



Husky News

Hildreth Elementary School

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News from the Nurse

The school year is rapidly coming to an end and with it the temperature is rising and so is the pollen count! If your child suffers from seasonal allergies please medicate them with non-drowsy medication before school. Remember to apply sunscreen on your children daily. They often come to me after a weekend of playing sports with bad sunburns. I know that we all forget at times, but if it is part of the daily routine, it is easier to remember!

Children come to me with itchy bug bites and poison ivy. Try to keep a bottle of bug repellent close by. As soon as you let your guard down, they take advantage! Try to keep your children away from poison ivy.

Show them what the plant looks like growing in the wild; tell them to keep away from it, and to inform you if it is growing near a play area. Should they get exposed, wash the area ASAP, and if any clothes were exposed, these should be changed and washed. The oils from the plant could have gotten on the clothing. If one of your children has poison ivy, it is not catchy! You have to touch the plant to get the rash.

We have had a few more cases of head lice here at school, but HES has not been the primary source. We continue to ask for your help by keeping the school informed of any issues you are having in the home, Do not, under any cir-

cumstances, share hats or helmets! Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

During summer break many children will have their yearly MD appointments. Children entering the 4th grade are required by law to have a new physical on file by the start of the school year. I realize that with insurance issues this is not possible for everyone. Those of you, who do get physicals over the summer, send in a copy, and those parents of 4th graders who have other issues, talk with me and let me know what's going on.

Enjoy the Sunshine!
Mrs. Veno

Dates to Remember

- Wed. May 26, 9:05 am: Grade 4 Concert
- Mon. May 31 –NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- Tues. June 8: K-2 Field Day (rain date 6/10)
- Tues. June 8, 9:05 am: Grade 5 Concert
- Wed. June 9: 3-5 Field Day (rain date 6/11)
- Mon. June 14th 3-7pm: Fun Fair @ HES
- Fri., June 18: Last Day of School!

Harvard PTO Website:

<http://www.harvardpto.org/>

Email your submissions for the Husky News to
heshuskynews@yahoo.com

School Website: www.psharvard.org

HES School Council Openings

Ever wondered how to get more involved with HES? Now you can. There are two openings for parent representatives on the HES School Council. School Council is comprised of teachers, parents, and community members and is co-chaired by the school principal and a parent representative. The council meets monthly and its purpose is to assist the principal in carrying out specific responsibilities. For more information, please see the HES School Council website at: www.psharvard.org/HES/element/schoolcouncil/main.html and the DOE website at: www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/advisory/schoolcouncils/default.html.

You must have a child who will be attending HES in 2010/2011 to become a member of School Council. The term is for 3 years unless all of your children leave HES before the 3 years is up. Meetings take place after school, from 3:45-5:30 in the HES Library and are generally held once a month. If you are interested in learning more or want to join, please contact one of the current parent representatives: Cindy Buhner (cbuhner@yahoo.com), Mary Day (trapday54@msn.com), Deb Barton (deb.barton@mac.com) or Kirsten Wright (frontporchartisans@mac.com) by Friday, May 25th. If there are more than two people interested, an election will be held.

Fun Fair Donations Needed

The Fun Fair is Monday June 14th from 3-7pm (no rain date) and as the biggest PTO fundraiser, we are hoping for a great turnout and looking to the community for donations.

Items needed include:

Assorted chips, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Orange soda, Root beer, lemonade, Juice, water, coolers and/or tubs to keep drinks cold (to be returned after the fair).



Please email Jennifer Massoni for donation details at: jenn.massoni@hotmail.com

Harvard Community Education

Thank you to all who have taken the time to complete the Community Education Survey. We are getting some great feedback on classes that you would like to see, what works and what doesn't work for Harvard families and individuals. The survey deadline is June 1st, so if you haven't filled out the survey please take a few minutes to share your ideas with us. The survey can be done online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/B38QXF6 or there are paper copies available at Town Hall, the Library, Bromfield, HES and the Bromfield House.

Space is still available for many of our summer programs, Harvard Hoops, Bridges Summer Adventure, Summer Fusion, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Jump Start Field Hockey, Ultimate (formerly Ultimate Frisbee). Our new "Gear Up for Kindergarten" program in April was a great success! We are planning another session in August, forms will be available shortly. Questions? Please contact our office at 978-456-4118 or email jcavanaugh@psharvard.org

Scrip Cards– Last order for graduation gifts and Father's Day

May 27 order due date

Orders ready for pick up or delivery by June 2

This is the last order of the school year and we'd like to make it a big one. Graduation gifts, Father's Day gifts, weddings, birthdays. Here are a few ideas:

Crate & Barrel and Pottery Barn - one gift card for either store

Game Stop - for father and son or daughter

Bed, Bath & Beyond - great for dorm room furnishings

Home Depot and Lowe's - for the dad that loves projects

Barnes & Noble, Amazon - for the graduate to buy more than just books

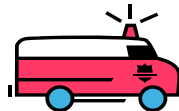
Best Buy - for all those electronic devices

NEW - Six Flags \$30 gift card - admission at any Six Flags for child or adult (savings of up to \$20)

Complete listing of all 1000+ retailers at [Great Lakes Scrip](#)

Order on or download a form at [harvard pto scrip program](#)

Any questions, email harvardpto@aol.com or call Ellen Sachs Leicher at 978-456-8151. Call any time to check on what inventory there is in stock for immediate pick up.



Kids Fair and Touch-a-Truck

Saturday, May 22 10 am - 2 pm at *HES* (Rain date: Sunday, May 23)

Get on board and join us at a Kids Fair and Touch-a-Truck event. Climb aboard a fire engine, see the inside of a bus and ambulance, check out police vehicles, farm and construction equipment, all on hand for kids to view and explore. **At least a dozen trucks are expected!**

The kids fair will feature entertainment, face painting, games, craft tables, a balloon twister, a bouncy house and slide, fire department activities, child safety information and a number of raffle baskets, in addition to other activities. There will be Live musical performances by Mister Vic (10:15-11am), Lil' Iguana and Ashley Jordan and sports clinics led by Teamworks Acton throughout the day.

All activities are included in the admission price of \$7 per person, \$25 max per family (children under 2 are free). Raffle tickets, vendor items and food from Great Brook Farms, Harvard Lions Club, Juniper Farms and Fiesta Shows available for purchase, cash only.

This event is hosted by Village Nursery School in Harvard and sponsored by Nikopoulos Insurance Agency, Alpha Cars, Little Towne Toys and Teamworks Acton. Bring the whole family out for a day full of fun. For more information and a full schedule of activities visit: www.villagenurseryschool.org or call 978-456-3993.



HES Media News

~Mrs. Harvey

Library Books

Notices have been sent home to students with overdue books so that we can assure all books are returned to the Media Center before the end of the school year. If you have any questions about overdue library materials, please don't hesitate to contact me (email is usually best: pharvey@psharvard.org).

Grade 4 Social Studies Project

Please visit my classroom webpage to view the impressive slide shows and artwork created by Grade 4 HES students: www.mrs-harvey.blogspot.com

Kid-Friendly Internet Searching

Parents of young children might be interested in a couple of new, kid-safe search engines:

- **KidRex** (www.kidrex.org) uses a combination of Google's safe search mode and their own database of filtered keywords, phrases, and websites. In the event that a questionable website does get past the filters, KidRex has a site removal request form.
- **Zoodles** (www.zoodles.com) is a downloadable search tool that is perfect for children 8 years-old and younger. This web browser provides pre-selected web-based activities for both fun and education. By providing information about your child, including learning ability and hearing or vision issues, Zoodles will suggest appropriate websites. Downloading and using Zoodles is 100% free; you can pay for the premium version if you want some additional features.

The Annual Student Art Exhibit will be hanging in the first floor hallways-from June 1st through June 11th." There will be a reception on June 8th from 5:00-6:00 PM. I hope you'll come see the amazing artwork of the HES students. Thank you-Cindy Harris HES Art Teacher.



FOR ART'S SAKE 'Tiny Books-Giant Knowledge'

An Integrated Art and Literacy Project for 3rd Grade

May 2010

Third graders at HES are participating in a special bookmaking integrated art and literacy project that gives children a special opportunity to explore and celebrate the value of books in a technological world. For Art's Sake is sponsoring this series of practical workshops in which students will have access to different types of books, bookmakers, book sellers and be given an opportunity to discover the history of printmaking. Children dissected a book this past week, learning all the various parts that go into bookmaking. Next, they will create their own book from scratch beginning with an experiment in print-making, constructing a cover after seeing a bookmaker at work and then filling the books with pages and writing to convey knowledge important to each young author. Creator and project leader Bess Haire also designed and ran a book expo this Wednesday at the school featuring five stations including: paper-making with Carolyn Carbonell , pop-up books and making a pop-up book with Kate Pullano, book parts and samples of handmade books by Amy Bernhardt, show-and tell books from the collection of local book historian Larry Malaam, and treasures from our own Harvard Public Library with Mary Wilson and Abby Kingsbury. The expo was designed to educate the children about the bookmaking process, help inspire ideas for their own books and give children an appreciation for all things libris. Finally, the children will exhibit and lend their books at the Harvard Public Library in June. Special thanks is extended to Principal Mary Beth Banios, Media Specialist Peggy Harvey and the third grade teachers for encouraging this year's project each step of the way and to the parents and teachers who made it possible through a generous donation in 2009. For more details, contact besshaire@charter.net.



Do you have a collection of something?



**Rocks? Beanie Babies? Dolls? Matchbox cars? Paper airplanes?
Beach glass? Baseball cards? Coins? Stamps?**

Would you like to display your collection in one of the display cases in the Children's Room of the Harvard Public Library? Children who are Harvard residents or attend school in Harvard may have their collections displayed in the display cases!

For more information, and to sign up, visit the Children's Room at the library; or call (978) 456 – 2381.



PMC + Pasta = Cure

A Spaghetti dinner hosted by The Bromfield Against Cancer will be held May 27th to raise money for research to find a cure for AT/TR, the type of brain cancer that Charlotte O'Shea has.

Location: The Bromfield School in Harvard Mass, May 27 from 6-7 pm

Pasta dinner prepared by Chef Paul. Music by DJ Joel Bates

There will be a silent auction including:

- Autographed Bruins Jersey
- Bon Jovi / Kid Rock Tickets
- Red Sox tickets
- Quilt
- Week on Martha's Vineyard
- Golf

There will also be kids activities and raffle table

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Bromfield front office or by contacting Janet O'Shea at sixosheas@verizon.net

LemonAID Stand 'n More to benefit Charlotte O'Shea and Meg James

Sunday, June 6th from 9AM-12:30PM on the town common, rain or shine.

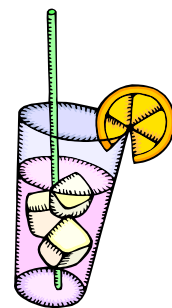
Lemonade, baked goods, candy and bracelets for sale 'n MORE!

Please stop by during your Sunday travels and purchase a refreshment.

Together, we can make a difference, one cup at a time!!!

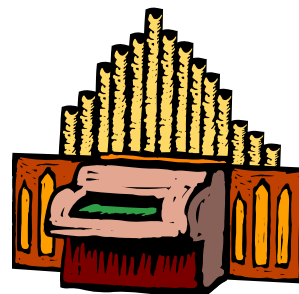
~Arranged by Friends of Charlotte and Meg~

For more information, contact Charlene VandeVaart at cvaneckl@charter.net.

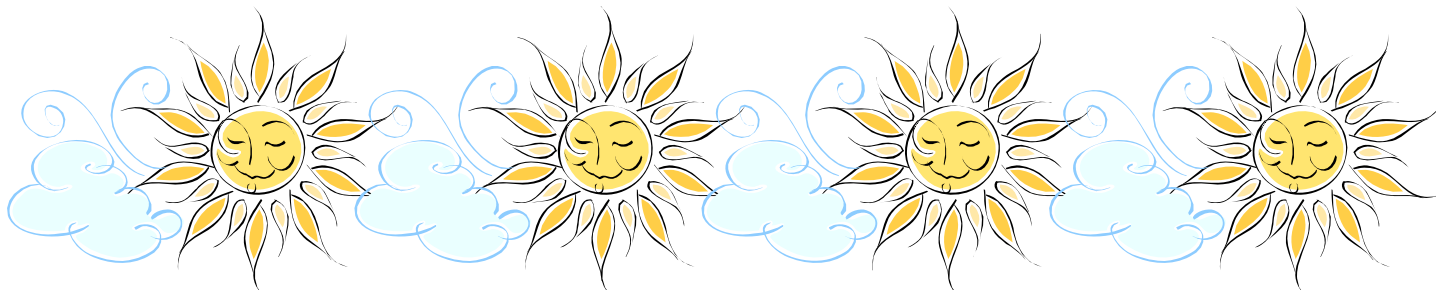


Organ Concert at Harvard Historical Society Sunday May 23, 6 pm

Organist and historian Barbara Owen will play and discuss the historic George Stevens pipe organ at the Historical Society's Still River Meeting House. George Stevens was a master organ craftsman in the 19th Century. Recently awarded a citation by the Organ Historical Society, the organ was installed in 1870 and is uniquely intact and unaltered. Come enjoy and learn more about this local musical treasure.



Admission free, donation suggested. www.harvardhistory.org



NRWA Eco-Adventures 2010: Summer Nature Programs for 6 to 14 Year-Olds

Get outside and join us for summer fun, discovery, and adventure! The Nashua River Watershed Association's professional environmental educators/naturalists will lead an exploration of our natural world through exciting outdoor activities, natural crafts, and stories. Programs are based at the NRWA in Groton with trips to J. Harry Rich State Forest and historic Williams Barn. All sessions run Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost per session: \$170/NRWA members; \$200/non-members. And, new this year, Fantastic Fridays at the NRWA! Enjoy outdoor fun and games on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost per day: \$42/NRWA members; \$50/day non-members.

Adventure Week: Ages 11-14, July 6-9 A popular program for older children who will hike, paddle, & learn backcountry basics and teambuilding skills.

Eco-Explorers Week: Ages 6-10, July 12-15 Explore the local world while orienteering, try your hand at map-making, learn how to track wildlife, and go on a geo-caching adventure.

Water Week: Ages 6-10, July 19-22 Get wet this summer while investigating our ponds and river, meeting aquatic creatures up close, doing experiments with water, and even testing out some water balloons.

Fantastic Fridays: Ages 6-10, July 16 and 23 We will take a hike, play some active team games, cook over a campfire, and make a cool craft.

Registration is required, including a non-refundable \$75 deposit. Contact Lauren Parente, Eco-Adventures Coordinator, at (978) 448-0299, or email LaurenP@NashuaRiverWatershed.org.