates and travel arrangements before arriving to school. Thanks!
- Please call the school if your child is going to be absent. Our Safe to Schools Program only works well if we have timely information.

**Safe To School Program Procedures for ALL Happy Hollow Families:**

- **Families phone the school (508-358-2160) before 8:45 AM** and leave a message stating that their child(ren) will be absent or tardy. 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
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## Phones, Related Phone Information and Use of Electronic Devices During School Hours:



- It is imperative that parents are accessible by telephone at all times that their child is in our care! The school must have your proper contact information for this purpose.
- Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed to be visible during school hours ~ they may not be used at any time. This includes all areas that are school property. Students must store cell phones and electronic devices in their book bags upon arriving on school property and may not take them out until they have left the property at the end of the day. They may not store them in their pockets or desks. Any such items that are visible to a staff member will be confiscated and stored in the principal's office until a parent or guardian comes to retrieve them. Please remind your child of this important rule if he/she uses a cell phone on the way to school or on the way home after school.
- Texting is never allowed during the school day.
- Help us keep the phone lines open by making **travel/dismissal arrangements** and play dates before arriving to school. Students are not allowed to set up play dates during the day.

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## Permission to Put Your Family Names and Address in the HH Student/Family:

Each year, we print a Happy Hollow Student/Family Directory that lists all of our students as part of a class list. A student listing includes the student's name, address, city, zip code, parent/guardian names and a phone number.

### If you do not wish to be listed in this directory:

If you do not wish to be listed in this directory or if you would like to exclude any of the above mentioned information from being listed, please indicate which section(s) you would like to omit by filling out the [opt-out form](#) or contacting the office staff at (508) 358-2120. **If we do not hear from you, all of the information listed above will be included in our directory.**

### Opt Out:

Opt out is your opportunity to request how your families information is shared within the Happy Hollow School community and media

[click here for our opt out forms](#)

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## Lost and Found:



We will continue to use the bins located outside the resource room area and clearly marked to easily sort items. Please visit them as soon as you know an item is missing. We will make periodic donations throughout the year to those in need and this will keep our hall tidy.

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## Please help! Remind others if they did not receive this letter to sign up for our Listserv.

Please visit our [school home page](#). There you will find a [link to sign up for our E-News](#). This Listserv is our main means of communication with you. Our newsletters and other pertinent information are sent on-line. You will also find information on our website such as the school calendar, our staff roster, lunch menus, our school handbooks and much more. Hard copies are only sent to you if you are unable to access information via the Internet and you must request them from our head administrative assistant, Leslie Corner (508) 358-2120. Otherwise, our district is working to go green whenever possible.

[click here to sign up for our enews](#)



## Important Dates

**Curriculum Night** for Grades 3 & 4 was September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you missed it, contact your child's teacher for a handout/information from the night. Grades K, 1 & 2 is from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The fifth grade team is offering their Curriculum Night and introducing their model to you all on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and they will send out more information to you regarding their night.

**School Meeting Assemblies** will be every Monday unless there is a holiday or school cancelation. Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The first is Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. These meetings are an extremely important part of our school culture and create the climate that supports excellence in learning and social competency building. All are welcome!

**Coffee anyone?** Mr. Lee and the PTO will hold periodic coffees for informal chats and discussions. Dates will be forthcoming.

### **September and October at Happy Hollow:**

Monday, September 14	<b>Rosh Hashanah No School</b>	
Tuesday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Curriculum Night Grade 5</b>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Curriculum Night Grades K-2</b>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>METCO Community Picnic</b>	Happy Hollow School 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Yom Kippur No School</b>	
Monday, October 12	<b>Columbus Day No School</b>	
Thursday and Friday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Book Fair</b>	See PTO Calendar for Hours
Friday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Happy Hollow Family Movie Night</b>	6:30 p.m.

# HEALTHY HOLLER



## News From the Health Room for September 2015

Welcome to all of our Happy Hollow families  
I hope that summer was fun and relaxing for all!

### Just An important reminder :

- There is a student in our school that has a medical condition that requires all parents be extremely vigilant in keeping their child home from school if not feeling well.
- All parents are required to call our Safe to School Line at 508-358-2160 if your child is absent from school. If it is due to an illness please provide this information.

### When should a student stay home :

- If your child has vomited due to illness; they should remain out of school for a minimum of 24 hours after vomiting has ceased.
- If your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher; he/she should remain out of school for 24 hours after the fever is gone without fever reducing medication.
- If your child has been treated with an antibiotic for a contagious infection he/she need to be on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

### Other Important Information:

- All medications (prescription/and over the counter) require a medication order from the student's medical doctor and a parent permission to be administered during the school day. This is required on ALL medications at the start of each school year (exception for Advil/Tylenol/Tums). If this paperwork is not in place, then medication cannot be given.
- All 4th grade students are required to have an updated physical on file in the health room this year (2015). Please be sure to schedule your child's physical if needed, or send in a copy if already completed.
- **Please bookmark Wayland Public Schools/Happy Hollow School website:**  
<http://whh.wayland.k12.ma.us/http://whh.wayland.k12.ma.us/> Click on For Families, then Health Services and you will find a wealth of medical information, including school health forms if needed.
- Please keep your cell phone on and check them throughout the day if a call has been made from the school nurse ( 508-358-6051). All parents should have a backup plan in place if they cannot get to school in a timely manner.
- Please have your student place a change of clothes in their backpack in the event that clothes get wet during the day. This helps eliminate the need to call a parent.
- It is a parent responsibility to be checking for head lice and notifying the school nurse if your child has an active case. Educational information will be sent out shortly to all parents.
- Please call if there are any questions and/or concerns. I am available daily from 8-3:30pm and have a confidential voice mail at 508-358-6051.

Jeanne MacDonald RN

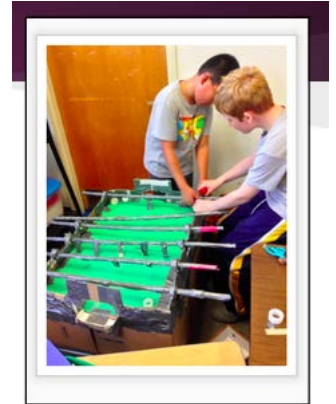
[Jeanne\\_macdonald@wayland/k12/ma.us](mailto:Jeanne_macdonald@wayland/k12/ma.us)



## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Global Cardboard Challenge Arcade, Happy Hollow Playground, October 2, 2015

Similar to last year, students will present their hand-crafted cardboard arcade games, play centers, and/or theaters on the playground on Friday, October 2nd (rain date Monday, October 5th). Fun passes for all events will be provided for all students interested in participating in the event. There will also be a place to donate \$1. for each fun card since this project will also serve as part of the fifth grade service learning project in conjunction with the Middle School efforts to raise money for [Room to Read](#), an international education association. If you or child want to donate, please send the \$1. to school on that day. A parent volunteer(s) and students will collect the money and send it to the organization. The picture above shows one amazing game that last year's fifth graders made from cardboard. You may also want to watch the film that inspired this project, [Caine's Arcade](#). Thank you in advance for your support.



### FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

*“We’re going back to school,  
We’re going back to school!  
We’re going back to Happy Hollow  
And taking our friends along!”*

~First grade name song

This year music class is in a bright new classroom filled with natural light and more space. Both the students and I are excited about the new location! During the month of September we are creating music that focuses on names, getting to know each other, and our schools motto “Kindness Matters.” We are talking about how this motto applies to music class in order to create a strong community of respectful musicians.

Ms. Pohl

### CHORUS

If your child is in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade they are welcome to sign up for chorus. We begin rehearsing on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am in the music room. If you would like more information or if your child would like to sign up click on this link: <http://happyhollowmusic.weebly.com/chorus-sign-up.html>

### FROM INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Welcome Wayland Band Families!

It is not too late to join the Wayland Elementary Band! Please visit the Wayland Elementary Band Website, [waylandelementaryband.weebly.com](http://waylandelementaryband.weebly.com) if your would like to register. Questions may be directed to [Tristie\\_Keenan@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:Tristie_Keenan@wayland.k12.ma.us)

Let's Go Band!



### FROM THE TECHNOLOGY LAB

Welcome back! It's been great visiting with the children and meeting so many new friends. For the month of September, all children in grades 1st-5th will get reacquainted with the computer lab - from how we enter the computer, how we login, to how we leave the computer lab. We will also have conversations around building a safe classroom community by being good listeners, being respectful to one another and the equipment. For students in grades 1st-3rd, we will be reviewing how we access a variety of websites and software applications. While students in grades 4th and 5th will focus on using Google Apps. This tool is used frequently throughout the year at the upper grades. We are off to a great start!



### GIFT YOUR CHILD 2015-2016

**Gift Your Child**, part one of the Wayland elementary schools PTO's annual fundraising campaign, kicks off this month! The funds raised through donations to Gift Your Child help support our students, teachers and school community in many ways, including providing funding for cultural enrichment visits from authors, illustrators, and musicians; grade-level enrichment presentations; equipment and supplies for classrooms like textbooks, maps, books and theme-related materials; playground equipment, both large and small; offsetting some of the costs of field trips; as well as supporting the many school community events offered throughout the year, such as Halloween Movie Night, Pizza Tales, Talent Show, and school picnics.

Orange envelopes were sent home with the youngest child in each household during the second week of school. If you did not receive one, please email [Andrea O'Brien](#) or [Cathy Davies](#) with the name and teacher of your youngest child, and we will be sure you receive one. Donations can be returned in the orange envelope to the attention of "PTO Gift Your Child" (along with the enclosed pledge card and a check made out to "Wayland PTO") via your child's backpack, dropped off in the PTO GYC mailbox in the Happy Hollow lobby, or they can be made easily and securely on our [website](#).

The Gift Your Child campaign's success requires everyone's participation to the best of their ability. We understand that the suggested donation of \$100 per elementary-aged child may be an uncomfortable, if not prohibitive, expense. While \$100 per child is approximately what the PTO anticipates spending on a fully-funded budget, participation is what is most important to this fundraising campaign. Any contribution you are comfortable making will have a direct impact on the PTO's programming and the funding that supports many educational enrichment programs provided for our elementary aged children. **Please note: A Wayland school directory is provided free this year with donations of \$25 or more.**

If you have any questions about Gift Your Child, please contact [Andrea O'Brien](#) or [Cathy Davies](#). To learn more about what the PTO does with your donations, keep an eye out for information in upcoming eblasts and newsletters, stop by your school's bulletin board, or visit our table at Curriculum Night!

### WAYLAND SCHOOL DIRECTORIES

Do you ever want to get in touch with other parents in the school district? Does your child have a friend and you feel embarrassed because you keep forgetting his mother's name? Then you need the Wayland All-School Directory! **They are now available free with a donation to Gift Your Child of \$25 or more** or for purchase from the PTO. Again this year, email addresses have been added for even more convenience. Directories can be ordered on-line through our secure [website](#). They will also be available for purchase (cash or check) at many school events throughout the fall, including Curriculum Nights. Cost is \$15 per directory. To make other purchasing arrangements, or if you have any questions, please contact [Andrea O'Brien](#) or [Cathy Davies](#).

## **REMINDER: SCHOOL PICTURE DAY THIS FRIDAY!**

**Date: Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

We will have a Re-Take Day for any absent students or if you are not pleased with the photos. Re-takes and the opportunity to have your Happy Hollow Siblings Photo taken will happen in November. For more information please contact Carla Stafford at 508-358-2397 or [cgstafford@staffordboys.com](mailto:cgstafford@staffordboys.com)

## **1<sup>st</sup> PTO BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR – All are welcome!**

**Date: Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Happy Hollow cafeteria**

The Happy Hollow Board meets monthly, usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. These meetings are open to the entire membership and everyone is encouraged to attend with any questions, ideas or suggestions. Little ones in tow are always welcome!

## **ROOM PARENT KICK-OFF MEETING**

**Date: Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Happy Hollow School (room location TBD)**

If you have signed up to be a room parent, please plan on attending the **Room Parent Kick-off Meeting**. You may still be a room parent if you cannot attend this meeting.

## **PTO Volunteer Needs**

### **ROOM PARENTS NEEDED FOR 2015-2016**

Have you been seeking a way to get involved in your child's classroom but are concerned by the commitment? Volunteer to be a room parent! This is a rewarding way to be a part of your child's classroom that is manageable for both working & at-home parents.

The PTO is seeking room parents for the following classes:

- Kindergarten- Susan Cherwinski
- Second Grade- Deborah Niles
- Third Grade- Allison Cohen & Deborah Dowd
- Fourth Grade- May Moynihan & Kori Rogers
- Fifth Grade- Maureen Devlin & Jaclyn Mattson

If you'd like to serve as your child's room parent please submit the following information to the Room Parent Coordinator, [Jessica Polizzotti](#):

- Your Name, Email & Phone Number
- Your Child's Name, Grade & Teacher

No prior experience is necessary. Room parent duties may be shared by two individuals. There will be a **Room Parent Kick-Off Meeting on Friday, September 18 at 9:00am at Happy Hollow**; room parents are encouraged, but not required to attend.

## **HAPPY HOLLOW LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteering in the library is fun and rewarding. Duties include checking books in and out, as well as covering and repairing books. No experience necessary! We will train you. This is a yearlong commitment, so please sign up for all the dates for the class you would like to cover. Thank you!

Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/b1ZQft>

## **CLAYPIT AND LOKER HAVE CALLED....ATTENTION 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

Claypit Hill and Loker schools have contacted our PTO president asking for the name of our 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR. They would like to meet to discuss the joint activities for this year. Unfortunately, we have to tell them that we are waiting for someone to volunteer.

We already have volunteers in place to organize EVERY 5<sup>th</sup> grade activity for the upcoming year!\* However, we still need one person to act as the **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee Chair** and pull it all together. **Your team is waiting for you!** Please volunteer to lead this committee. Contact [Jennifer Pearlman](#).

\*The parent that volunteered to organize the POOL PARTY had to back out. Please contact [Jennifer Pearlman](#) to volunteer.

## **STAFF APPRECIATION ORGANIZER**

If you've wanted to get more involved but have hesitated because you've never volunteered for PTO before, today is your lucky day! We have an experienced PTO member running our staff appreciation events. (There are three each year.) But we need another person to help Jill Zukerman organize the breakfast and lunches. Please contact [Jill Zukerman](#) if you're interested.

## **Help Water the HAPPY HOLLOW GARDEN**

Please help us maintain the Happy Hollow Garden by signing up to water, weed, and harvest the garden throughout the year. Use the link below to sign up!

[link to volunteer-spot](#)

## **PTO Volunteer Appreciation**

Please offer your thanks when you see the following PTO volunteers.

## **WELCOME BACK COFFEE**

Thank you to [Cathy Caulfield](#) for organizing the Welcome Back Coffee for parents this past Tuesday, the first day of school for our kindergarteners. It was great to see all of the excited faces ready for their new adventure!



## **STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

Many thanks for **Jill Zukerman** for organizing, setting up and cleaning up the Staff Appreciation Breakfast this past Tuesday. Her two sons, **Ari (4<sup>th</sup>)** and **David (2<sup>nd</sup>)**, were up early to lend a hand!



Thanks to the parents that made it possible by donating food, supplies and their time:

Sara Langan	Amy Bennett
Carrie Greenberg	Caryn Berkowitz
Vicky Sin	Rashmi
Meg Flatley	Janet Manning
Sara (Yim) Niimi	Debbie Bell
Naomi Santos	Lisa Moscoffian
Melissa Lange	Amy Connor
Katy Cavallo	Randi Rose
Andrea O'Brien	Lisa Bagley
Samantha Richter	Christine Walsh
Laura Byrne	

## **PICTURE DAY**

**Carla Stafford** deserves a round of applause for seamlessly organizing every aspect of Happy Hollow Picture Day. We appreciate **Cathy Caulfield** and **Julie Surratt** for their assistance to make sure everything ran smoothly that day.

## **JOIN US!**

E-mail me if you want to get involved with some PTO activities. We have opportunities for every schedule and personality.

Jennifer Pearlman  
Happy Hollow PTO President  
[happyhollowpto@gmail.com](mailto:happyhollowpto@gmail.com)

## 2015-2016 Happy Hollow Executive PTO Board

President & Town-wide Rep.	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>
Vice President	<a href="#">Meghan Flatley</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Samantha Richter</a>
Ways and Means	<a href="#">Andrea O'Brien &amp; Cathy Davies</a>
Secretary	<a href="#">Julie Suratt</a>
Social	<a href="#">Cathy Caulfield</a>
Past President & Town-wide Rep.	<a href="#">Stephanie Leong</a>

## 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](mailto:happyhollowpto@gmail.com).

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



Picture Day	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	<a href="#">Carla Stafford</a>
First PTO Board Meeting	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: Happy Hollow cafeteria	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>
Curriculum Night: Grade 5	Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> (Tues) at 7:00 PM	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>
Curriculum Night: Grades K-2	Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> (Wed) at 7:00 PM	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>
Room Parent Kick Off Meeting	Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: TBD	<a href="#">Jessica Polizzotti</a>
Town-wide PTO Meeting	Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup> (Fri) Location: Small conference room, School Dept.	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>
Book Fair	Oct. 22 <sup>rd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Thurs & Fri)	<a href="#">Sara Langan &amp; Christine Walsh</a>
Happy Hollow Movie Night	Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Fri) at 6:30 PM, Doors open at 6:00 Location: Happy Hollow gym	<a href="#">Melissa Hartford</a>
Toy Drive for Foster Children	November/December	<a href="#">Jenny Harding &amp; Kylie Williams</a>
Town-wide PTO Meeting	December 11 <sup>th</sup> (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>
Holiday Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	December 11 <sup>th</sup> (Fri) Location: Teacher's room	<a href="#">Jill Zukerman</a>
Gift Your Child, Part 2: Backpack Auction	Early Winter	<a href="#">Andrea O'Brien &amp; Cathy Davies</a>
Town-wide PTO meeting	March 11 <sup>th</sup> (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>
All Elementary Bingo Night	March 11 (Fri)	<a href="#">Julie Suratt</a>
World's Fair	Every other year, returning in spring 2017	<a href="#">Samantha Richter</a>
Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast	Date: TBD Location: Claypit Hill School	
Happy Hollow Talent Show	Date: TBD Location: Happy Hollow Gym	<a href="#">Vicky Sin</a>
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) Location: Teacher's room	<a href="#">Jill Zukerman</a>
Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Fri) Location: Happy Hollow Cafeteria	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>
Book Fair	June 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> (Mon and Tues)	<a href="#">Sara Langan &amp; Christine Walsh</a>
End of Year Picnic	June 6 <sup>th</sup> (Mon) at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Rain Date: June 7th (Tues)	<a href="#">Cathy Caulfield</a>
Town-wide PTO meeting	June 10 <sup>th</sup> (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room	<a href="#">Jennifer Pearlman</a>

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