



THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER
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Please save this newsletter as it is an easy reference for many HH procedures and information.

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Dear Happy Hollow Families:

Wherever your summer travels have taken you ~ to places far way in mind and/or body ~ through books, vacations, activity and play ~ to gatherings that have become embedded as magnificent memories ~ to quiet times when the cackling crickets tell stories beneath the soft rustle of green that defines this dynamic time of year ~ all points will meet on the front steps of our school. The crowd will be deep and ready... the excitement and nervous energy palpable... and the opportunity promised by the words embedded in our beautiful arched mosaic will present the sensational opportunity that awaits!

~ **“Community of learning... Friendship...Respect...Scholarship.”** ~

We are a community that strives to bring all of those words alive each day by following our school motto, **“Kindness matters.”** It is a full sentence and its power has the implications to solve most of what falls short in any ill society can sustain.

When kindness matters ~ everything that is good matters as well. If one is being kind, one cannot be mean. ~ If one cannot be mean, words are nicer, mistakes are fewer, apologies are a natural part of the course ~ positive play and learning cannot be purposefully interrupted... If one is being kind to one's teacher and one's classmates one must pay attention, follow directions, listen to others' ideas, be serious and hardworking about learning, act in a way so that everyone can learn and follow the classroom rules and routines. ~ The stage is set for the strongest of learning postures. If effective effort is part of being kind and respectful to the community, then everyone works his/her best and tries to help others to do the same.

In my seventh year as your principal, I've seen our motto/model in action ~ building strong expectations around learning while also building the character that sets our students on the path for life success. More than ever, our world depends upon workers that can collaborate respectfully, accept others, consider all ideas and compete for the common good. ~ At the core of all of these salient work habits is a foundation of kindness. When we say "kindness matters" at Happy Hollow, we mean it far beyond a vision seen through rose colored glasses. Our kindness is strong in learning, strong in virtue and it is, most importantly, strong in achievement. ~ Powerful!

Elementary school is that distinctive time when there is an enchantment to the opening of school ~ a magic ~ an enthusiasm for growing up. Students gather new school supplies, put on new clothes when the smaller sizes no longer fit. Whatever they pack to bring, the most important part of the day's outfit happens when they enter the school. They try on their new grade as if wearing a gold medal around their necks and at that very moment, every single child expects that he/she will be successful ~ that this will be the best year ever! They are ready and it is our job to keep that spirit alive and well for 180 days. To that end we are also prepared.

In order to meet the needs of every child, we will continue our practice of having staff gather once a week as grade level teams in meetings called Professional Learning Communities to plan for our Response to Intervention (RTI) work. We know our RTI model supports our learners so they can challenge their minds academically ~ move to next levels of proficiency and find the comfortable challenge that makes learning interesting, exciting and ongoing.

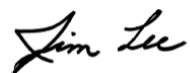
Assembly meetings, concerts, open houses, field trips, cultural enrichment programs, a talent show and so much more... will round out the learning, so that the journey is set for the serious student growth that crosses curricular, social and emotional development and becomes the optimal educational program that considers the needs of the whole child.

With our highly professional, competent and dedicated faculty, an active, committed and supportive parent community and students who are well cared for, loved and set to learn, we are definitely prepared for the year's journey. For those of you who know me well, you know the journey of which I speak. It is the one I mention every year and includes: possibility, challenge, inspires curiosity, takes all to new levels of academic and affective growth and it most importantly implies that there will be others along the way ~ our collaborators. Welcome one and all! You are all a part of the 2013-14 Happy Hollow School family ~ a team working and growing together.

Please read and save the rest of this letter. There is much information on procedures, dates and opportunities ~ refer to it as often as you need. As always, I am excited to see all of my old friends ~ young and young at heart ~ and to meet those whom I've yet to have the honor!

Please enjoy the remaining weeks of summer and feel free to contact the school with questions and/or concerns.

All best always,



Jim Lee, Principal

Important Information:

Our school will open Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:45 a.m. This will be a full day of school for all children in grades 1 – 5. Our doors to the school open at 8:30 a.m. **This is important to note because if you drop your child or children off prior to that time, they may not enter the building and we cannot provide outside supervision.** We request that you work to arrive a bit before 8:45 a.m. (and most certainly not after) as school begins right at 8:45 a.m. and it is always best for students to have time to get ready and organized for their day prior to the official start.



School hours are:

8:45 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Wednesdays

8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (M, T, TH, F)

*****There is a new family visiting time on Thursday, August 29th,
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Sign up for the Listserv:

The HH Listserv and district Listserv are the ways through which newsletters and all other important messages are communicated. You must sign up. If you cannot for some reason, please contact our office so we know to contact you and get information to you via an alternate route. Thank you.

<http://www.wayland.k12.ma.us/listserver/subscribe.html>

Staffing Additions/Changes:

***Trang Aronian will be joining our fourth grade team.** Trang is an experienced teacher coming to us after outstanding work as a fifth grade teacher for the Framingham Public Schools. She is no stranger to Wayland ~ and many know her already! She has served in many capacities in the Wayland Schools Community Programs working directly with children and in administrative capacities. Her work has been marked by excellence in all capacities and we are delighted to add her to our Happy Hollow faculty.

***Marcia Gitlitz** will join us as our third, part time (M, T, W) building substitute. She has been working as a TA at the Claypit Hill School and has shown herself to be a highly positive addition to any staff. She has also served as a building substitute ~ so she, too, is no stranger to Wayland or our building. No matter the capacity, she has shown herself to be a team player, highly flexible and competent in all endeavors. We are fortunate she is on board.

***Hannah Magid** is joining us as a Teaching Assistant. This is a new position designed to provide grades one and two with extra skill-related practice. She will see these students in the technology lab and work with, supervise/assist/instruct our young learners in the skill-related areas for reading and math using programs such as Lexia for reading and Symphony Math for math. In addition, she will be assisting in classrooms and supervisory positions across the building. She came to us as a student teacher last year ~ working to receive her Masters in Education with certifications as both a regular and special education teacher. She demonstrated a skillful approach, an ability to work with all types of learners and a lot of talent. We are thrilled to have her in this new position!

Barbara Parker will be joining us as a long-term substitute teacher while May Moynihan is out on maternity leave. Last year, she did a stellar job in covering for Jaclyn Mattson's maternity leave and as a former Wayland Middle School and Happy Hollow teacher ~ she is well-known, well-respected and well-loved by all! Her rich experience, unprecedented ability to bring joy to learning and her outstanding professionalism make her both a gift and gifted at her craft. We are so excited every time she returns to join our staff!

****Our Happy Hollow faculty is indeed a distinguished and highly qualified group ~ adding these professionals to our mix only makes us stronger!

Our ongoing initiatives for our school will include:

- *Continuation of building our school and district RTI Model for ELA and Mathematics for all students across all grades
- *Weekly PLCs ~ will move to the a.m. once a week for all teams so that TAs will be able to attend
- *Recess before Lunch will continue ~ **with longer lunch periods as requested by parents!**
- *Collaborative teaching approaches
- *Differentiated Instruction and Closing the Achievement Gap will continue through our RTI work
- *Math Coaches and Reading Specialists will continue their work supporting our RTI and differentiated instructional practices
- *Monday morning school assembly meetings will be every week ~ 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- *Service learning and community service learning will continue as a school-wide initiative
- *Health and wellness ~ anti-bullying initiatives ~ healthy relationships



Around the halls and such:

There are new sinks in the 4th and 5th grade bathrooms ~ no more large swimming pool in the center of either room!

There is an updated wireless network that will give us much more flexibility in our access to the network, the Internet and where we use our computers within the building. This is very exciting not only for this upcoming years, but for the years to come as well.

Thanks to our generous last year's fifth graders, there will be a new adjustable basketball hoop out on the playground, allowing all children of all ages appropriate space in which to play and practice!

There are new hooks on the wall outside the first grade rooms so that students can be close to their classrooms and not down the hall in spaces that require a walk and distant supervision.

Twelve classrooms will have new furniture per a capital improvement to our building and the Claypit Hill School ~ presented by our facilities department and voted in by and approved by our School Committee.

***We will have two Curriculum Nights once again:**

Grades 3 & 4 & 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12th
Grades 1 & 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25th



***School Meeting Assemblies** will be on Monday mornings. Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. We are moving back to an every Monday format! Yes!

Thank you to the Extraordinary Summer Staff:

As always, the custodians ~ Willie Hernandez, our head custodian led the way with many permanent custodial staff members from around the district, and summer student help have done their usual extraordinary job in preparing our school ~ once again working around the Pegasus summer occupancy and still finishing the school on schedule ~ no easy feat! They and our facilities manager, Pat Morris are truly the best there is anywhere!

Gwenne Foreman once again returned to the front office as the lead administrative assistant for the summer season. This is her second year in that capacity and I know many of you still remember her work as an outstanding teaching assistant. Know that that same level of excellence has moved to all that she endeavored in our front office. We are delighted that she joined us again and so very grateful for all she did to make certain the school was ready to reopen. Much gratitude, Gwenne!

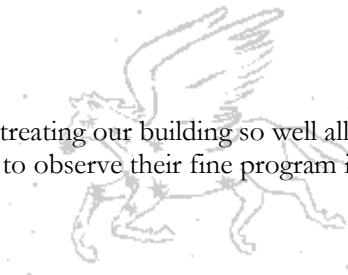
Leslie Corner ~ who does an exceptional job in the lead administrative assistant position throughout the school year ~ also worked many more than her summer contractual hours and we are also grateful to her.

Beth Crozier, Eileen McManus and Mike demonstrated that good collaboration can make the impossible ~ possible. They constructed our extremely complex school schedule and I am so very grateful to them all.

Heather Leonard took on a new job. Not only is she a valued teaching assistant, she has now shown us her talent as the person who handles all of the summer ordering. She has ordered, checked, re-checked and worked in the hottest space in our school to ensure that our supply shelves are well-stocked and that teacher supplies are ready for use. Many thanks, Heather.

To the Summer Pegasus Program:

A special thanks to Brian Jones and the Pegasus staff for treating our building so well all summer and during last summer too! It was a pleasure to work with such a top notch staff and to observe their fine program in action! They are truly talented at what they do and run a sensational summer program!



Changes in Your Class Lists:

No summer is complete without the late August changes to your class lists. We continue to receive changes daily. We are up to 433 students~ If you notice changes since move along day or when you receive an updated list upon your return to school ~ we made some to welcome new students and to keep our classes balanced. Just be sure to welcome anyone new to your class.



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 \$1.00 per day or \$180.00 per year per student.*

**Bus transportation may not be used for setting up playdates. All playdates 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.*

Pick-up and Drop-Off

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR HH 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. **There is no left hand turn out of our driveway at drop-off or dismissal.** This includes the following times: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Wednesday from 1:50 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. **The Wednesday sign is not posted due to room on the sign, but it is nonetheless not a free day to make a left hand turn from our driveway at dismissal.** ****Those who take a left slow the flow of traffic due to those trying to take a left into the driveway. Do not be the one holding up all other traffic!
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

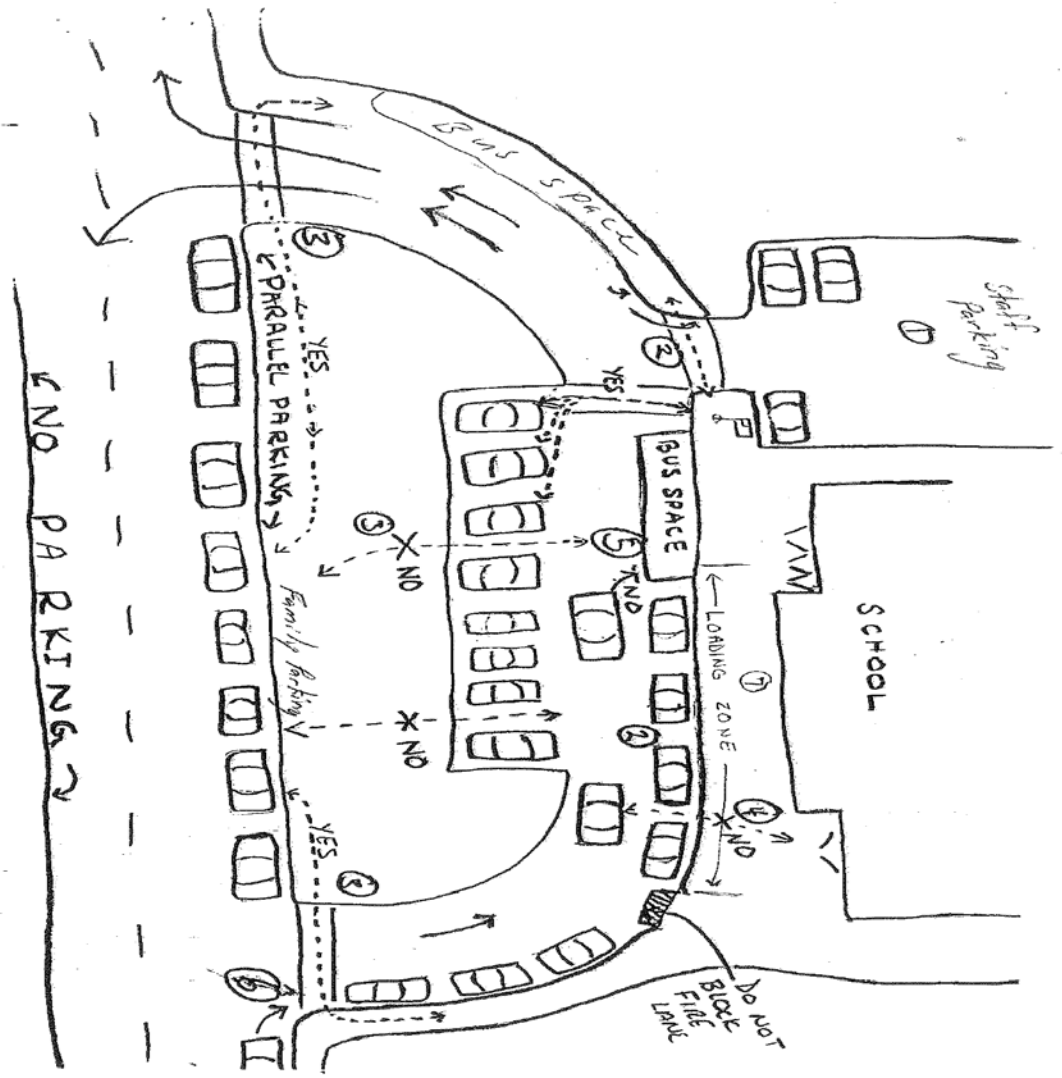
6. The drop off lane in front of the school in the morning is a live lane of moving traffic. You may not park or leave your car in this lane. School personnel will help your child exit your car safely. Make sure the children are seated on the right side or passenger's side of the car. They may not exit the driver's side of the car as this is the live lane and very dangerous.
7. At drop off time, if you would like to park and say good-bye to your child at the front door, you may park on the street and use the sidewalk to safely proceed to the doors.
8. 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.
9. Watch for pedestrians in crosswalks and on the sides of the road.
10. 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.
11. 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.
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!

Please see the map below for a visual representation of pick-up and drop-off expectations.

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

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.



Behavior:

Our core values center on the notion that kindness matters. To that end, we must work together to create a respectful environment and we need rules to help us understand exactly what that environment should look like. Therefore, we will be sending home an electronic version of the student expectations booklet during the first week of school. 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. We are asking all families to review the booklet together and for the student to sign the end page indicating that he/she will put forth his/her best effort to work hard to uphold our rules. **Signing is not in any way a contract, but indicates that you have reviewed the rules together.**

The booklet also outlines 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 only the signature page and not the booklet. We want all families to have a copy of the booklet for reference throughout the year.**

Bullying Behaviors and Building Healthy Relationships:

The Wayland Public Schools are committed to helping parents work together to create a safe and respectful school learning environment for all students. Supporting children's development is a shared responsibility between home and school. Parents model the developmental tools, coping strategies, and life skills for navigating all facets of social interaction, which inevitably includes conflict. Wayland Public Schools encourages families to get involved in their children's schools and in their learning by attending conferences, attending school functions when possible, reading school and teacher newsletters and notices, and communicating with teachers regularly to provide input about their children's needs. Reading and discussing the school's core values or mission statement is another opportunity for discussion for families.

At each grade level, schools have responses to anti-bullying policies. There is a process and the range of age-appropriate responses to behaviors. Evaluating reports of concerning behaviors is a complex process that focuses on education, not just consequences, and considers the student(s) development and age. Among considerations are how bullying is defined, what happens when bullying is reported, what the investigation process is and how/when it is implemented. Please refer to the WPS district's Bullying and Cyber Bullying Policy for additional information regarding the bullying laws and school procedures reference anti-bullying policies and Internet safety policies on the school websites.

As stated in the behavior section of this letter, we have outlined bullying behaviors for students and families in our student handbook. The consequence section of the student handbook addresses the actions that will be taken when bullying occurs. As the district anti-bullying policies evolve in the coming months changes will be made as deemed necessary.

Safety, Safety, Safety!

- *All doors to the school will remain locked during the school day and visitors will be required to ring the buzzer and state their business to gain access to the building.
- *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.
- *If you are dismissing your child early, you must sign him/her out at the office before he/she can be dismissed.
- *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.

Phones, Related Phone Information and Use of Electronic Devices During School Hours:



*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 play dates and travel arrangements before arriving to school. Students are not allowed to set up playdates during the day.

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

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 INCLUDED 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 contacting the office at (508)-358-2120.

IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU, ALL OF THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE WILL BE LISTED IN OUR DIRECTORY.

Dates and Events:

Our PTO has put together a detailed calendar that will go nicely on your refrigerator or a home bulletin board. It has all the dates and events for the upcoming month listed with times too and it is included in this mailing! Please try to attend as many events as you can. The more people we have, the more vibrant our school community becomes. Thank you to the PTO for all of your hard work and great organization!



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.

*****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.

A Happy Hollow Tradition ~ We REALLY NEED your help! *Everyone ~ PLEASE participate! We want all students represented.***

Summer Collages for Our Halls:

It has become a Happy Hollow tradition to decorate our halls with your summer experiences and we want that to continue this year too. Therefore, I am asking you to take a piece of white 8 ½” x 11” paper. Use markers, make a collage, use paints, photos, write a poem or anything that represents the best part(s) of your summer.

*Remember, good times don’t have to be fancy vacations or big events; they might be fun times playing in your neighborhood or a relaxing day of swimming. You may even post a favorite photo of you, your family or friends.

*You might want to include how you continued your service learning projects or community service endeavors.

*Show how kindness matters if you’d like ~ that always brings our school alive as that is our motto!

*You might show the right way to play a game such as soccer.

*You might show helping behaviors.

*You might show friends eating lunch together ~anything that shows our community at its best.

It can be as simple as one or two photos or as detailed as you would like.

Again, you may use markers, make a collage, use paints, a photo or write a poem. We will collect your work by grade level in boxes that will be labeled in the front lobby. Your memories will be mounted on colored paper and proudly displayed in our halls. Please try to bring your finished product to the school before September 3rd so that we can hang up as many as possible before school officially begins. Let’s show our school spirit and try for a summer piece from everyone! (We had one from almost every child last year.) Wouldn’t it be great if we had one from every single student this year?

Principals List of Things to Bring to School (My list is the same every year and so far I’ve had a really good response!):

You may pack these in your back pack, put them in your pocket or carry them in your hand... Once you are here, you should take them out and put them in your hearts and minds. They become the recipe for success. We’ll mix it and create the end product as the year moves along. ~ Bring a positive attitude, endless amounts of a willingness to challenge your many capabilities, a strong sense of fun lightly wrapped so as not to crush it in any way, boxes of a readiness to develop your many talents, an ongoing supply of imagination and lots of respect and kindness for others. Replenish each supply as often as necessary. The whole staff and I will help to keep them full, on hand and ready for use at all times.

Being Nervous on the First Day Back:

*Don’t worry if you are feeling a bit nervous about returning to school. Everyone who has ever attended a school or even a college, has a touch of nervousness and excitement when each new school year begins. It is a **perfectly natural** way to feel. However, try to remember that once we are all together and you sit with your new class and teacher, all those feelings will melt away. Remember and know that you are so important to me and to our school. ~Your teachers and our whole staff join me in telling you that we really want you to arrive. A school is boring with no students! We can’t wait until you are here!*

***Enjoy all that summer has to offer!
You still have a good deal of time off before we meet for the first day of school!***

Letter from the PTO President

I hope that you and your family are enjoying a fun and relaxing summer! Your PTO is busy, even now, with plans for the fun to continue during this coming school year! We'll be kicking off the year with:

- Fun social events: First Grade Meet & Greet for kids and parents, Scavenger Hunt and new teacher open house (August), Welcome Back Coffee and the Metco Picnic.
- Keep an eye out for the new volleyball equipment, iPads in the Art Room, Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention Kits in the first grade, and new stadium and backjack chairs around the school this fall – all provided through your generous donations to Gift Your Child!
- The return of Wayland apparel in youth sizes – after hearing your requests these past five years, the PTO will be bringing back Wayland spirit apparel in youth sizes for purchase this fall.

Below is a brief overview of your PTO – what it is and what we do.

The Happy Hollow/Loker Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is made up of all parents/guardians and teachers of Happy Hollow and Loker students. As a parent of a Happy Hollow child, you are a member of our PTO community! Together, our goals are to: 1) promote communication within the school community, and 2) through fundraising and volunteering provide support for activities and/or materials which directly contribute to the quality of education at Happy Hollow and Loker Schools.

As an organization, the PTO provides:

- 1) **Financial and volunteer support for our teachers and specialists** including expense reimbursements for classroom and curriculum materials, grade level enrichment funds and programs, and wish-list funding. The PTO coordinates Room Parents, Lice Checkers, Library volunteers, and many other volunteers in our school community on an as-needed basis.
- 2) **Enrichment events, activities, & “tripship” funding** (funds provided to the Principals to use at their discretion to financially subsidize trips for families in need): Authors, musicians, and artists are brought in on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide cultural enrichment to our students. The Just Like Me program teaches awareness and acceptance of others. The costs of field trips and activities are regularly offset by PTO funds on a broad level, as well as at the Principals' discretion on a case-by-case basis.
- 3) **Student Activities:** The PTO runs many of our community's favorite annual events, including Halloween Movie Night, Talent Show, Bingo, World's Fair, school pictures, and book fairs.
- 4) **Informational and Community-Building Events:** Coffees with Mr. Lee, Curriculum Nights, the 1st Grade Meet & Greet, the New Families Scavenger Hunt, Movie Night, Talent Show and school picnics are all supported by the PTO.

What you can do to support your child's educational experience at Happy Hollow:

- 1) **Sign up for emails** from your school (Happy Hollow and/or Loker), via the Listserv at: <http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001shuT2XU7mN88kmGYgcVeXw%3D%3D>. This is the primary means for communication for Happy Hollow School and the PTO.
- 2) **Gift Your Child:** The PTO fundraises using a direct donation campaign in the fall. We will not ask your child to sell gift wrap or cookie dough, and we will not ask you to pay any annual PTO dues – we instead ask that you consider a contribution of \$100 per elementary-aged child to our Gift Your Child campaign, which is approximately what the PTO spends annually per student at the elementary level. In the spring our teachers, staff, and community “gift” our children by donating fun and meaningful items and experiences to our annual Backpack Auction – part 2 of Gift Your child – an annual event that you won't want to miss!
- 3) **Volunteer:** Whether you have a little time or a lot, there is a volunteer position for you! Visit <http://www.happyhollowpto.org/gettinginvolved/happyhollow.html> for a full listing of PTO events and volunteer opportunities.
- 4) **Participate:** Catch up with old friends and meet some new ones at our Welcome Coffee Tuesday, September 3rd at morning drop-off (8:45 am).

All members of our school community are invited to attend the PTO's monthly Board meetings. Our first meeting of the school year will be held on Monday, September 9 at 9:30 in the Happy Hollow cafeteria. Starting in October, join us on the first Friday of the month at 9:00 in the Happy Hollow cafeteria for board meetings. Little ones in tow are always welcome.

Whether you choose to pursue an active volunteer role in the school, or support your PTO by attending community events or by donating to Gift Your Child – we look forward to meeting you in the coming year!

Warm regards,
Amy Simmons, Happy Hollow/Loker PTO President
email: happyhollowpto@gmail.com

**2013-2014 PTO Events: Happy Hollow
Save the Date**

Together We Can Make It Happen!
Dates subject to change

EVENT	DATE/TIME	CONTACT
1 st Grade Meet & Greet for kids & parents	Aug. 20 (T) 4:00-5:30; 4 Cole Road (rain date 8/21 same time and place)	Cathy Caulfield
Scavenger Hunt	August 29 (TH) 1:00 – 2:00	Cathy Caulfield
Teacher & Staff Appreciation	Sept. 9 (M) 8:00	Jill Zukerman & Sam Richter
Gift Your Child: Part 1	August – November	Abby Brogan & Heidi Renneker
Cultural Enrichment	Ongoing	Alexia Obar & Seta Abrahamian
Just Like Me	Throughout the year	3rd Grade: Laura Byrne & Jamie Janoff 4th Grade: Jen Bonner
5 th Grade Activities	Events/Dates TBA	Tamara Kolz
Welcome Back Coffee	Sept. 3 (T) at 8:45 am	Cathy Caulfield
PTO Board Meeting	Sept. 9 (M) at 9:30 in HH cafeteria	Amy Simmons
Apparel Sales	Fall 2013	Maura Batts
Lice Checks	Date TBD	Room Parents
Curriculum Night: Grades 3-5	Sept. 12 (Th) at 7:00 pm	Amy Simmons
Room Parent Kick Off Meeting	Sept. 10 (T) at 9:00 in HH cafeteria	Elena Taxiarchis
Picture Day	Sept. 19 (Th)	Carla Stafford
Curriculum Night: Grades 1-2	Sept. 25 (W) at 7:00 pm	Amy Simmons
PTO Board Meeting (starting in Oct.)	1 st Friday of the month 9:00a HH Cafeteria	Amy Simmons
PTO Meeting: Meet your School District Leaders (<i>Babysitting Provided</i>)	October 2013	Amy Simmons
Nutrition Challenge	Fall 2013	Stephanie Howard
Book Fair	Oct. 24 & 25 (Th & F)	Lynne Cribben & Gretchen Dresens
Halloween Movie Night	Oct. 25 (F) at 6:30 pm	Elena Taxiarchis
Coffee with Mr. Lee (starting in Nov.)	Monthly	Amy Simmons
Toy Drive	November/December	Alexia Obar
Holiday Teacher & Staff Appreciation	Dec. 16 (M)	Jill Zukerman & Samantha Richter

Fitness Challenge	Winter 2013	Position Open
Town-wide PTO Meeting	Winter 2013	Amy Simmons
Gift Your Child: Part 2, Backpack Auction	Early Winter	Amy Simmons
Lice Checks	Jan. 7 (T) 8:45 am	Room Parents
Lice Checks	Feb. 25 (T) 8:45 am	Room Parents
Bingo Night	Mar. 28 (F)	Alexia Obar
World's Fair	Mar. 29 (S) 1-4 at Loker	Becky Lloyd
Talent Show	April 4 (F)	Vicky Sin
Lice Checks	April 29 (T) 8:45 am	Room Parents
Earth Day Events	Spring 2014	Katrien Vander Staeten
Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast	Jun. 4 (W) at 9:00 am HH Caf	Amy Simmons
End of Year Picnic	Jun. 9 (M) at 5:30 pm Rain Date: Jun. 11 (W)	Cathy Caulfield
Book Fair	Jun. 9 & 10 (M & T)	Lynne Cribben & Gretchen Dresens
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event	Jun. 5 (Th)	Jill Zukerman & Samantha Richter

PTO Volunteer Needs

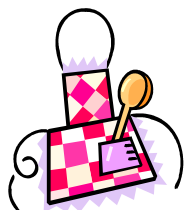
ROOM PARENTS NEEDED FOR 2013-2014

It's not too early to sign up to be a Room Parent at Happy Hollow for the Fall. Being a Room Parent is a rewarding way to be part of your child's classroom! No prior experience is necessary. If you are interested in being a Room Parent for the 2013-2014 school year, please submit the following information to the Room Parent Coordinator, Elena Taxiarchis, at etaxiarchis@pbl.com:

*Your Name, Email & Phone Number

*Your Child's Name, Grade & Teacher

Room Parents will be notified in early September of their assignment. If you sign up, please plan on attending the **Room Parent Kick-off Meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 8:45 am in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria.**



TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT – Volunteers Needed!

Breakfast on Monday, September 9th at 8:00 am

Help us welcome back our hard working teachers and staff! Volunteer a food item, paper goods, or drinks. We are using VolunteerSpot to sign up volunteers – here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/2LsW84>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. However, if you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Jill Zukerman at thezukermans@gmail.com directly to sign up.

PTO News & Events

1st GRADE MEET & GREET SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 20, 4:00-5:30 (raindate Wednesday, August 21, same time/location)

At the home of Cathy Caulfield; 4 Cole Road, Wayland

Have an incoming first grader? Please join us for popsicles, refreshments and fun! Meet fellow first grade parents and children prior to the start of the school year. This is not a drop-off event. No RSVP necessary, and siblings are welcome. For questions, please contact Cathy Caulfield ccaufield16@gmail.com.

NEW FAMILIES SCAVENGER HUNT

Thursday, August 29th, 1:00 – 2:00 pm at Happy Hollow School

All first graders, as well as families new to town, are invited to a fun Scavenger Hunt on Thursday, Aug. 29th, at Happy Hollow. Parents and siblings are welcome to join their children as they follow clues to discover all that Happy Hollow has to offer. Stay afterward for popsicles and a playdate on the playground (or in the cafeteria if it's rainy) with fellow first graders and new families. Please direct any questions to Cathy Caulfield at ccaufield16@gmail.com.



WELCOME-BACK COFFEE

Tuesday, September 3rd at Morning Drop-Off (8:45 am)

Please join us to greet your old friends and make some new ones on Tuesday, September 3rd, at our annual back-to-school coffee with Mr. Lee. It will be held at the front of the school (or in the cafeteria, in case of rain).



WAYLAND YOUTH SPIRIT APPAREL RETURNS!!

Fall 2013

The PTO has heard your requests and is happy to bring back Wayland Spirit Apparel in youth sizes – available for order this fall. Keep an eye out in September for more details!

PTO BOARD MEETING – All are welcome!

Monday, September 9th at 9:30 am in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria

The Happy Hollow/Loker Board meets monthly, usually on the 1st Friday of the month at 9:00 am in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria. However for the month of September we will be meeting on Monday the 9th at 9:30 am (in the Happy Hollow cafeteria). 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!



CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Grades 3-5: Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 pm

Grades 1-2: Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm

Don't miss this chance to meet your child's teacher, see the classroom, and learn about all the great learning opportunities in store for your child this school year! This is a parents-only event, so book your babysitters today!



SMILE!!! School Picture Day is Thursday, September 19th

A great memory for your family that gives back to the school as well.

Photo envelopes and package information will be sent home in your child's backpack in early September. Please fill it out and return it in the backpack to your teacher *even if you do not wish to purchase any photos*. EVERY CHILD WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED whether you purchase them or not.

We will have a Re-Take Day for any absent students or photos you're unhappy with. Re-takes and the opportunity to have your Happy Hollow Siblings Photo taken will happen in November. For more information please contact Carla Stafford 508-358-2397 or cgstafford@staffordboys.com. Scholarships are available – please see Mr. Lee or your child's teacher.

Coming in October - Our Annual Meet Your School District Leaders Meeting

This year we will be meeting jointly with the other elementary schools in the Loker School cafeteria. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about how our children's education at Happy Hollow fits into the larger district-wide goals set out by Dr. Stein, as well as to hear from the district's elementary school curriculum leadership. Stay tuned for more details!



THE WORLD'S FAIR RETURNS!

Saturday, March 29 1:00-4:00 at Loker School

We are thrilled to announce the return of the elementary schools' PTO's World's Fair this year as part of Wayland's 375th Anniversary Celebration. We look forward to celebrating Wayland's diversity as families share their cultures, traditions, travels and knowledge with us.

Please start thinking now about your family's traditions, where you may have traveled this summer, what you've learned and encourage your children to think about any differences you have encountered: different foods, interesting objects, art and/or fun activities. How do people have fun in different places? What kind of games do they play? The World's Fair will be a great place to share these experiences and observations with the community!

In the fall we will see which twelve cultures will be highlighted and presented at the Wayland World's Fair in March. We will encourage you and your children to participate in the fair, helping to identify different foods for tasting and facts for sharing. We can't wait to find out what you know and have learned, who you have met, what you have seen and where you have been!

Get ready for the 2014 Wayland Elementary Schools' World's Fair! It's coming!

Welcome 2013-2014 Board

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