



THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER
June 9, 2017

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.” ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

June 9, 2017
Dear Friends,

Despite the cool, gray haze that has shaped our May, we are most certainly moving toward the long and lazy days of summer. The air will carry a fresh and warm morning dew. Beaches, ponds, mountains, lakes and even backyards will become the settings that beckon our minds to record the special moments that will live in our memories like movies that can be savored over and over. Summer vacation happens wherever we are, whether we travel or stay, whether we sit, run or swim. There will be time to linger, time to read, time to eat ice cream and to catch up on what it is we left behind an August ago. For students, it is a time in life like no other ~ filled with magic and the sweet taste of freedom. For the grown-ups the school calendar seems to mirror a flavor of our youth and there are fewer around our work places and some of the urgency is forced to recede...

Despite what lay ahead ~ all shiny and bright, it is a bittersweet time as well. When graduation marks time like dominos, each one of our young move along to what is next. There is a feeling of finish with a time stamp that becomes the real report card for whether a year is remembered fondly or not. Most can recall their teachers from these formative years and vivid memories of special days in a moment’s notice. The reason for this is because for 180 days, we come to a classroom or small grade level team, and meet with the same people. We learn together, laugh together, go through fun times and challenges together, and share a part of the history that makes our lives, that defines our spirits and builds who we are and who we will be in the days and years to come. No matter if you are a student, a family member, a staff member or a volunteer in the school, you are a part of what happens over the course of those 180 days. After that, the summer follows and it is all new. The past year, past classroom(s) and classes have all disappeared. The teacher is there, but there are new faces and the fall from the prior year lives only in the memories of those who experienced it.

At 1:50pm on the 21st after the all-emotional clap-out walk, we will leave the school grounds ~ and everything will be different ~ the reverie of a school year, most especially during the elementary school years. Some parts of the year will be remembered vividly, and others might be a blur, but it will be a dream we will never, and can never forget. It will be like a dream because all that was real on the night of June 20th and throughout the 21st ~ right up to the moment when buses will be boarded, walkers and those in the pick-up line will leave the school driveway ~ right up to the moment we part ways ~ will no longer exist! It will only live in our hearts and minds. A year of school becomes a fleeting phenomenon that builds each of us involved in a new way.



Each year, perhaps a bit more deeply ~ I stand in awe of this wonder just as I did when I was a young student and throughout my career as an educator. Words cannot ever adequately capture the emotion, but the sum of my emotion is that I am so very proud of the many successes and amazing things that happened each day your children walked through the arched mosaic that is the gate to our “Community of Learning ~ Friendship, Respect and Scholars.” ~ I never tire of reading those engraved words because they are the core of what we do and who we are at the Happy Hollow School.

I have observed first-hand ~ spectacular learning and teaching that crosses curricular areas, the social



emotional and personal areas of development that become a year in the life of a child ~ your child ~ your children. I remember the smiles, the cute stories ~ a first lost tooth ~ and all of the excitement of young people discovering the world one lesson, one day, one year at a time. ~ Sharing in the life of a young learner is one of the greatest and most powerful of all human gifts and it is given to the constituents of a school each year. So if you are a student, a parent, a staff member or a friend of our school, you just traveled that journey through a time that will be like no other.

I remember the faces as they pass my misty eyes during the clap-out walk and wonder what their futures will bring. I wonder how many I may never see again and how many I may meet when they are grown and return to touch base. I am filled with unbelievable joy ~ and at the same time, the kind of sadness that goes hand-in-hand with each milestone in a human life. We are forever changed as we reach these defining moments and yet as we move on, we leave behind that segment of our development.

Each year that I have had the honor to serve as your principal, I use my final newsletter to capture all that I just described, and to let you know how much I treasure the opportunity to serve in my capacity. It continues to be a treasured privilege to be a part of these formative years ~ in each and every Happy Hollow student's life. This is the tenth time I've written this final letter and in some ways, it represents the state of our union ~ and I can tell you ~ the Happy Hollow School community continues to flourish! ~ We continue to grow and to change as we reflect the old and new that merge with each new set of students and families that become a part of our Happy Hollow family. And in that way, we thrive because of all of you! To that end, I must spend some time to thank you all for every effort, every way you have supported your child, children and our school as a whole. I will attempt to recognize you all ~

- Thank you to the PTO and all who work on so many committees to bring us support for all we endeavor. Whether it is our new playground, cultural enrichment, wish list items, our beautiful garden, an outstanding student talent show, a family movie night, or all of the many items and endeavors that keep the creativity flowing and classroom teachers enriched with materials and opportunities to grow. Each of your efforts remain the foundation that makes a school community prosperous in every sense of that word ~ from programs to financial support.
- A special thanks to Jen Pearlman who has served us so well as our PTO President. Her remarkable enthusiasm, vision, keen intellect and ability to build a positive school community has been remarkable in every sense of that word. Her leadership has most certainly put us on a path of good stead and we are all so very grateful.
- Many thanks to the Wayland Schools Foundation for their generous grants that touch all aspects of learning across the grades. What they have given to our school and all of the Wayland Schools is truly invaluable. They are forward-thinking and spirit all that is cutting-edge ~ adding one more path to excellence for the entire Wayland community.
- Special thanks to the School Council for continued support in providing us with the structures and programs that help us to understand our strengths and areas in which we will continue to improve ~ most importantly for their continued work over the past two years around our social and emotional curriculum, including much work around developing a "mindful" approach toward building student success ~ academic and emotional well-being.
- Thank you to all of our many volunteers ~ for their compassionate contributions in the form of time and countless hours of direct service with staff and students ~ most especially to our Just Like Me teams!
- Thanks to our many student interns from nearby colleges who share their talent and recent educational experiences as they work to become certified educators.
- "Thank you!" to our outstanding Central Office staff beginning with our supportive superintendent, Dr. Paul Stein and each of the individuals working with him. They are the behind-the-scenes supports that keep the district running smoothly.
- A special thank you to Dr. Stein for the many ways he has supported our Happy Hollow Community over his tenure in Wayland. His ability to lead us in a collaborative vision shows a rare combination of intellect, compassion, creativity and a steadfast dedication to all that is good in education. We cannot thank him adequately but we can assure him, as he leaves us, that we are in solid standing as we move forward and for that we are forever grateful.
- To our hardworking School Committee ~ "Thank you!" from the Happy Hollow faculty and me for hours of volunteer time to guide and oversee our school community.
- A huge "Thank you!" to Mabel Reid-Wallace, Latisha Dukes-Pearson and the whole METCO program and related committees for the many ways they enrich all of our lives by making us an outstanding METCO school district.
- A special thank you to Latisha Dukes-Pearson as she also moves onto new endeavors. She has been a METCO Coordinator extraordinaire! Leading in ways that build the bridges between communities so that METCO programs can happen, be strong and make districts better places. We will miss her talented leadership ~ comprised of amazing intelligence and skillful expertise.

- To the parent and guardian group ~ it is your partnership that becomes the link that binds it altogether. You are the life coaches that navigate your young through the many tricky situations that are all a part of any school year. You offer praise and encouragement. You contact us when you need our assistance and you offer your assistance when we contact you. You help us teach your children well each time you sit with them to discuss homework, a project, a field trip, a special time, a fun or frustrating friendship. You volunteer in our school. You attend field trips, performances, assemblies and all that lets your children know that their efforts ~ effective efforts ~ are the key to the perseverance and stamina that builds success.
- I could never adequately thank our Happy Hollow staff for all they do. When I say I stand in awe of their expertise, skillful practices and collegial kindness it is because the work they do each day is a happening unto itself. Their efforts begin with a quest for ongoing professional development that keeps them cutting-edge in their professional practices. They continue to create curriculum, plan and give quality feedback to our students. This takes many hours that fall well beyond the school day ~ over weekends and school vacations. They put countless resources into the formation of the class cultures they build so well each year ~ professional, personal and in every way humanly possible. They are collectively and individually talented and creative and add to the tried and true ways of teaching to all students while constantly looking to ready them for the new world that always lay ahead. They are a collaborative team and because of this energy, the result is always exciting and new ways to teach and to learn. I am privileged to know and work with them each day ~ and many over many years!

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

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

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



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

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

To the Fifth Graders: Congratulations! Each class takes on a special personality as it travels through the grades. In your yearbook, I defined your class as my "*Courageous Collaborators*". As I do every year, I gave you a quote to remember who you have been as a class going through the Happy Hollow School. Yours was from the famous Walt Disney. "*All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.*" ~ Walt Disney ~ You have always shown a rare and wonderful courage, and that is how I will remember you. You dream dreams and have the courage and commitment to bring them alive! Keep dreaming in courageous ways! I wish you happiness and success, which comes from embracing life in that manner. Continue to work hard. Treat each other well and visit us often. As Happy Hollowians you will always be welcome here!

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

I hope the summer is good to you all. I will look forward to hearing about how you spend your time when we meet up again in August ~ when all is new again! Summer brings the time for a lot of growing in so many ways ~ find each opportunity and grow as much as you can! I will miss you while you are away and cannot wait to see what next year will bring ~ a time that will most certainly redefine who you are and touch the future of who you have yet to become.

Much peace,



Jim Lee, Principal



This and That from the Principal's Office:

Dismissal time on the last day of school, Wednesday, June 21st is following a typical **Wednesday schedule**. We will **dismiss at 1:50 p.m.** Lunch will be served as it always is, but dismissal will be at the usual Wednesday time. Please take note as waiting in the office on the final day of school for a late pick-up is a sad last image for a great school year.

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

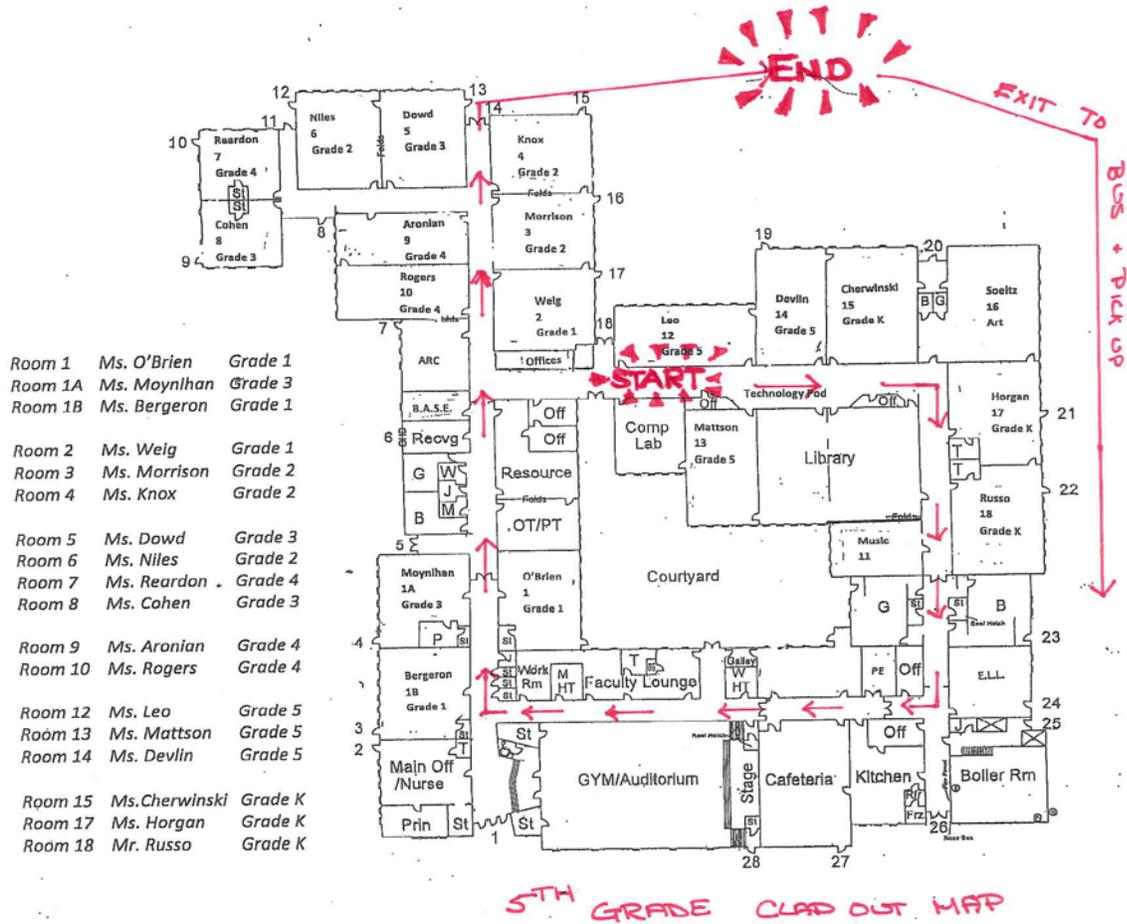
Move-Along Day: Tuesday, June 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Clap Out:

“Clap-Out” will begin at 1:40 p.m. on June 21st, and follow the route of the map below. Grades 1-4 will line the main school hallway and “Clap Out” the fifth graders at 1:50 p.m. We will exit to the back of the building and are asking you to form a corridor that extends to the side of the school by the fourth grade wing. No one should exit the back playground via the route by the modular classrooms to the parking lot. We are asking that all go up the side path by the fourth grade wing and out to the front of the building. This is to keep everyone safe.



Highlights for the last few weeks of June:

- June 9 Townwide PTO Meeting at Town Building
- June 9 5th Grade Pool Party
- June 9 PTO farewell Dr. Stein HS Media Center
- June 12 Cultural Enrichment
- June 12-14 Book Fair
- June 12 End-of-year picnic
- June 12 District farewell Dr. Stein
- June 12 Fifth Grade visits Middle School right after School Assembly
- June 13 Recorder Concert/Third Grade Open House
- June 13 Picnic -Raindate
- June 16 Fifth Grade Global Changemakers Project Presentation
- June 19 Final Assembly 9:00am
- June 20 Move Along Day 9:30am – 10:00am

CURRICULUM CORNER

FROM THE LIBRARY



LIBRARY BOOKS

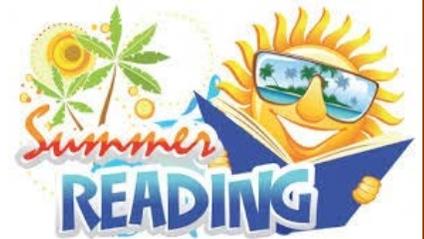


DUE BY JUNE 9TH!

ALL LIBRARY MATERIALS ARE DUE BY JUNE 9th!

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

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



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

Enjoy your summer, and happy reading!

Colleen Flannery
School Librarian

FROM INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

To register for 3rd, 4th or 5th grade STRINGS for 2017-18, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

To register for 4th or 5th grade BAND for 2017-18, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

Questions?

3rd grade strings: Kimberley_Davis@wayland.k12.ma.us

4th & 5th grade strings: Whitney_Tandon@wayland.k12.ma.us

4th & 5th grade band: Tristie_Keenan@wayland.k12.ma.us

HEALTHY HOLLER

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM:

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

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



ALL medications (prescription and/or over the counter) need to be picked up the last day of school (June 21, 2017), by a parent or designated adult.

Reminders for September:

New medication orders (prescription and/or over the counter) are required for each academic school year, and will be necessary for the start of school, September 2017. These orders need to be signed by BOTH a parent and licensed prescriber. Forms will be sent home with (Epi-Pen/Albuterol in the office) or can be downloaded from the Happy Hollow School web page (<http://whh.wayland.k12.ma.us>) under "For Families/Health Services/Health Info & Forms". Orders can be faxed to the school at 508-358-8642 attention: Jeanne MacDonald RN in September.

4th grade parent(s):

Please submit your child's most up-to-date physical to the school nurse (2017). An updated physical is required on all students entering 4th grade in September.

Additional summer information:

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

Please contact me by email if there are any concerns about your child entering school in August 2017.

Have a great summer! Stay healthy and active! I will see you at the end of August 2017 and I do hope to be in my new health room for next year!

Jeanne MacDonald RN

Jeanne_macdonald@wayland.k12.ma.us

508-358-8648

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

As we approach the end of the year, I want to acknowledge all the parents that volunteered for the PTO. In addition to the positions listed below, many stepped up to work the book fair, serve snacks at movie night, water the garden, volunteer for Just Like Me, organize the games at field day, donate food and supplies for staff appreciation events and so much more! Every contribution made a difference in your child's school experience this year. And in case they forgot to say it, thank you.

Jennifer Pearlman
HH PTO President

POSITION

Vice President	Kelley Bradford
Secretary	Julie Suratt
Treasurer	Melissa Lange
Ways/Means - Backpack Auction	Melissa Hartford & Danielle Agyeman
Ways/Means - Gift Your Child	Tarrah Zedower
Social Chair	Cathy Caulfield
Directory Sales	Colleen Morneweck
Exterior Bulletin Board	Melissa Hartford
Staff Photo Bulletin Board	Marchella Lee
PTO Website	Erin Mueller
Book Closet Organizer	Caryn Berkowitz
Faculty/Staff Appreciation	Jill Zukerman
Library Volunteer Coordinator	Debbie Bell
Lost & Found	Gayle Gledhill & Danielle Agyeman
Garden Team	Debbie Bell & Kelley Bradford
Just Like Me - 3rd & 4th Grade	Lauren Alongi & Julie Suratt
New Student Bulletin Board	Thia Philbin
School Pictures	Carla Stafford
Cultural Enrichment	Vicky Sin
Holiday Toy Drive	Jenny Harding & Beth Rothschild
Book Fair	Brooke Stein
Halloween Movie Night	Melissa Hartford
Talent Show Lead	Pam Bonaguide, Vicky Sin, Christine Walsh, Nan Li, Kelley Bradford & Bakul Wadgaonkar
Bingo	Julie Suratt

5TH GRADE EVENTS

Fifth Grade Events Chair	Pam Bonaguide
Roller Kingdom	Lynn Kennedy & Lori Caddoo
5th Grade Bash	Gayle Gledhill
Tee Shirts	Ilana Wyner & Amy Conner
5th Grade Play	Debbie Bell, Melissa Mee & Vicky Sin
Pool Party	Jennifer Altreuter
Memory Book	Melissa Mee & Sara Sun
Slide Show	Anna Brooks, Vicky Sin & Molly Foresman
Beach Party	Amy Sullivan Wong
Class Gift	Julie Suratt & Sally Lehr
5th Grade Photo	Melissa Mee

ROOM PARENTS

Susan Cherwinski	Abby Brogan	Meg Flatley	Meaghan Smith
Lorraine Horgan	Daniela Vinci	Colleen Morneweck	
Deborah Russo	Debbie Collett	Shayna Worby	
Deirdre Bergeron	Melissa Lange	Melissa Hartford	
Laura O'Brien	Jessica Polizzotti	Alyssa Regan	
Lise Weig	Erin Mueller	Lisa Bagley	
Miriam Morrison	Erin Mueller	Jane Horne	Amanda Miles
Gretchen Knox	Debbie Collett	Kristen Babineau	
Deborah Niles	Linda Munton	Caryn Berkowitz	
May Moynihan	Laura Jacques	Danielle Meade	
Allison Cohen	Carolyn Bargoot	Meg Flatley	
Deborah Dowd	Elizabeth Markey	Tave McGrath	
Trang Aronian	Alyssa Regan	Randi Rose	
Fiona Reardon	Bakul Wadgaonkar	Kelley Bradford	
Kori Rogers	Andrea O'Brien	Cathy Davies	
Alyssa Leo	Lori Caddoo		
Maureen Devlin	Marchella Lee		
Jaclyn Mattson	Vicky Sin	Diana Lien	

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Debbie Bell
Irene Rideout
Diane Montville
Colleen Morneweck
Julia Belibasakis
Judy Ma
Lori Newman
Meg Flatley
Kelley Bradford
Judy Nicholson
Andrea O'Brien
Florencia Ingwersen
Melissa Spelman

Beth Rothschild
Liane Hicks
Tarah Zedower
Polina Bouriev
Debbie Collett
Stephanie Leong
Susanne Corbett
Amy Kwanahantas
Erin Gibbons
Amy Conner
Dee Wilson

PTO News & Events

DO YOU KNOW ANY INCOMING KINDERGARTEN PARENTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Tell them to join us on Facebook NOW!

[Happy Hollow PTO on FB](#)