



# HANNAH NEWS

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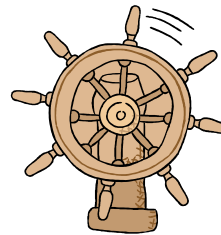
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**Dates to remember:**

- April 10: No school—Good Friday
- April 13: Portfolio Night, Book Fair, and Art Show 6:00-7:30 p.m. Parents and students invited.
- April 14: PTO meeting at 7 p.m.
- April 20-24: School Vacation Week
- May 22: Early Release Day
- June 3: Grade 5 Play: Wizard of Oz
- Field Day: June 9 (rain date; June 10)

## A Word from the Principal...

I'd like to begin by thanking all those in the Hannah School community who contributed their time, effort, or money to the success of "Hannah Rama." This fun event took place on Friday, March 27 and included the band "Horizon" and many silent auction and raffle items. Hannah parents pulled together to serve delicious food, offer enticing items for sale, provide absolutely incredible entertainment, and raise funds to support our school. The band, "Horizon" is led by Beverly Public School's own Ray Novack. Ray teaches instrumental music and



band at the elementary and secondary levels.

Another recent community event worth mentioning was the charity basketball game between BPS staff and the Harlem Superstars comedy basketball team. Hannah teachers Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Jones played on the

Beverly team. Two of the Superstars players also visited Hannah during the school day with a fun presentation with an important message of valuing education, treating others with respect, acting responsibly, and staying away from drugs. The Superstars players are all role models, who attended college. The players who visited Hannah were: Ricky "7 footer" Lopez, and the "Hometown Hero."

**Help!** We need volunteers to help put up art displays. If you are available any time next week, please let Mrs. Snyder or Mrs. Cicchetti know. Thanks.

## Portfolio Night, Book Fair, and Art Show

Don't forget to attend our school Portfolio Night, Book Fair, and Art Show on April 13th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This is an evening when you can come back to school with your child. Your child's teacher has collected work from

throughout the year in a portfolio format. Your child will be your guide and show his/her work. Portfolios will look different in different grades, but will likely contain student writing, math samples, science, and social studies

projects. Artwork will also be on display. Come see our new Smartboards too! The Book Fair will be in the library if you'd like to browse. A percentage of the sales proceeds will be donated back to our school library.

## Attention RN's

The Hannah School is looking for RN's willing to substitute in either our school, or any school in the District.

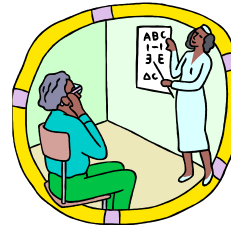
You do not need a BS degree to work as a substitute. A current Massachusetts license is required. Experience in Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine is helpful, but not required.

If you would like more information, please contact June Kazes, RN,

Nurse Leader, at the North Beverly School health office at any time, 978-921-6130x226.

If you have been thinking about part-time employment, please consider this as an opportunity to explore school nursing.

Thank you,  
Leann Moody RN



Calling all nurses

## Grade Five Dates to Remember

As the school year marches on, we'd like to remind parents of fifth graders to mark your calendars for some fun events. The fifth grade play this year is "The Wizard of Oz," and will be performed in the evening on June 3rd.

The fifth grade class trip to

Project Adventure at Moraine Farm in Beverly will take place on June 15th.

Field Day is planned for June 9th, with a raindate of June 10th. Lastly, the Grade Five celebration, which includes the famous Fifth Grade Slide Show will take place on June

23rd at 12:45. Parents and family members are invited to attend. Refreshments will follow in the school lobby.

Thanks to all the students and parents who have worked on fundraisers and School Store to raise funds. Each 5th grader will also receive a yearbook.

## School Gathering

As you know, each month, students gather to acknowledge the journey on our "Pyramid of Success." The values that make up the blocks of the pyramid are demonstrated. Last month's values were Fitness and Skill. Mrs. Shropshire organized a fabulous demonstration of Fitness and Skill. Students showed gymnastic ability,

basketball skills, jump rope skills, and balances. Thanks to Mrs. Shropshire and the following students: gymnasts and pyramid participants: Madison Rennie, Samantha Rennie, Emily Krendel, Jania Turner, Bailey DeGrenier, Carly Blau, Abby Walsh; and basketball han-



Pyramid of Success

dlers, jump ropers, and pyramid participants: Reilly Anderson, Jake Berry, Jordan Rawding, Matt Coyle, Teddy Glaros, Kaleigh Graham, Victoria Thompson, and Serena Hayden.

This month's pyramid block value is team spirit.

Go Hannah! Be kind. Be responsible. Be the best you can be.

 A graphic featuring a white paper airplane flying upwards against a blue sky, set within a semi-circular frame. Below the frame is a light blue rectangular box containing the following text:
 

**Reminder:**  
Please stay in your car in the drop off / pick up line. Try to move as far forward as possible to keep the flow of traffic moving.

## Grade Three News

Students in grade three have been reading biographies in class and working on writing reports about those biographies. Students have chosen to read about a variety famous people and historical figures. The biography projects range from Michael Jordan to Albert Einstein.

In addition to written reports and poster projects, third graders will also present a “Wax Museum” for parents. Students will dress as the famous person and prepare a brief oral presentation. Visitors to the “Wax Museum”

will press a “button” and the ‘wax figure’ will speak about his or her life.

Parents and family members of third graders are invited to attend this fun and informative event, which will take place on April 29. More info to follow later this month.

Third graders also are working on writing high quality paragraphs that include a topic sentence, three details, and a concluding sentence. These reports will be multi-paragraph reports.



Come to the Wax Museum

## Grade Four News

April is Poetry month. Fourth graders have been working on poetry in class. The bulletin boards in the front lobby contains colorful illustrations and original poetry by our own Hannah fourth graders.

Stop by for a minute and read this fabulous poetry.

Fourth graders also work on

writing five paragraph essays. Students have learned to structure an essay to include an introductory paragraph, three paragraphs making up the body of the essay, each containing details to support the topic of the paragraph, and a concluding paragraph. Students build on the skills they have learned in previous

grades. The writing component of the fourth grade MCAS test provides students with a prompt. Students are expected to know this format by the end of fourth grade. Fourth graders are also learning about Canada and Land forms.

## Grade One News

First graders are very busy this time of year. Actually, first graders are always busy! During writing time, first graders work on original topics of interest and after the drafting and editing process, teachers help students to publish their work for the classroom library. Parent volunteers assist on a weekly basis. As part of their learning, first


graders will learn from a visiting author. The children’s book author, Jeannie Brett, will visit to describe the process an author goes through to come up with ideas, illustrations, and eventually, publish their work. This visit on April 17th is sponsored by the Han-

nah PTO arts and enrichment committee.

First graders have been learning about solids and liquids in science.

First graders will also take a field trip to Boston to the Museum of Science at the end of April.





**Reminder:**  
**As the weather gets warmer, students should not wear flip flops for outdoor recess. Students should bring appropriate footwear for recess each day. Thank you.**

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### Hannah School Mission Statement

The Hannah Elementary School strives to meet the individual needs of its students by encouraging them to become life-long learners. The students, staff, and families work collaboratively to promote academic excellence by using programs and curricula that are current and research-based. Teachers and support staff provide opportunities to meet students' diverse needs and abilities as measured by district, state, and national standards. The Hannah community is committed to meeting the needs of the whole child. By fostering emotional, social, physical, and intellectual growth, we will create an atmosphere of respect for each member of our school.

### NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION:

All educational and non-academic programs, activities and employment opportunities at Beverly Public Schools are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, and any other class or characteristic protected by law.

### HELP!!!

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help spread mulch around the play structure on Thursday, April 9th between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 or 4:00 and 6:30 if necessary. Please let us know if you are available. Thank you.

## Grade Two

Second graders will be learning about pond creatures and ecosystems. They will learn in class and also extend the classroom outside to our own Hannah pond. Kestrel outdoor educators, in conjunction with our PTO's arts and enrichment committee, will provide a hands-on program for students. In it, students will discover life in our pond and its relation to what they've learned in the classroom. It may surprise you to know



that our pond is home to ducks, snapping turtles, salamanders, frogs, and more. Last year, a mother snapping turtle laid her eggs on the hill by our school yard and walked back to the pond. In the fall, the baby turtles hatched on a Saturday and made their way to the pond. We've also had a mother duck lay eggs in one of our courtyards the past two years. We hope these opportunities to learn about our environment continue.

Students will also learn about life cycles in class.

## Kindergarten

Kindergartners have been learning about their community. Look for their bulletin board in the hallway! They will also be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and watch the metamorphosis in their classrooms. Later in the Spring, the kindergartners will learn about ocean life and have a hands-on opportunity to learn more when a "touch tank" program comes right to Hannah, courtesy of the arts and enrichment committee of the PTO.

Kindergartners continue to develop beginning reading and writings skills as well.