

HVM Community Partnership Newsletter

Recap of Meeting held on Sept. 25, 2006 (46 people in attendance!)

Who Are We?

The CP is a parent-staff organization, our version of a PTO. We meet the last Monday of every month and are actively involved in organizing events, raising funds, establishing traditions and supporting the HVM staff. All parents are encouraged to become involved to the best of their ability, whether at school functions or working on a project from home. Our next meeting is Monday, October 30th at 6:30pm

Pencil It In!

Past:

The clothing order for 259 articles has been placed and will arrive to your child's classroom in approximately 3 weeks. Tie - dye was very popular! Thanks to everyone who placed an order.

The 5013C application (our application to make us a non-profit organization) is now being double checked for errors and will be triple checked by Paul Accardi and sent out with in the next 10 days.

Present:

This week! Sept 28/29th -Parent - Teacher Conferences (Half day on the 28th, no school on the 29th)

HVM SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) has 2 speaker series, October 16 6:30-8:30 "Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education" and November 13 6:30-8:30 "Yelling Doesn't Work" presented by the Federation for Children with Special Needs.

Description: This workshop provides insight into why a child misbehaves and how changing your behavior will in turn change theirs. Learn to recognize the function of behavior and how a front-end approach will show results.

HVM has a Brownie Troop for girls in grades 1 - 3. They meet every other Friday from 3:45 to 5:30. It is run by HVM parents, Erica Gonzales and Ann Marie Gardella. Cost is a \$10 registration fee and \$5 per month to cover the costs of snacks and field trips. If interested please contact Erica at 978-374-8702 or emgygg@yahoo.com

BoxTops For Education was the #2 fundraiser last year (\$362) and the goal this year is for \$800! Clip, clip, clip and bring those box tops in to the classroom. There is a collection box in each room. The first collection date is 10/31/06. Jeanne Pantalone appreciates having those box tops trimmed and encourages every child to bring in a few each month to reach our goals. Visit boxtops4education.com to register as a HVM Booster Club Member and our school will receive additional points!

Future:

October...Square One Art. Your child's creative art work will be completed in art class and reproduced onto a magnet at no charge for each child! Once the magnet is received an order form will be included for additional items for Holiday gifts - key chains, mugs, mouse pads, etc. Orders will be received by Dec. 15th. Romy Gaiero is in charge of this great fundraiser and can answer any questions you have.

Announcements

District Parent Council - Janet Begin (HVM founder and parent) spoke about this group which meets on the first Wednesday of every month at City Hall. All parents from Haverhill schools are invited to attend to learn more about the school system. The Superintendent moderates the meeting and often has a guest speaker present. Although the focus may be on the district schools, HVM is a welcome part of this group and parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Board of Trustees Chair Shaw Rosen presented information regarding the article in The Lawrence Eagle Tribune on Fri, Sept 15th. More information is included in a separate letter included in your Wednesday folder. There is a Haverhill School Board meeting this Thursday the 28th at 7pm in City Hall. All parents are encouraged to attend and show support for our school.

How Can I Get Involved? *Join a Committee! Be a Leader!*

Depending upon the time of year, each committee meets once a month and averages approximately 2 hours of work per week. Aimee Whitten can answer any questions that you may have!

Traditions & Events - Leader: MaryLou Johnson

Staff Support - Leader: Still looking for a great leader to run some fun events!

Fund Raising - Leader: Romy Gaiero

Community Service - Leader: Who's going to chair (or co-chair) this wonderful committee!?

***We've got a couple of great events that need assistance fairly soon as they take place this fall. Reverse Trick or Treat (HVM kids bring treats and smiles to an area nursing home), Thanksgiving Food Drive (donated to local food pantry) and The Haverhill Gazette Santa Fund (penny collection). Coordinating just one of these events will be a huge help to us. Contact Aimee Whitten if you can help.

To assist all committees a volunteer database has been organized. Parent volunteers will be taken from this database only to assist with events and committees. If you have not filled out a volunteer survey sheet and you wish to participate at some time during the school year please contact Aimee Whitten. All volunteers need to fill out a CORI/SORI* form and return it with a photocopy of your picture ID. (This information is held privately by Peg Roberts.) We hope this database will expand opportunities for all to volunteer. Specials thanks to Jo-Anne Zullo for working over the summer on this project.

*CORI - Criminal Offender Record Sheet, SORI -Sexual Offender Record Sheet. Required of schools, day care centers, home health aides, youth athletic coaches, etc.

*CP Meetings

*If you would like to have a specific topic on the agenda, please contact Stephen Boyle prior to the meeting. Agendas will be sent out in the Wed. Folder prior to the meeting.

*We will reserve time at the end of each meeting for general discussion



Got Questions? Maybe we can help!

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If you notice discrepancies or errors in this newsletter, please contact Stephen Boyle.