

WEDNESDAY NOTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 8 SEPAC/HVM meeting 6:30-8pm
- Feb. 9 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm
Academic Bowl HVM at Hunking School 9:30am- All are welcome to attend
- Feb. 15 Academic Bowl hosted at HVM 9:30am
- Feb. 16 HVM Auction Meeting 6:30pm at HVM
- Feb. 20-24 No School Feb. 20th -24th February Vacation
- Feb. 29 Community Partnership Meeting (CP) 6:30pm
- March 7 ½ Day of School (12:15pm dismissal) Teacher Professional Development Day
- March 15 & 16 ½ Day of School (12:15pm dismissal) Parent Teacher Conferences

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEPAC/HVM) – FEBRUARY 8TH

The HVM Special Education Advisory Council (SEPAC/HVM) meeting will be held tonight Wednesday, February 8th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. All interested Community members and parents/guardians of students with special needs and/or learning differences are invited to attend. The meeting will include a presentation by Nancy Modlish, Students and Families Coordinator, on Bullying Intervention and Prevention in Special Education. Lori Klucznik, Educational Program Director, will also speak about the requirements which must be included in the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

The meeting will take place in the Middle School Great Room. Please park in the rear parking lot and enter through the back door. Please RSVP to dickopffamily@verizon.net. We hope to see you at the meeting!

PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND FAMILIES OF HVM IT'S AUCTION TIME !

The 2012 HVM Auction is fast approaching, and we would like to ask everyone that creates this amazing community one question: What can you offer or request that could be sold as an item? Even if it is one thing; an item, an event, a service, or an idea, anything you would like to offer, we anxiously await your response!

The Auction Committee is hard at work planning the event, and some really exciting items have already been received. But we don't want to miss any opportunity and are excited about tapping into our most valuable asset, all of you!

Maybe you work for a company that would be willing to participate with a corporate related donation, or perhaps you have a specialty that you would be willing to offer as a personal donation, all talents and family friendly objects are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Your student is your inspiration; get creative, be resourceful, and "reach for the stars" in support of this significant event! Contact the auction committee at HVMCPSAuction@aol.com. The next auction committee meeting is **February 16th** @ 6:30pm at HVM. Come join us.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We hope you've been saving Box Tops! We're about one third of our way to our goal of \$2,000 this year and there's no reason we can't reach it. The next collection date is **Friday, February 17th**. For your convenience Miss Stacey's class has distributed zip lock bags to all classrooms. Please send them in with your child on or before the 17th. Box Tops are located on hundreds of products throughout the market. Box Tops are very small but add up nicely! Thank you - Box Top Mom, Mary Lynch, HVM parent

FREE DENTAL CARE FOR FAMILIES- FEBRUARY 22ND

Polished, LLC will be providing FREE preventive dental care at the WIC office in Haverhill on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 (during February break). The following dental services may be provided to participants of all ages: dental screenings, cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments, and dental referrals. You might also get a toothbrush and toothpaste to take home! If you are interested in these services please contact Valerie Osborn RDH at 617-571-1697 for directions and to schedule an appointment. More information about the program is available at <http://www.polishedteeth.com/>

The 21st Annual Write Away !! Contest has begun

The Write Away!! Contest was established the in 1992 as a way to celebrate creative writing by students throughout the Haverhill Public Schools. It was the idea of Krystine Hetel-Blankenship as a way of including the work of children in the public schools in Kidfest.

The contest is open to all Haverhill Public School students. We had multiple winners last year.

- Entries can be submitted from the student's classroom or from home (only 1 entry per student).
- **Entries are due by February 29th.**

More information may be reviewed through the Haverhill District Parent Council at:

<http://www.haverhilldpc.org/concrete5/index.php/writeaway/>

More information & a student entry form are attached if you would like to submit an entry for your child from home.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH ELECTIVES

(And help purchasing elective materials too!)

The spring elective offerings for lower and upper elementary are due to be published soon. The spring session begins the week after February vacation and sign-up sheets are scheduled to go home next week. **However, in order to make the electives a reality, we need more volunteers and materials.**

Thank you to those who have offered time and materials since last week!

Can you help with any of the following? We need:

- Materials for puppet making (see list below)
- Another volunteer to assist with Robotics
- One elective for 15-20 children each. Suggestions include: healthy cooking, math club, gardening
- Materials for electronics (see following list)

Electronics

1 Coil (500') of #24 magnet wire

1 coil (500') of 18/3 bell wire

10 chime kits (transformer, chime & 2 push buttons)

2 6v lantern batteries

10 12" rulers

10 6" needle nose pliers

10 insulation strippers

1 1"x5"x8' pine board AND 4 1"x12"x8' pine boards

10 4" screw drivers

2 120v power cord pig tails

1 set of test jumper wires w/alligator clips

Puppet Making

Plastic cups

Google eyes

Glue sticks

Colored poster board

Felt

Small Styrofoam balls

String

Pipe cleaners

Popsicle sticks

Feathers

Plastic table cloth

Please contact Lori Klucznik at lklucznik@hvmcps.org or call her at extension 102 if you can help.

CAN YOU HELP MAKE A BANNER FOR HVM POSSIBLE?

HVM would like to add two new banners to our building (see pictures below). The large long banner (on the right) would face Route 495 for those passing by to see. The other banner (on the left) would hang over the entry way to our school. In order to make this happen, we need your assistance, we have someone willing to make the signs for our school at cost, and we only need to raise roughly \$1,000.00 to get the signs made and hung on our building.

HVM is requesting donations to cover the cost of these banners. If you are able to donate so we can purchase these, please send your donation to: HVM Foundation 75 Foundation Ave. Haverhill, MA 01835 Attention: Front Office.



ADDITIONAL MISCELLANEOUS INFO

- Seen HVM on **facebook**? If not, visit <https://www.facebook.com/HillViewMontessoriCharterPublicSchool> and "like" us so you can receive updates about the exciting things going on at HVM. (We try to post something daily- with the generous help of parent, Kelly Martin.)
- The deadline for submitting information into Wednesday Notes is Monday by 9am. Please contact Kristen Sevene at ksevene@hvmcps.org or at ext. 117 if you have any questions or concerns.
- Mark your calendars and invite your guests now! The following two events have been scheduled:
HVM Talent Show- Saturday, April 28th 3-6 pm and Art Fair- Wednesday, May 9th 5-7 pm

In case you missed it....Repeat information from past Wednesday Notes

CP Info- HVM Community Partnership

The CP is looking to update its by-laws. These are the rules and guidelines that structure how the CP is run. They have not been updated since their conception and so much has changed since then and we need to officially reflect that in our by-laws.

If you would like to suggest a by-law change, please use the proposal form (available on the HVM website) and submit it either electronically or written to Stephen Boyle by today 2/8/12. All proposals for change will be collated, combined and printed for the CP body to review prior to voting at the February meeting. All requests for change must be received by 2/8/12. Those received after the deadline for publication will not be included for voting. Voting on each proposal will be done at the February meeting on 2/29/12. All proposals voted for change will take effect immediately.

IMPORTANT LUNCH INFORMATION

Beginning February 1, 2012 and in compliance with Federal regulations regarding school lunches, ***ALL school lunches must be served with milk*** unless families provide medical documentation of a milk allergy or intolerance. If you already ordered juice for February, your child will be receiving milk instead. If you would like to order juice in addition to the milk, please contact Marti at extension 121. Going forward, anyone wanting juice with lunch, (in addition to milk), will be charged \$.25 per juice.

HEAD LICE AWARENESS

Head lice are often a fact of life for school-aged children. Please help us by checking your child's head for any signs of lice. It is important to teach children not to share hats, combs, pillows, etc. Often an itchy head is an indicator of head lice. While inconvenient, head lice causes no medical harm and can be effectively treated. As long as a child has been treated, they can return to school. Because head lice are usually transmitted by head-to-head contact, parents should carefully check a child's head before and after attending a sleepover or camp where children share sleeping quarters. All products must be used exactly according to manufacturer's instructions. Your pediatrician can help with diagnosis, treatment choices and management of difficult cases. For more information about Head Lice, see The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html> or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MADPH) at http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/cdc/factsheets/head_lice.pdf. You can also contact Shanyn Toulouse, at ext. 110 or your child's pediatrician.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER & INFORMATION

If your child is going to be **absent or tardy** you **must** notify HVM by calling our automated attendance line at (978) 521-2616. Press 2 to leave your message indicating the date and reason of the absence. This phone line is available 24 hours a day. If you do not call in, a telephone call will be made. If we are unable to reach you at your home or work number, ***we will use the emergency contact numbers*** provided at the beginning of the year. We are required by Mass. General Laws to confirm the whereabouts of **all students**.