



Hannah News

A Word from the Principal...

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How much does it cost to raise a child these days? According to one source, it was calculated to be \$160,140 from birth to age 18 for a middle income family. That sounds like a lot, but it isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into \$8,896.66 a year, \$741.38 a month, \$171.08 a week, and a mere \$24.24 a day! That's just over a dollar an hour. So, what do you get for your \$160,140?

Naming rights, lots of love, endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies, a hand to hold, and a partner for flying kites and blowing bubbles. Yes, for that \$160,140, you never have to grow up. You get to: finger

paint, carve pumpkins, and play hide and seek. You have an excuse to keep reading about Clifford, watch Saturday morning TV, go to Disney movies, and wish on stars. You get great gifts like hand prints set in clay, spray painted noodle wreaths, and cards with backwards letters. For a mere \$24.24 a day, there is no greater bang for your buck. You get to be a hero for retrieving a frisbee off the roof, taking the training wheels off a bike, removing a splinter, filling a wading pool, and coaching a baseball team. You get a front row seat in history to witness a first step, a first word, a first date, and a first time be-



Children grow so fast, just like little flowers.

hind the wheel. You get to add another branch to your family tree. You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, and communications that no college can match. You have the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away (cont. on p. 4)

Dates to remember

- May 11: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 12: School Committee Budget Hearing
- May 13: PTO meeting at 7:00 p.m. (note date change)
- May 16: Yard Sale 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- May 21: Red Sox Day
- May 22: Early Release Day, 12:00 dismissal
- May 25: No school, Memorial Day

Wax Museum a Big Success

Special thanks to third grade teachers, parents, and students for their participation in the Hannah School Wax Museum. Third graders read biographies and wrote reports about the person whose biography they read. Then students put the summary on a note card, pre-

pared a costume so they would look like a wax figure in a Wax Museum. They even had buttons to press, so that when a visitor pressed the button, they would present the information they learned about the famous person. The turnout was fabulous. Parents and family mem-

bers came on Wednesday afternoon and students in other grades visited with their classes on Thursday.

We all learned something and had fun too!

Health Information

As you know, we have sent home fact sheets about the Swine Flu for your reference. As we said, we have not had any reports of illness at Hannah, but want to help keep families informed about possible symptoms and precautions.

The best ways to avoid contracting the swine flu or any other illnesses are:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes into a tissue or the inside of your elbow, not

into your bare hands.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands frequently, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if you're sick, especially with a fever.

Students and staff with acute febrile respiratory illness, regardless of travel history, will be sent home for least 7 days after the onset of illness or until 24 hours after their symptoms resolve, whichever is

longer. At this time, exclusion from school is not recommended for those who have recently traveled to an area where swine flu cases have been confirmed, and yet who do not have symptoms.

Our school is cleaned on a daily basis. If you would like to check a child-friendly website that promotes proper hand-washing and health hygiene, check out "Scrub Club," at www.scrubclub.org, where kids learn about 'soaper heroes,' and play interactive games.



Playground Improvement

We recently received a much needed delivery of wooden play chips for our play structure area. The chips were purchased by the school district, but the hard labor that it took to spread the 50 yards...yes, 50 yards, of play chips was provided by Hannah volunteers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the follow-

ing hard workers:

John and Leanne Moody, Gina and Owen Cairns, Dani and Jack Cairns, Andrea Connor, Caitlin, Jonathan, Mario, and Nancy Tricomi, Andrew, Teddy, and Marie Glaros, Jeanne and Brendan Chan, Johnny Jones, Sean Richardson, Amy Proctor, Emma,

Abigail and Julie Brown Garthwaite, Keegan, Rachelle, Roark, and Kathy Mullins, Jake McLaughlin, Kyle Acciavatti.

Please note that this month's PTO meeting has been changed from May 12 to May 13, for parents to attend the budget hearing on May 12.

We Care About Our School

Sadly, Hannah School experienced its first act of vandalism the Saturday before the vacation ended. We were victims of spray painted 'tagging/graffiti.' The incident was promptly reported to the police and our custodial staff came and worked extra hours on Sunday to try to remove it. We had to

hire a sand blasting contractor to remove some of it, but two parents stepped up and volunteered to re-paint our map on the school yard. They are Jeff Marcheterre and Tracy Karatza. Mr. Parsons and Mr. Anderson will take care of the rest of the painting.

Although this was a disturbing occurrence, it was also a lesson in stepping up and taking care of our school and reinforcing the value of respecting property. I am sure many children mentioned this unlucky event at home and wanted to provide you with the follow up information.



Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Week is the Week of May 11th this year. The PTO will sponsor a Teacher Appreciation dinner for our wonderful Hannah teachers on May 11th.

Please try to take a moment or two to send your child's teacher a note telling them that you appreciate all their hard work. We really have an exceptionally dedicated staff of teachers and paraprofessionals at Hannah! There is no need

for a gift, but a thoughtful note of appreciation really makes a teacher's day. If your child writes a note, that's even better. Teachers treasure sincere thanks from their students. They became teachers because their true rewards come when they see children learning and growing into productive people. There is no greater joy for a teacher than knowing that he or she has made a difference in the life of a student or a student's family. Please share your

compliments with a teacher that week. You will make his or her day!



Red Sox Day

Red Sox Day at Hannah School is May 21st. On this day, parents are invited to come to school to have lunch with their children. We follow a Red Sox theme in which we invite all students, staff, and parents to wear Red Sox t-shirts or other Red Sox item. It is fun day and if the weather cooperates, we go through the

lunch line to pick up Hannah franks, chips, a drink, and a dessert, then go outside to eat on the field adjacent to the school. There is plenty of room to sit, eat and also to play afterwards. Plan to bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

We will send home an advance lunch order form and ask that

you return it promptly so our kitchen staff can get an accurate count as to how many lunches they need to prepare. Lunch schedules are as follows:
 Grades K and 1: 10:50-11:30
 Grades 2 and 3: 12:10-12:40
 Grades 4 and 5: 11:35-12:05

Hoof It for Hannah is our school's Walk-a-Thon that takes place during the school day on June 5. Proceeds go towards technology purchases. More info will be sent home later.

June Dates

Please make note of the following dates in June:

June 3: 5th grade play, "Wizard of Oz"

June 5: Hoof It for Hannah Walk-A-Thon

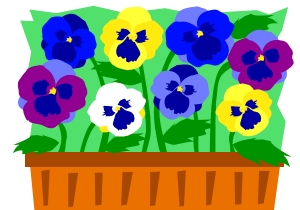
June 9: Field Day

June 19: Hannah Family Picnic

(Drinks and dessert provided, bring your own picnic)

June 23: Grade 5 celebration for 5th grade families at 12:45

June 24: Last day of school, 12:00 dismissal



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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.

MCAS

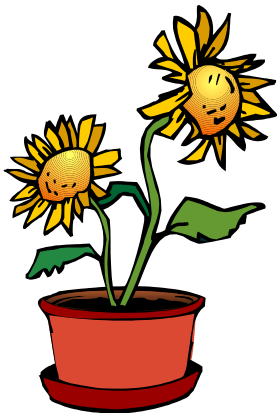
Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will once again take MCAS tests in May. Grade 3, 4, and 5 students will all take a math test and Grade 5 will take a science test as well. As always, please remind your child that they shouldn't worry or stress about MCAS, just rest, eat breakfast, and try their best.

Here are the dates:

Grade 3: May 19, 20

Grade 4: May 13, 14

Grade 5: May 11, 12, 15, 18



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monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, and love them without limits, so that one day they will, like you, love without connecting the cost. That is quite a deal for the price!!!! So for this Mother's Day and Father's Day, I know you will count your blessings and not your money. You all have wonderful children. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Heath Teacher

We have a new Health teacher, Ms. Loguidice, who has been assigned to Hannah for the next four weeks to teach lessons from the Health curriculum in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5. She will be here on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your children may have mentioned this to you. She is working with your child's classroom teacher to implement our newly revised Health curriculum. Other Health related lessons are taught by classroom teachers and Mrs. Shropshire, our P.E. teacher.