

Past:

- ❖ Oct. 27th - Reverse Trick or Treat at Haverhill Crossing went very well for the kids and the residents. We thank Monica Shellene for pulling it all together.
- ❖ Square 1 Art - Romy Gaiero is proud of the 100% student participation! Thank you Kelly Martin, Monica Shellene and Robert Stokes for assisting; as well as all of the teachers - especially Phuong Matzker! There is a VERY fast turnaround for holiday ordering so keep an eye out for your child's art work and order form.

Present:

- ❖ Nov 1st -13th Lea Lewkoski is organizing the Food Drive for the Open Hand Pantry. There will be a list provided of foods that the pantry is in great need of. We ask that no foods containing peanut products be brought into the school.
- ❖ Nov. 6th - Santa Parade Craft Night! Mary Lou Johnson invites all families to construct their 'post cards' for decorating the HVM float.
- ❖ Nov 9th - Professional Day Luncheon - Jo Morrill has already received wonderful support for our HVM Staff. They'll be very happy with the menu for the day!

Future:

- ❖ Nov. 13th 6:30-8:30pm SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council)- "Yelling Doesn't Work" presented by the Federation for Children with Special Needs. 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.
- ❖ Fri., Nov. 17th 6pm - 8pm Family Game Night! Games will be provided by Gamewright, a company based in Watertown that creates interactive family games. There will be age and time appropriate games available. This is first and foremost a social gathering for HVM families, not a fundraiser ... but, If you found a game you really liked it will be available for sale! The CP will get 50% of all sales!
- ❖ Julie Herget will be setting up the Mitten Tree (a program with the DSS to provide holiday gifts for children). More details will be sent home in the Wednesday folder.
- ❖ Dinner Nights are back thanks to Robin Cotreau. Watch for them on the last Thursday of the month. It's a great time to get together with other families and enjoy a night out!
- ❖ Mary Lynch will be coordinating the Penny Drive to support the Haverhill Gazette Santa Fund to help needy families during the holiday season. Start saving those pennies now!
- ❖ Scholastic Book Fair - Jo Morrill is expanding our horizons in offering two Book Fairs this year; the first in early December and the second in May. Watch for your child's wish list to be coming home at the end of November.



"Make Money Without Spending a Dime!"

The Scrip Program is the newest HVM fundraiser and with your help, it could be a big one! Please read the information regarding this wonderful program being organized by Stephen Boyle and Romy Gaiero.

MCAS Discussion - led by Melanie Wilson (Peg Roberts was sick) The MCAS results recently published by the state from last March are included in this Wednesday's Folder. At present, the data Peg, Melanie, and Nancy received last Thursday is being analyzed to determine strengths and weaknesses. Discussion at the CP Meeting revolved around developing a needs assessment, preparing the children in test taking, aligning the Montessori curriculum to the MA State curriculum and developing an action plan on how to proceed. Once the data is analyzed, Peg, Melanie and Nancy will know better on how to proceed. More information will definitely be coming!



Guest Speaker: Colin Fitzgerald

Colin was hoping to read the following at the School Committee Meeting but did not receive the opportunity. (Approximately 20 parents and teachers did attend and Peg Roberts and Shaw Rosen addressed the committee.) He confidently presented it for the parents at the CP Meeting held on Monday, October 30th.

"Good Evening. My name is Colin Fitzgerald. I'm in the 5th grade at Hillview Montessori Charter Public School. I'm here tonight because I want to tell you a little bit about our school. I started Hillview as a 3^d grader and I wasn't sure what to expect but after 2 years of being at Hillview I can't imagine being anywhere else. I'm an independent worker and I know what is expected of me. I enjoy helping the younger kids in my class as I do my own work. We don't have to sit in desks in rows all day with a blackboard and be lectured by a teacher. Instead, we can get 1 on 1 lessons and learn as much as we can on any required subject. Our school is still small enough to know everybody in it. The Montessori method isn't for all kids, but it is for me. Sometimes it's hard for kids to adjust to hands on learning. We learn to treat each other with courtesy and respect. There is very little name calling and we all really get along. Hillview has been great for me and my family. I hope many more kids in the future will have the same chance to learn and grow at my school with grace, courtesy and respect for many years. Thank you."

Hawk Henries Visits HVM Again!

Hawk is a Native American storyteller and musician who has come to HVM before to fascinate, entertain and teach the children. In the past years, the CP has paid Hawk's fees. This year due to limited funds being available, the CP unanimously voted to reimburse the school when our fundraising efforts are stronger. Lou Morin provided a great description of Hawk's visit and inspiration. Parents expressed interest in purchasing Hawk's music. Lou will get more information regarding CD's for us.

Box Tops for Education is going strong!

Jean Pantalone sent in approximately 2700 box tops (~\$300) and will continue to strive to meet our school goal of \$800! We'll have one more collection in February so keep on cutting and saving. Sign up on as an HVM Booster Club participant at www.boxtops4education.com and get 70 bonus points - no obligation, no commitment - just 70 extra points!

Site Update: Unfortunately, Veronica O'Brien was not feeling well and could not attend the CP Meeting. A Site report will be presented in future Wednesday notes. Along with Site duties, Veronica hopes to complete some painting projects. The consensus at the CP Meeting was to set one evening aside (3 hours) to finish a couple of jobs. Watch for the date and time to be announced soon!

Looking for Something to Do?

The Origamido Studio (downtown Haverhill) has a Thursday beginner class from 6-8pm for just \$5.00! Participate soon since they'll be moving to Hawaii in January.

Got Questions? Want to get involved? Maybe we can help!

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