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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER
August 21, 2015

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

~ Harriet Tubman

August, 2015

Dear Happy Hollow Families:

Welcome everyone! The excitement of a wonderful new year is clearly in the air. The school is in the process of being cleaned and readied, staff have met throughout the summer to work on curriculum and complete summer studies together. The PTO has been planning ways to make our opening fun and easy. Bus routes are nearing finish and that means we are almost ready... but not quite. You still have many more days to relax and enjoy summer while reading this newsletter to help make your transition from summer to the school year happy and as easy as possible.

To all the families who are joining us for the first time ~ our new kindergarten friends, and new students, we wish you a special and warm welcome. In no time you will feel at home and a part of the Happy Hollow Community. I say that with confidence because I am in my ninth year as principal of the school and I have seen it happen every year. I know the reason too. ~ At the Happy Hollow School, we work to take care of each other and we strive to bring kindness alive in all we do! In fact, our motto is “Kindness matters.” If you are returning to our wonderful school you know why we chose it and how we make it come alive. As a community, we know that if every member is constantly working to be kind, then all things fall into place. It’s true. Think about it. If you are trying to be kind ~ 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, owned and made right, 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.

To that end, we use K.I.N.D. as an acronym for remembering our core values made simple. It works like this:

K~ Kind
I ~ Invested in learning
N ~ Need to include
D ~ Do our best

We make kindness matter.

We are invested in learning and getting smarter.

We need to include if everyone is welcome.

We do our best because effort brings success.

Our motto/model in action is one behind which we can stand proudly ~ 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 seeing life solely through the eyes of dreamers and wishful thinkers. Our kindness is strong in learning, strong in virtue and it is, most importantly, strong in achievement. ~ Powerful like all of our students and families!

When we say, "Kindness matters.", we are not saying it as a title. It is a full sentence and its power has the implications to solve most of what falls short in any society. In this way, I know we will have a fantastic year together.

Now to get everyone ready for the start of school, the following is, hopefully, a helpful message, followed by some things you should know about our school.

A Message to Consider:

Drs. Laurie and Fred Zelinger are a husband and wife team of licensed psychologists with more than 70 years of combined experience working in schools. I included them in this letter last year and I feel their message about reentry or entry to a new school is timeless and invaluable for the start of a productive new year. Thus, I am including it again this year and hope it helps.

Dr. Laurie Zelinger is the author of [Please Explain Anxiety to Me!](#), which is designed to help children learn to manage their worries and fears. Together, the Zelingers told us how to best handle moments when the back-to-school-anxiety monster rears its ugly head for parents and children alike.

The Zelingers' Top 5 Tips for Dealing with Back-to-School Anxiety:

1. Learn as much as you can about the new school. "The more information you get about what you're going to be experiencing, the better," Dr. Laurie Zelinger says. "Having information ahead of time tends to help you figure out what the sources of anxiety are." Find out as much about your child's new school as possible, such as what your child's typical class day looks like, or what the classroom rules or expectations are. Many elementary schools distribute parent handbooks before school with this information. If you're well-informed, you will be less anxious and more able to ease your child's worries.
2. Plan your morning in advance. "What's more stressful for the child than having a parent running around the house in the morning, screaming, 'You're gonna miss your bus!!!' Dr. Fred Zelinger notes, figure out logistics at least 2 weeks in advance, earlier if possible. "When and where is drop-off? How does pick-up work? What does the child need to bring with them every day? How much time does my child need to get ready? Knowing the answers to these simple questions ahead of time can reduce anxiety significantly in both parents and children," Dr. Laurie Zelinger adds.
3. Familiarize yourselves with the school. "Try to give your child as much exposure to school as you can in a non-threatening, playful way," says Dr. Laurie Zelinger. The Zelingers recommend spending as much time on the school grounds as possible in the summer. Something as simple as taking a walk around the buildings or eating a snack at the school playground can help familiarize the space to children.
4. Play school at home. According to the Zelingers, a role play game of school is a great way to introduce the concept. Use a whiteboard and have your child play teacher, and you play the student. Come up with ideas for your "school rules" together as a way of introducing this potentially new world to your child.
5. Watch for signs. "There are three things parents should pay attention to: the frequency, intensity, and duration of any symptoms of anxiety," Dr. Fred Zelinger says. It's normal to be nervous, but when the nervousness interferes with the child's daily sleeping and eating patterns, it might be a sign of something more serious. If your child exhibits significant symptoms of distress for two consecutive days, and if you know this is not

typical behavior for your child, it's time to seek assistance. A call to a pediatrician, doing some research, or contacting a child specialist, will help determine the right type of intervention.

Read the full interview with Drs. Laurie and Fred Zelinger below for more detailed tips on dealing with back-to-school anxiety. You can also find more resources on [Dr. Laurie Zelinger's Website](#).

So, my friends, 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!

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 2015-16 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 every moment of the rest of your summertime, and feel free to contact the school with questions and/or concerns.

All best always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Lee".

Principal's 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.

1. Bring a positive attitude.
2. Bring an endless capacity to be willing to challenge your many capabilities.
3. Bring a strong sense of fun lightly wrapped so as not to crush it in any way.
4. Bring boxes of a readiness to develop your many talents.
5. Bring an ongoing supply of imagination and lots.
6. Bring respect and kindness for others.
7. Bring a smile that you can pull out of your pocket at a moment's notice.

Note: You may 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.

Schedule for the opening Days:

Kindergarten Screening: You should have received your appointment, but for Wednesday, September 2nd and Thursday, September 3rd, our kindergarten friends will come to school only for kindergarten screening ~ a special time to meet the classroom teacher and to help us to get to know all of the students a bit better. This is not an assessment for placement, or one that in any way marks your child. It is simply a chance for our staff to meet you and to better understand where to begin with whom as the school year commences. All kindergarten students will begin classes on Tuesday, September 8th.

Tuesday, September 1st a time for all kindergarten families and those new to our school to meet, greet and go on a scavenger hunt to better know the school..

*1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. ~ Outside PTO
the back fun!

~New Family, Kindergarten, will participate in
a scavenger hunt, classroom visits and PTO activities follow outside on
playground.

Wednesday, September 2nd

~ First Day of Classes for Grades 1-5

Friday, September 4th

~ No School ~ Labor Day Weekend Begins

Monday, September 7th

~ No School ~ Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th

~ Classes Resume

District and school initiatives include:

Staffing Additions and Building Updates:

***Anita Martin will officially join our team as the new skills-lab TA (Technology Lab Assistant).** Anita is already known to our students and staff. She has been serving the district as a substitute teacher ~ excelling in many roles across the building and at the Middle School. Dr. Martin has her Ph.D. in Chemistry and related sciences. She has worked extensively in the private sector and now wishes to spend time teaching children. “I believe in developing the relationship first. This involves the child and from there, they want to succeed. We have to hook the child and take the panic away!” We are indeed fortunate that she chose to join our Happy Hollow family! Welcome, Anita!

***Liana Parsons our ELL TA extraordinaire** has accepted a full-time teaching position as an ESL instructor that is closer to her home. We wish her well and much success and we are forever grateful for her superb work with our ELLs at HH. Few reach her level of expertise, commitment and talent. Best to you, Liana.

Although announced in the spring prior to the closing of school for the summer, we couldn't be happier that the following are either coming home to Happy Hollow or moving to another role on our staff.

Lorrain Horgan comes home to HH as the .65 Traditional Day Kindergarten Teacher.

Niki Duffy will be working as a Kindergarten TA with Lorraine Horgan coming from CPH.

Madi Keyes will join the building substitute team.

Monique Solman will move to being a full-time SPED TA, working with Allison Cohen.

*****As our Happy Hollow faculty/family continues to grow and change, the excellence defines us!

****Around the halls of Happy Hollow:***

- Rooms 12, 13, 14, 15 and the computer lab will have tile floors when the school reopens.
- The tile under the reading office space has been correctly reinstalled to fit with the design of the rest of the school.
- There will be new computers in the computer lab and those from the computer lab will be installed in the open classroom lab ~ all will be working well!
- The music room is now in Room 11. Sound softening materials have been installed and the accordion wall that once separated the library classroom area has been removed! There is so much more space!
- The former music room will now be an ELL space and as well as a music space. When it is not being used, it will be available just as Room 19 is.
- Room 19 will remain a kindergarten cafeteria and learning/meeting space.
- Anyone who ordered new furniture ~ it will not arrive until mid-year... I am so very sorry...
- As always, our custodians have looked to freshen up the many of the walls with clean and newly painted surfaces, and even our old rugs have been steamed to look clean and ready to go! The halls look brand new!

Toward that end, there are many unsung heroes who worked so hard over the summer ~ It is time to sing their praises:

Thank you to the Exceptional Summer Staff:

Willie Hernandez, Guy Nicholas and Jeremiah Darlington put in many hours to prepare our school and everything looks great. For much of the time, Willie and Guy were working here alone. There simply are no words to adequately thank them for all they consistently do for all of us around the Happy Hollow School. Many, many thanks! **Pat Morris** also worked to keep projects on schedule and to advocate for our school. Many thanks, Pat!

Gwenne Foreman has completed her fourth year as our lead administrative assistant for the summer season. This year, she not only cared for every detail of the summer work in a manner that is consistent with the excellence for which she has come to be known, she also reconfigured the nurse's office! There is actually more space, thanks to her keen and creative eye!...~ Again, no words adequately express the thanks we owe to Gwenne! It is a gift to work with her and she is gifted at what she does!

Leslie Corner ~ Throughout the year, we could not ask for a more talented, highly qualified, extraordinary lead assistant! She continues to bring an unprecedented ability to care for all students, staff and community members in a way that makes them feel part of a family. Her amazing work with Gwenne over the summer makes us ready to begin again. Thank you, Leslie!

Beth Crozier and Deede Bergeron ~ have once again proven that "It can be done!" ~ The impossible, of course! They start with a puzzle that has many missing pieces and build it, squeeze the time, reshape most of the pieces and in the end it fits together like a five-thousand piece table top puzzle... Now if only their pay matched the number of those pieces!!! ~ No thanks can express the gratitude we all feel toward you both!

Craig Foreman and Betsy Meindl took on the summer ordering job, Betsy spending hours entering orders into the Munis system, creating the P.O.s that make it all happen ~ and Craig sending them out and organizing the materials for delivery to your classrooms as they poured in en masse. We are eternally grateful for a job completed with such care and consideration!

Added information you'll want to know:

Important Information for the first day of school and for knowing the weekly time schedule:

Our school doors will open Wednesday, September 2nd at 8:30 a.m. This will be a normal Wednesday schedule for all children in grades 1 – 5. Kindergarten screening will be held by appointment on September 2nd and 3rd and our kindergarten students will begin their first day of school at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8th!

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)



Sign up for Listserv and opt-out:

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 are unable to do so for any reason, please contact our office so we know to contact you and get information to you via an alternate route. Thank you.

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

Listserv:

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

Opt out:

https://docs.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/forms/d/1bVPZdNCe7a-inCvMZ8QvYjKeoV2541TEOeWbH_I2lqw/viewform



We will have two Curriculum Nights once again:

These are meetings where classroom teachers share the curriculum and classroom procedures and expectations for the school year. You don't want to miss them!

Grades 3 & 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9th

Grade 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 15th

Grades K, 1 & 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16th

Curriculum nights are an adult event and we respectfully ask that you not bring any children

School Meeting Assemblies:

Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. every Monday morning! That's right. We meet every week unless there is a special or a holiday weekend. Everyone is always welcome! Join us when you can or when your child and/or his/her class is presenting something extra special!

Changes in Food Service Policy

Students will no longer be allowed to go back into the kitchen after making their lunch purchase. They should choose everything they want when they go through the line. I appreciate your help in reminding your children of this change in policy and guiding them to plan their meal choices.



DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR HH SCHOOL:

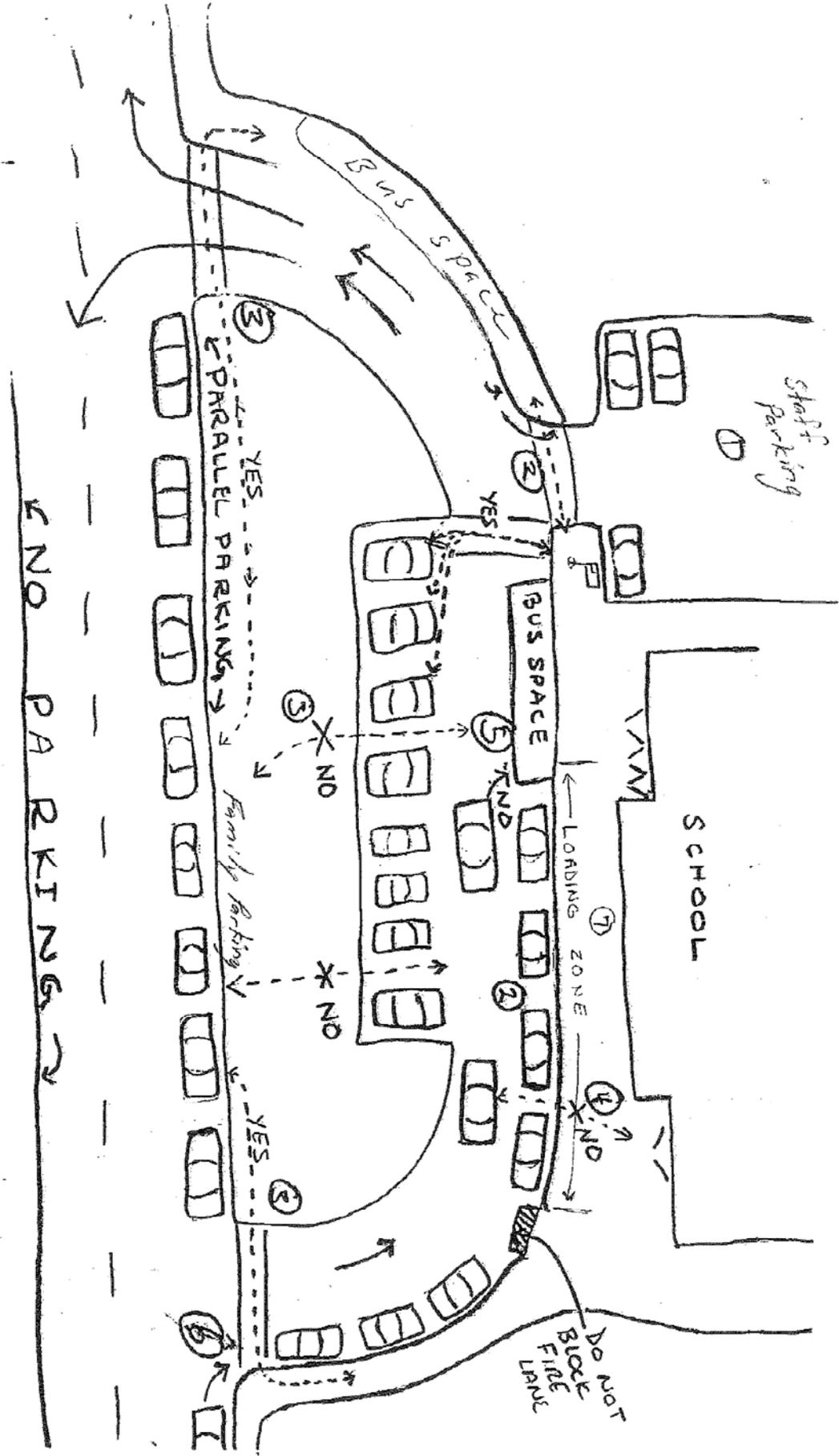
1. There are two lanes of traffic in front of our school. The one closest to the building is the drop off line. The other is a live lane where traffic will pull out from the drop off line to exit or they may be driving through to park in the parking lot. (The parking spaces in front of the building are 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 approximately 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 in the side parking lot 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.



September at Happy Hollow:

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| Tuesday, September 1 | Scavenger Hunt | 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Happy Hollow |
| Wednesday, September 2 | First Day of Classes grade 1-5 | All day Happy Hollow |
| Wednesday, September 2 | Kindergarten Screening by appointment | By appointment Happy Hollow |
| Thursday, September 3 | Kindergarten Screening by appointment | By appointment Happy Hollow |
| Friday, September 4 Monday, September 7 | No School Labor Day weekend | |
| Tuesday September 8 | PTO Welcome Back Coffee | 8:30 a.m. in front of the school Rain location: Happy Hollow café |
| Wednesday, September 9 | Curriculum Night Grades 3&4 adults only please | 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Happy Hollow |
| Monday, September 14 | No School Rosh Hashanah | |
| Tuesday, September 15 | Curriculum Night Grade 5 | 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Happy Hollow |
| Wednesday, September 16 | Curriculum Night Grades K-2 Adults only please | 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Happy Hollow |
| Wednesday, September 23 | No School Yom Kippur | |

PTO News and Events

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Location: Scavenger Hunts starts at the front entrance of the Happy Hollow School

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Contact Jennifer Pearlman with questions: HappyHollowPTO@gmail.com

Letter from the PTO President

Dear Happy Hollow Parent,

Summer isn't over but your PTO is busy making plans for the upcoming school year. We'll kick off the year with an event to welcome our kindergarteners to Happy Hollow, as well as older students that are new to the school and Wayland. (Details are below.)

The **Happy Hollow Parent Teacher Association (PTO)** is made up of all parents/guardians and teachers of Happy Hollow students. As a parent of a Happy Hollow child, you are a member of our PTO community. Our goals are to:

- promote communication within the school community, and
- provide financial and volunteer support for activities and/or materials which directly contribute to the quality of education at Happy Hollow

All members of our school community are invited to attend the PTO's monthly board meetings. The meeting dates will be announced in the weekly e-blasts. Our kick-off meeting will be September 11th and you can find the details below.

How can you support your PTO?

- **Volunteer** - There are many roles with various levels of commitment. We can find one that suits your schedule and personality.
- **Attend** community events.
- **Donate** to Gift Your Child. This year, donations of \$25 and higher will receive a FREE all-school directory (a \$15 dollar value).

I look forward to meeting you in the coming school year, if we haven't already! Please contact me with any questions or if you would like to get involved.

Jennifer Pearlman
Happy Hollow PTO President
happyhollowpto@gmail.com
<http://waylandpto.org/happy-hollow-pto/>

PTO Volunteer Needs

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED FOR 2015-2016

It's not too early to sign up to be a room parent at Happy Hollow. It's a rewarding way to be part of your child's classroom. No prior experience is necessary. If you're interested in being a room parent for the upcoming school year, please submit the following information to the Room Parent Coordinator, [Jessica Polizzotti](#):

- *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 Friday, September 18th at 9:00 AM** at the **Happy Hollow School** (room location TBD). You can still be a room parent if you cannot attend this meeting.



TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT – Volunteers Needed! Breakfast on Tuesday, September 8th

Help us welcome the Happy Hollow staff back in style! Please pick an item or volunteer your time and come appreciate your child's educators.

We're using VolunteerSpot, the leading online sign-up and reminder tool.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/Xa41Az>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact [Jill Zukerman](#) directly.

HELP WANTED – THE PTO CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

1) 5th Grade Committee Chair: Attention Parents of Rising 5th Graders

GOOD NEWS! At a spring meeting, we had volunteers step up to organize EVERY 5th grade activity for the upcoming year! However, we still need one person to act as the **5th Grade Committee Chair** to pull it all together. **Your team is waiting for you!** To volunteer, contact [Jennifer Pearlman](#).

2) 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.

3) Book Closet

Were you born with the gene for organizing? We need a parent to help keep the book closet in order. The best part of this volunteer position is that you can do it when your schedule allows. To volunteer, please contact [Jennifer Pearlman](#).

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WELCOME BACK COFFEE on the first full day for kindergarteners – Everyone welcome

Date: Tuesday, September 8th

Time: 8:30 AM, at morning drop-off by the kindergarten entrance

Please join us to greet your old friends and make some new ones at our annual back-to-school coffee. It will be held at the front of the school (or, in case of rain, in the Happy Hollow cafeteria).

SMILE FOR SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!

Date: Friday, September 11th

Provides a great memory for your family and 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 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

* Scholarships are available. Please see Mr. Lee or your child's teacher.

KICK-OFF PTO BOARD MEETING – All are welcome!

Friday, September 11th at 9:00 AM in the Happy Hollow cafeteria

The Happy Hollow Board meets monthly, usually on the 1st 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!

2015-2016 Happy Hollow Executive PTO Board

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

2015-2016 PTO Events: Happy Hollow Save the Date

Together We Can Make It Happen!

Dates subject to change

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you looking to get involved? We are in need of volunteers for many unique opportunities. Most of these volunteer opportunities require only a small time commitment, but have a huge impact on our schools and our children. Take a peek at the events calendar below and contact the committee head to learn more. Or, email the Happy Hollow PTO President, Jennifer Pearlman, at: happyhollowpto@gmail.com.

| EVENT | DATE/TIME | CONTACT |
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| Scavenger Hunt at Happy Hollow for all kindergarteners and children that are new to the school (parents participate). | September 1 st (Tues) at 1:00 PM Location: Main entrance of school | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Kindergarten/new student Meet and Greet for children & parents at Happy Hollow playground | Right after scavenger hunt | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Gift Your Child: Part 1 | August – November | Andrea O'Brien & Cathy Davies |
| Welcome Back Coffee for Parents | Sept. 8 th (Tues) at 8:30 AM Location: front of school | Cathy Caulfield |
| Teacher and Staff Appreciation Breakfast | Sept. 8 th (Tues) Location: Teacher's room | Jill Zukerman |
| Cultural Enrichment | Throughout the year | Vicki Sin & Seta Abrahamian |
| Just Like Me | Throughout the year | 3 rd and 4 th Grade: Julie Suratt & Lauren Alongi |
| 5 th Grade Activities | Events/Dates TBA | TBD – How about YOU? |
| Curriculum Night: Grades 3 & 4 | Sept. 9 th (Wed) at 7:00 PM | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Picture Day | Sept. 11 th (Fri) | Carla Stafford |
| First PTO Board Meeting | Sept. 11 th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: Happy Hollow cafeteria | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Curriculum Night: Grade 5 | September 15 at 7:00 PM | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Curriculum Night: Grades K-2 | Sept. 16 th (Wed) at 7:00 PM | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Room Parent Kick Off Meeting | Sept. 18 th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: TBD | Jessica Polizzotti |
| Town-wide PTO Meeting | Sept. 25 th (Fri) Location: Small conference room, School Dept. | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Book Fair | Oct. 22 rd & 23 rd (Thurs & Fri) | Sara Langan & Christine Walsh |

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| Happy Hollow Movie Night | Oct. 23 rd (Fri) at 6:30 PM, Doors open at 6:00 Location: Happy Hollow gym | Melissa Hartford |
| Toy Drive for Foster Children | November/December | Jenny Harding & Kylie Williams |
| Town-wide PTO Meeting | December 11 th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Holiday Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event | December 11 th (Fri) Location: Teacher's room | Jill Zukerman |
| Gift Your Child, Part 2: Backpack Auction | Early Winter | Andrea O'Brien & Cathy Davies |
| Town-wide PTO meeting | March 11 th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room | Jennifer Pearlman |
| All Elementary Bingo Night | Date: TBD | Julie Suratt |
| World's Fair | Every other year, returning in spring 2017 | Samantha Richter |
| Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast | Date: TBD Location: Claypit Hill School | |
| Happy Hollow Talent Show | Date: TBD Location: Happy Hollow Gym | Vicky Sin |
| Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event | June 2 nd (Thurs) Location: Teacher's room | Jill Zukerman |
| Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast | June 3 rd (Fri) Location: Happy Hollow Cafeteria | Jennifer Pearlman |
| Book Fair | June 6 th & 7 th (Mon and Tues) | Sara Langan & Christine Walsh |
| End of Year Picnic | June 6 th (Mon) at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Rain Date: June 7th (Tues) | Cathy Caulfield |
| Town-wide PTO meeting | June 10 th (Fri) at 9:00 AM Location: School Committee Room | Jennifer Pearlman |

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We appreciate your patience as we continue to update the website for 2015-2016.