

## Newsflash

(Updated on October 4, 2006)

Date: October 4, 2006  
To: Parents/Guardians  
From: Melanie Wilson, Manager of Teaching & Learning  
RE: Wednesday Notes

October 4 Curriculum Night  
October 5 School Pictures  
October 9 No School – Columbus Day  
October 19 Parent Information Session  
October 25 Parent Information Session  
NS - No School BAS - Before/After School (registered students only)

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### **Important Reminder! TOMORROW IS PICTURE DAY:**

Life Touch Photographers will be at HVM tomorrow, Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that your children return the payment envelopes with a completed order form and a check made out to Life Touch enclosed if you wish to purchase your child picture. Thank you.

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### **Haverhill School Committee Meeting**

(Held Thursday, September 28, 2006)

Last Thursday evening, about 20 board members, staff and parents attended the Haverhill School Committee meeting. Board Chair, Shaw Rosen made a short presentation emphasizing our desire for a positive relationship with the committee and our desire to address issues raised. School Committee President Gilman went point by point through the letter sent to DOE, asked questions of Shaw and Peg, and ultimately said that they would write a second letter to DOE stating that they had received answers to their questions about our school, and acknowledged that the submission of the annual reports

All of the school committee members verbally supported the charter school. President Gilman requested some information from us and also recommended supporting our request for more slots. Other members of the committee stated that they supported the request in theory, but have to consider the financial burden on the HPS. No vote was taken on our request for 27 additional slots. They also recommended writing a letter to legislators recommending that the state fund the charter schools 100% and not take funding from the other public schools.

School Committee members agreed it was a good idea to find ways to maintain a closer relationship and that sharing best practices with each other would be beneficial to everyone. An invitation was extended to each member to visit the school and observe in a classroom. Invitations to visit HVM were extended to the school committee in the letter that is sent with the Annual Report last year as well. This year, we will personally follow up on the invitation.

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**Position Available:** We need someone to take the minutes at the Board of Trustees meeting. This can be a volunteer or paid position. The board meets on the second Thursday of every month. If you are interested, please contact the front office and leave a message with Stacy. Someone will get back to you.