



Husky News

Hildreth Elementary School

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News from the Nurse

The beautiful New England spring weather has arrived and so has the crazy schedule of events. Please try to maintain a normal routine- school is not over yet! Children still require a good nights sleep as well as a well balanced diet. The temperature is rising and it is very important to drink plenty of water. Along with increasing temperatures, comes sun exposure, and mosquitoes. Make sure to wear sunscreen and bug spray every day.

A big event for the 5th grade is Nature's Classroom. Please be sure to have all medications dropped off in my office by Wednesday, May 12th. (That's next week!) Remember, if your

child takes a daily medication, they should continue to do so on the trip.. Although, it is enjoyable, Nature's Classroom is a learning experience, and all children need to be ready to learn!

Many spring activities include sporting events. This unfortunately means that there is an increase in the amount of injuries. Please remember that children with a cast, splint, crutches etc. should have a doctor's note when they return to school. This note should explain gym absence and address activity for recess.

We have had four cases of head lice at HES since April vacation. Please continue to checking your children at home.

Pay attention to scratching and NEVER share hats or helmets! (Even if all the bases are loaded!) Please call me if you find anything, but most importantly, feel free to call with questions.

The allergy season is in full swing. Many children come to the nursing office complaining of symptoms. If your child suffers from allergies, please medicate them before school.

Get out, exercise, and enjoy the glorious weather. Before bed, remember to check for ticks.

Mrs. Veno

Dates to Remember

- *Fri. May 7: Early Release*
- *Wed. May 12, 9:05 am: Grade 2 Concert*
- *Fri. May 21, 9:05 am: Grade 3 Concert*
- *Wed. May 26, 9:05 am: Grade 4 Concert*
- *Tues. June 8, 9:05 am: Grade 5 Concert*
- *Mon. May 31 –NO SCHOOL Memorial Day*
- *Friday, June 18: Last Day of School!*

SEPAC MEETING - May 13

SEPAC End-of-the-Year meeting to be held in the Bromfield Library at 7pm on May 13. Refreshments will be served.

Harvard PTO Website:

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

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

School Website: www.psharvard.org

Calling All Volunteers!

It's time for the Spring 2010 Student Art Exhibit. I am looking for volunteers that could help hang student artwork starting the week of May 10th. The times are flexible and can work around your schedule. If you have the time and are willing to help out with this please contact me at charris@psharvard.org. Thank you so much for your help.

Cindy Harris, HES Art Teacher



HES Media News

Library Books

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is winding down! Over the next few weeks, please take the time to look for library books that may have been checked out earlier in the year. There are quite a few overdue materials that should be returned to the Media Center.

YouTube—Safe for Kids?

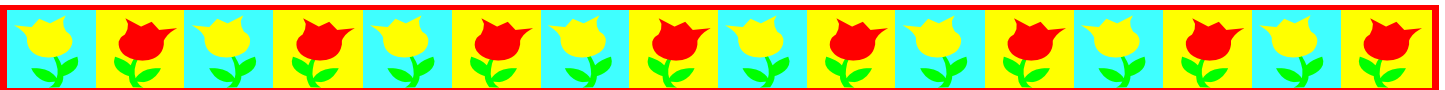
There are some great resources on YouTube, as well as some wildly inappropriate stuff. Much of the content—and the commentary—is PG-13, but YouTube does have a safety mode that's easy to use. Simply follow these instructions from Common Sense Media:

http://www.common Sense Media.org/improve-youtubes-safety-one-click?utm_source=newsletter04.22.10&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=feature1#tip_answer_0

Another alternative for safe online videos is WatchKnow. This non-profit initiative, created by one of the Wikipedia cofounders, is a directory of over 15,000 online videos for children and teachers.

Check it out at: www.watchknow.org.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at pharvey@psharvard.org.
Peggy Harvey, Media Specialist



Harvard Community Education

Summer is coming! Don't forget to sign up for Bridges Summer Adventure, Summer Fusion, Gymnastics, and Harvard Hoops. Watch for flyer coming home soon for Lacrosse! We are also working on Ultimate Frisbee. Let us know if there is something special you would like to do, we will see if we can organize a class for you!

Adult Ed has space available in Cooking with Pinot Noir at the Herb Lyceum in Groton on May 25th, and the Father's Day Kayak trip on June 13. Information for Spectrum and Adult Ed can be found on the web at www.psharvard.org, click on Parents and Community, then Adult Ed or After School. You can also call the Community Education office at 978-456-4118 or email jcavanaugh@psharvard.org.

The Harvard Historical Society will present an illustrated lecture entitled "Who were the Hildreths?" on **Thursday, May 13** at 7 p.m. at the Still River Meetinghouse, 215 Still River Road. Former Society president Dianne Newton will give a history of the Hildreth family and describe some of their numerous inventions and gifts to the town of Harvard. Attendees will learn why the Harvard Elementary School recently changed its name to honor this illustrious family. The lecture is part of the Society's new "Discover Your Town" outreach. Refreshments will be served, and the public is encouraged to view the extensive collection of Harvard artifacts and paintings on display in the recently renovated building. Admission Free



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.

Free Fruitland Museum Admission for Teachers!

Teachers are invited to participate in Fruitland's new educational programs and amazing exhibits, including For the Birds: Art from Mass Audubon Visual Arts Center. This free admission is our way of saying thank you for all your hard work, and for the continued support we see from schools throughout Massachusetts.

Free admission for all teachers includes gallery tours as well as use of the museum's trails and grounds. Special events are excluded.

Harvard Park and Recreation

Sign up for summer programs:

Registration for tennis and swimming lessons will be opened March 27. Registration will remain open until the sessions begin but there is a limit on the number of participants in each session. Register early to get your choice of times. <http://www.harvardparkandrec.org/>

Does your child like to run? Is he or she fast?

Try the Park and Rec's popular, short, fun, experiential youth track clinic. Events include four different individual running distances based on one's age group, two field events, and the 4 x 100 relay. The clinic includes a scrimmage and concludes with a meet with surrounding towns.



Starts Wednesday, May 26, always at 4:00 at McCurdy Track. For children born 1996-2001. For more information and to sign up go to www.harvardparkandrec.org Questions: Call Jim Lee (456-3122 or e-mail davidkbell@hotmail.com).

Field Day

Our annual field days will be held in June.

Grades K-2 Tuesday June 8th, Rain Day Thursday June 10th

Grades 3-5 Wednesday June 9th, Rain Day Friday June 11th

Field Day T-Shirts – Don't miss out on this year's field day T-shirts. All orders are due May 12, 2010. Order forms have been sent home with the students. Extra order forms are available at the front office at HES.

Field Day Volunteers Needed: If you are interested in volunteering please e-mail:

Alison Thorton for Grades K-2 at asawot@hotmail.com

Sally Carrona for grades 3-5 at sally@carrona.net

All volunteers need to have a current Cori form completed and on file at the school.

Cori forms are available at the office

HES Veterans Project

HES Continues to support our Veterans!

Veterans Inc. is holding a "Stand Down" on June 25 and 26th.

The "Stand Down" is a provider fair for veterans. They will have food, medical assistance, wellness activities, entertainment, and overnight accommodations.

They are in need of personal care kits. Each grade level at HES has agreed to collect donations for the kits. We are asking for your donation if you are able. Each child would bring in one of the following items:

- Grades Pre-K and K: a travel size tube of toothpaste
- Grade 1: a toothbrush
- Grade 2: a comb
- Grade 3: a bar of soap
- Grade 4: a travel size bottle of shampoo
- Grade 5: a zip lock bag (gallon size) - Grade 5 students will also assemble the kits.

We ask that your child bring in his/her donation no later than Friday, May 28th.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

Author & Illustrator Visit – Grace Lin *Saturday, May 8 at 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM*



Highly acclaimed author and illustrator Grace Lin will be visiting the library and doing two presentations, the first for younger children, and the second for older children. Grace is the author and illustrator of more than a dozen picture books, including *The Ugly Vegetables* and *Dim Sum for Everyone!* Also an author of middle grade fiction, Grace's 2010 Newbery Honor Book *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* was chosen for Al Roker's Today Show Kid's Book Club and was a New York Times Bestseller. While most of Grace's books are about the Asian-American experience, she believes, "Books erase bias, they make the uncommon everyday, and the mundane exotic. A book makes all cultures universal." See more about Grace and her work at www.gracelin.com.

At 1:00 PM, for Ages 4 and up: Story Hour + Doggy Draw-Along ~ The classic story time is made all the more special when it's the author reading! Grace reads her favorites and teaches how to draw a dog (just like in her book *The Year of the Dog*). Please pre-register by calling the Children's Room at (978) 456 - 2381.

At 2:00 PM, for Grades 1 to 5: How a Book is Made ~ An interactive presentation shows the many steps of book publication from sketch to finish. Children see how Grace gets red correction marks, just like their homework! Afterwards, Grace reads one of her books, answers questions, and ends the presentation with a drawing of a character from her book. Educational and fun! Please pre-register by calling the Children's Room at (978) 456 - 2381.