

December 20, 2006

Catherine Constantine & Deb MacDonald led a very interesting presentation of Planes of Development and the proven success and longevity of the Montessori method at Monday nights CP Meeting. "Slow down, absorb, understand where your child is at, be patient, let your child explore, let them teach you, observe your child ...take advantage of every moment you have with your children!" Deb and Catherine would love to know what your goals are for your child at HVM and how we can help to achieve these goals. Feel free to contact them!

Hill Bucks rolls on!

Our newest fund raiser has produced wonderful results so far. This month's sale of gift cards resulted in \$1,400 for our school. (Did you know that among other things, this money helps to fund school field trips.)



Masterpiece's Abound!

We hope that everyone is enjoying the artistry of the children with the Square One Art projects. \$1,744 was raised in this wonderful endeavor. Special thanks from Romy Gaiero to Lee Ann Axford, Kerrie Ingersoll, Jeanne Pantelone, Monica Shellene and Cheryl Hood for helping to sort and bag the great art work.



HVM Families Have Heart

The thousands of coins brought to school over the last couple of weeks resulted in a donation of \$572.46 to the Santa Fund. Another great display of the generosity from the HVM community.



The Tree is Bare!

98 names/mittens were chosen and all presents have been delivered to the Department of Social Services to make the holidays merry and bright for those in need. Special thanks to Laura Zubiel, John Nolan, MaryLou Johnson, Julie Herget and Aimee Whitten for coordinating this effort.



Save Your Winter Coats

If you (or someone in your family) received a new winter coat during the holidays, think about donating your old one to HVM's annual Coat Drive for Ruth's

House. EZ Way Cleaners has graciously volunteered to clean the coats - all we have to do is bring them to school. Watch for more after January 1st. If this is a good time for you to volunteer for a school event, now's your chance! Contact Aimee Whitten for details.

Board of Directors Member Ed Maguire came to explain some of the new open lines of communication between the Board and the HVM community.

1. A board member will be attending each monthly CP Meeting to listen to any burning issues that a parent or staff member may have.
2. There will be "town meetings" and open meetings for parents several times through the year to create better communication for all.
3. Every board member will be 'adopting' a classroom to learn more about our school.
4. The emails of every board member is now on the web page and they welcome your thoughts and comments.
5. Attention will be given to adherence to policies (including but not limited to a code of conduct).

We look forward to a continued 'open door' between the CP and the Board of Trustees!



Pencil the following dates into your calendar!
12/28 Family Dinner Night at Papa Gino's (Thanks Tom Broderick for inviting us to lunch or dinner!)

1/3/07 District Parent Council Meeting 9am at City Hall.

1/11/07 Board Meeting 6:30pm at HVM
All parents are welcome to attend.

1/18/07 Health Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30pm.

1/29/07 CP General Meeting 6:30pm.

Questions, Comments, Concerns?

Feel free to contact us!

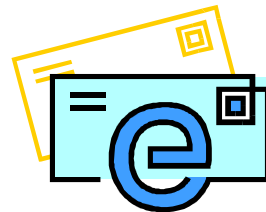
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