



HANNAH NEWS

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Dates to remember:

- *February 6: Pasta Palooza—seatings at 5:30, 6:15, and 7:00*
- *February 10: PTO Meeting at 7:00 p.m.*
- *February 13: 100th Day of School*
- *February 16-20: February Vacation Week*
- *March 6: Roller Palace Night*
- *March 10: Early Release Day*
- *March 11: Spring Picture Day*

A Word from the Principal...

Have you ever seen the movie, *Freaky Friday*? One of my favorite lines is when Jamie Lee Curtis (the mom) yells to her teenage daughter from the car at drop off time, "Make good choices."

Though a funny movie scenario, we all really do want our children to make good choices. They are learning to do that at school and at other times when they are away from their parents' watchful eye. We want our kids to make good choices even when we aren't looking...not because they know we want them to, but because those good choices will help them in life to be good people and good students. As we all know, poor choices have the more negative effect. So how can help our kids with making good choices? Here are some ways to help your children grow up to respectful and kind and to have the self-respect they need to make good choices:

Trade places. TV shows and movies can be helpful in teaching children how to be more sensitive to others' feelings. When you're watching a program together and one character is unkind,

pause the movie or ask at the commercial, "Did you notice how mean that character was? How do you think that made the other person feel? What would you do in that situation?"

Stress the importance of treating people with respect.

Read up. Whether you read aloud to your child or they read to themselves, look for books that quietly impart messages about self-discipline, kindness to others, dealing with peer pressure, and telling the truth. Talk with your child about the stories and ask if they've ever been in a situation like the character in the book. Share your

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Pasta Palooza and Cake Walk

The annual Hannah School Pasta supper will take place on Friday, February 6 at Hannah. Seatings will be at 5:30, 6:15, and 7:00 p.m. Families must return reservation forms ahead of time as tickets will not be sold at the door. If you have returned a reservation form with payment, plan on eating at the time you requested. There will be check in list at the door.

In addition to the supper, there will be a DJ in the gymnasium. Many thanks to Jason Cledes,

for donating his entertaining services! Fifth graders will make and decorate cakes for the annual cake walk as well. Themed cakes will be raffled off in a "Cake Walk" format. Students may buy a ticket to play the "Cake Walk" game in which they walk around on numbered circles. When the music stops, a number is picked from a basket and the person standing on that number wins a cake! Play once or play again. Proceeds go the 5th grade activities fund.

Grade 3/4 Study Island Club

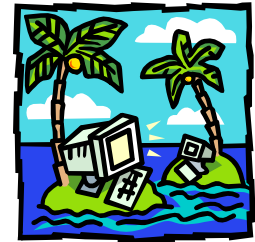
Students in grade 4 will have the opportunity to participate in an after-school club to practice skills using the Study Island program. A notice will be sent home with all fourth graders, outlining the dates and times of the club. Mrs. Moore will facilitate the club and students will participate in lessons, activities, and games using Study Island. Study Island is a web based program that helps teach grade level skills and provides practice with a test-taking format similar to MCAS.

If you are interested in this club, look for the flyer to come home next week. The club will run for eight weeks beginning after February vacation and finishing just before the April vacation week. We will limit the club to 15 students and

parents must provide transportation home. The club will run from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Hannah computer lab.

Third graders who receive Title One math services will also have the opportunity to participate in an after school Study Island Club. The third grade group will be taught by Mr. Sutherland and will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays during the same 8 week time period between the February and April vacations.

Look for informational flyers soon. Students will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis. There is no cost for this club, but again, parents are responsible for transportation home at 3:00.



Study Island

Spring MCAS Dates

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 take MCAS tests each year. Third graders take Reading and Math tests, while 4th graders take English/Language Arts, Math, and Writing, and 5th graders take the English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies tests. The schedule for Hannah School is as follows:

Grade 3 Reading: April 3, 6, and 7

Grade 4 Writing: March 31

Grade 4 ELA: April 8, 9, and 13

Grade 5 ELA: March 30, April 1, 3

Grade 3 Math: May 19, 20

Grade 4 Math: May 13, 14

Grade 5 Math: May 11, 12

Grade 5 Science: May 15, 18

Grade 5 Social Studies: May 21, 26

Make up days: April 14, May 27, 28

Please make every effort to be sure your child is present on test taking days. Thank you.



Remember: All 4th and 5th graders can access Study Island at home using their unique username and password.

A Note from the Nurse

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to remind all parents and guardians about our most important health policies: Please do not send your child to school if he/she has been ill during the night, complains of illness in the morning, or has a fever (100.0 or >). Parents should keep their child at home if they have:

Sore throat (if you suspect strep)

Severe cough

Chills and fever

Runny ear

If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious bacterial infection (i.e. strep, conjunctivitis), they may return to school only after 3 doses of an antibiotic, or 24 hours has passed since treatment began.

The health and safety of all children and staff here at school is our primary concern.

Thank You,

Leann Moody RN BSN NCSN



Grade Five

Our Hannah 5th graders are busy earning money to fund their class trip to Project Adventure on June 15, 2009. Students will participate in team building activities and individual challenges on the special courses at Moraine Farm right here in Beverly.

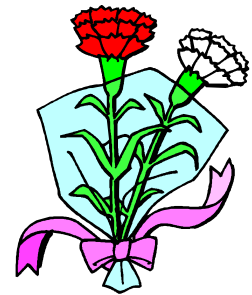
Fifth graders are also working hard during Performance Block time at school. They will present "The Wizard of Oz" in the spring.

Fifth graders will be making Valentine crafts to sell at the School Store in February. They will also sponsor a Bake Sale during School Store hours on February 5th and February 12th.

Additionally, they are sponsoring a carnation

sale for Valentine's Day. You should have received an order form that was sent home with students recently. If you order carnations, they will be delivered to students at the end of the day on Friday, February 13th.

Don't forget that the School Store will also be open on Friday evening, February 6th, during the Pasta Palooza supper. Join us for a fun night of pasta, dancing, and the ever-popular "Cake Walk!"



Buy a carnation for Valentine's Day!

Drop Off/Pick Up Reminders

At drop off time, the key is...Come early and don't wait in line! Drop off goes smoothly until about 7:55. Students should arrive by 7:50. School starts at 7:55 and we have been experiencing a large number of tardy arrivals. As you know, this is disruptive to classrooms and children miss out on learning time. Please try to arrive before 7:50, avoid traffic delays, and allow for your child to have a good start to his/her day.

The lane in front of the school is for live drop off and pick up only. Please do not leave your

car, even for just a minute! It backs up traffic and makes for unsafe situations. There is supervision on the school yard each morning starting at 7:35 a.m. and in the gym on days when students wait inside. When students wait inside or when they arrive late, we monitor the door from the inside. Please know that we value student safety and watch for children entering each and every day—even when they arrive late!

Lastly, please DO NOT EVER leave your car in the entry portion of the driveway. This creates a huge traffic problem. Thank you.



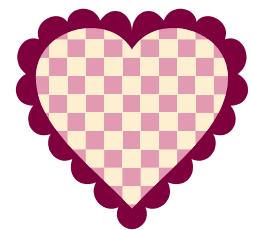
Please do not use the service driveway at any time. It is reserved for buses and delivery vehicles. Do not enter it from either our driveway or Wayland Ave. Thank you!

Technology Donation Update

As you know, we have been so fortunate to receive the very generous donation of 19 Smartboards for our classrooms at the Hannah School. This donation was made by the Pascucci Foundation. Hannah teachers participated in a Smartboard training session on January 29th. The Pascucci Foundation has continued its generosity with an additional donation of 19 new laptop computers to use with the Smartboards, as well as wireless routers for our internet connections. We cannot tell you how grateful we

are for such a donation.

We do still anticipate the donation of laptops from the HUD office, so we are hoping to greatly increase our students' access to newer computers in the building.





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*Be kind. Be responsible. Be the best
you can be. The choice is yours.*



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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.

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family values and how best to deal with those situations.

Truth or consequences. Every child, at one point or another, will tell a lie. Discuss with your child that trust is one the most important characteristics a person can have and that it is very hard to earn trust back once it has been broken.

Face the mirror. Some children become skilled at being angels in front of teachers or parents and the opposite when adults are not around. One of the most powerful lessons that parents can teach their children is this: The real you is the way you behave when no one is watching. Children need to learn to behave well and treat others well because that's the kind of person they want to be, and because that's the only way to respect the person they see in the mirror.

The golden rule. Teach your children to treat

others the way that they would want to be treated. Reinforce it at home, by treating your children with respect and expecting that they treat you with respect in return.

The Hannah motto. Every day, students recite the Hannah motto after they say the Pledge of Allegiance. You probably know it too: "Be kind. Be responsible. Be the best you can be. The choice is yours." It's an empowering outlook to have.

Fifth Grade Cake Walk entries should be brought to school on Friday morning, Feb. 6th. Please be sure the child's name is with the cake.



Happy Valentine's Day!