



Husky News

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News from the Nurse

Happy Spring!

We are all ready for some nice sunny weather after enduring all of the rain we've had. The mosquitoes will have lots of breeding grounds, so everyone will need a lot of bug repellent. The bugs always seem as eager for the spring weather as we are so don't forget to do tick checks every night. If you find a tick, remove it immediately, watch the sight for a "bull's eye" rash, and watch your child for signs of a flu-like illness within 7-14 days. If you need assistance removing the tick, http://kidshealth.org/parent/general/body/tick_removal.html is a very helpful website, if you need further assistance-call your doctor's office.

Since we are all going to go outside to enjoy the lovely spring air, we are all going to wear lots of sunscreen. I understand the temptation to use last year's supply, but sun protection factors expire over time, and using old lotion can give you a false sense of security! **THROW OUT THE OLD STOCK AND BUY NEW!**

I have already had children in my office complaining about their allergies. Does your child need allergy medication? If so, please give it to them before school, so they can concentrate on their schoolwork.

The playground is very wet and sometimes children borrow dry clothes to get through the school day. If

your child comes home in borrowed clothes, please wash them, and return them ASAP.

We have had a few cases of head lice here at HES. Please continue to routinely check your child's head at home. NEVER share hats or helmets. Watch your child for the "tell tale signs": excessive scratching of head especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. If you find anything - please call the school.

Get out enjoy the weather! Get some exercise! Enjoy the long weekend and family celebrations! Those of you, who will be eating lots of candy, spend a little extra time brushing and flossing those teeth!
~Mrs. Veno

Dates to Remember

- *Tues. April 6: MCAS-grade 4*
- *Wed, April 7: MCAS-gr. 4 make-up*
- *Wed. April 7: Early Release*
- *Thurs. April 8: MCAS-grade 4*
- *Fri. April 9: Staff-Senior basketball game*
- *Sat. April 10: HST Gala @ Fruitlands Museum*

Harvard PTO Website:

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

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

School Website: www.psharvard.org



HES Media News

Netiquette & Cyberbullying

It's always a good idea to review rules and guidelines for proper use of the Internet. Especially with recent news reports about students who have been "cyberbullied," I suggest that families discuss proper etiquette for communicating via email, IM, phone texts, and Internet sites. During Media class students are learning to have a good understanding of the right ways to navigate the web, and how to avoid sending messages that may be impolite or hurtful. There are several resources on the HES Media classroom webpage, including child-friendly, interactive activities, that both students and parents can use to teach and learn about how to be a good Internet citizen: <http://mrs-harvey.blogspot.com/>

iPhones

Among the latest hot technologies for people of all ages are the iPhone and iPod Touch. Kids love using iPhones, and there are thousands of applications that are appropriate, and often educationally sound. While I can foresee a time when iPhones will be used in the classroom, we do not currently allow students to bring them to school. Aside from the risk of losing or damaging an expensive electronic device, iPhones can give students too easy access to Internet sites that may be inappropriate for them. I encourage parents to be aware of the potential benefits and risks of iPhones and iPod Touches, and to use the parental control features to protect their children from accessing age-inappropriate content. Simple instructions for setting the parental controls can be viewed online at <http://www.common sense media.org/how-set-parental-controls-iphone>

Peggy Harvey
Media Specialist



Hot New Jobs!

Many fulfilling PTO roles from small to large are available and waiting for just the right person to fill them! Here are a few critical ones we have highlighted that need to be filled for next year. Great salary, signing bonus and benefits....okay just kidding!

Board Positions (Treasurer and Secretary)
PTO Store Leader
Marketing Gurus
Electronic Recycling Coordinator



The Harvard Schools Trust Dinner-Theater Gala April 10 *Get Tickets While They Last!*

The Harvard Schools Trust, the nonprofit organization that raises grant money for the public schools (The Bromfield School and Hildreth Elementary School) is holding its largest fundraiser to support Harvard Public Schools -- it's much anticipated 21st Annual Dinner-Theater Gala. This event brings the entire Harvard community together in support of increasing educational enrichment within the schools. Parents, community members and leaders, and teachers are invited to attend the April 10th event. At 6:00 p.m., The Bromfield Drama Society will perform "Defying Gravity" its entry into the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Competition. At 7:15 p.m., guests will enjoy dinner and desert at Fruitlands Museum. All proceeds will benefit the Harvard Schools Trust, which has raised over \$100,000 in grant money for the schools in the past two years. For tickets and info visit: www.harvardschoolstrust.org or call 1-978-456-5085.

Why are We Throwing Away Money For Our Schools?

There are hundreds of products we use every day with the Box Tops coupons on them. Every time we recycle the packaging we are throwing away money. Every coupon is worth 10 cents. If every student in the elementary school could clip 2 coupons per week, the school would earn over \$4000 for the school year. We have a drop bin just outside the office at HES. Please help us make a difference for our school.

Online Line Shopping

The Box Tops website at www.btfe.com is a great place to start. New companies are added each year and by signing up on this site every time you shop the companies donate a percentage of your purchase to our school. Just check out the Box Tops site to see all the great stores available.

Harvard Historical Society Discovery Day

An Open House at the Society.

Sunday, April 11 2-4 pm.

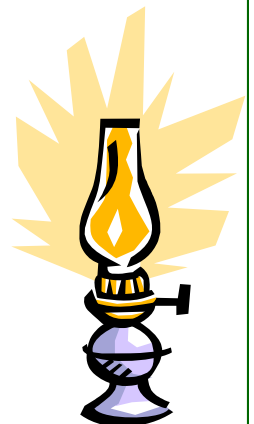
Admission free, donation suggested. Come see the collections, hear the guides, and let the Society help you discover something new about your town- people, places, events, paintings, Shakers, antiques, they're all here for you to explore. Enjoy discovery, conversation, and displays.

Still River Meeting House

215 Still River Rd

978 456 8285

www.harvardhistory.org



Celebrate Earth Day

The Earth Day Fair – Thursday, May 6th

Mark your calendars! This year's Earth Day Fair will be held on Thursday, May 6th from 6pm-8pm. All are welcome! This year's theme is "Gifts From The Earth; *protecting and preserving*". Plan on coming to see the great projects that your children will have worked so hard on. In the meantime, have fun celebrating the Earth by participating in some of our challenges/events like the Earth Hour and Walk to School. More information to come.

Gifts From The Earth



Earth Hour – March 27th

The EDF committee would like to invite your whole family to participate in the 2010 Earth Hour Challenge (www.earthhour.org). Earth Hour is a "global sustainability movement" which encourages everyone to turn off their lights for 1 hour at 8:30pm on Saturday, March 27th. We challenge you to take it one step further and see if your family can go with no power and electricity for an entire evening. Can't do this exact time and date? Pick any time over the weekend to try this earth friendly challenge.

If you would like to get involved with Earth Day Fair, please contact Karen Johnson-Taylor at kjohnson-taylor@charter.net or Kim Manning at themanningclan@yahoo.com.

Lego Expo at the Harvard Public Library!

Saturday, April 10

10:30 – 11:30: Ages 3 to 5

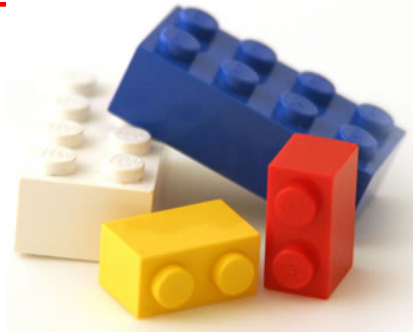
12:30 – 1:30: Ages 5 to 9

2:30 – 3:30: Ages 9 to 12+ and Adult Category (18+)

Don't miss the library's 2nd Annual Lego Expo! Participants bring constructions of their own design to the Expo to share with others and to be judged.

***Please pre-register by calling or visiting the Children's Room
(978) 456 – 2381***

Construction guidelines are also available in the Children's Room. (Due to space limitations, the Lego Expo is open only to Harvard residents and children who attend school in Harvard.)



Hot dogs and drinks along with baked goods will be sold at the Staff – Senior Basketball game on April 9th.

All proceeds from the food sales will benefit the 5th Grade Nature's Classroom Experience.

Harvard Community Education

Harvard Community Education is offering two new programs during April School vacation week. The first is for children who will be entering kindergarten at HES in the fall, "Gear Up for kindergarten" to get acquainted with HES and the daily routine of a kindergarten classroom. The second is for students in grades 3, 4 & 5, "So You Want to Make a Superhero" a two-day workshop designing and developing your own superhero comic book. Registration is limited. Forms are available at www.psharvard.org. Click on Parents & Community, After-School. Flyers have been sent home for Bridges Summer Adventure (also on the web) More flyers are on their way! Watch for Gymnastics with Mrs. Kelley, Red Cross Babysitting, Knit Wits, a one-day Early Release workshop, Summer Fusion and more!

Questions? Contact Community Education at 978-456-4118 or email Judy Cavanaugh at jcavanaugh@psharvard.org.