



# Hannah News

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## Dates to remember:

- Nov. 3: Accelerated Reader Assembly @ 8:30 a.m.
- Nov. 4: No School; Staff Dev. Day
- Nov. 11: No School; Veteran's Day
- Nov. 11: Hannah Horse Café at Wild Horse Café
- Nov. 18: PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 26: Early Release-12:00 Dismissal; No lunch served.
- Nov. 27 & 28: No School-Thanksgiving Vacation

## A Word from the Principal...

It's Halloween time and also a good time to think about safety habits. For Halloween, be sure kids have a clear view through their costume. Masks and flowing costumes can be dangerous. Kids should carry flashlights or wear reflective clothing. Always have your child wait to eat any candy until they get home and you can check to be sure that wrappers have not been opened. Never eat loose candy unless you know it is safe.

At school, we try to reinforce safe choices, but safety savvy begins at home. Here are a few tips:

**Basics:** Teach your child his/her full name, address, phone number, and your cell phone number. Show young children how to dial 911 in emergencies, but be sure your child knows it is only for emergencies when an adult cannot dial the phone for him/herself. Don't advertise your child's name; place their name inside items like lunch boxes, backpacks, and jackets. Teach your child to use crosswalks and always wear their seatbelt. Remember



there are new child safety seat guidelines as well.

**Safety at Home:** Never leave a child under the age of 12 home alone.

**Safety in the Neighborhood:** Be sure to supervise young children when out playing. Teach your child to use crosswalks and show them how to walk to the bus stop appropriately. Let them know where to get 'help' in an emergency— a neighbor, relative, or police officer.

**Safety at School:** We need your help to reinforce safety rules. Children should know they are expected to stay seated on the school bus and be respectful of the driver.

At Hannah, we ask that students walk on sidewalks and not run or push to get ahead. Children should always enter/exit a car from the passenger side. On the playground, rough play is not allowed as we do not want others to get hurt. Walking quietly in the hallways is expected as is obtaining permission to

## Mock Election

At Hannah, we have been learning about the Presidential Election process. Students have participated in election Trivia Contests and held classroom discussions. Ask your child what he or she has learned. Don't be shy about asking even our youngest students—we hope they too are learning about this process.

On October 30, we held a mock election at

Hannah. You might be surprised to know that there are more than two candidates running from president. Here are the results:

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| McCain: 78   | Obama: 245 |
| Barr: 3      | Baldwin: 5 |
| McKinney: 12 | Nader: 4   |

Write-Ins: Hillary Clinton-1; Randy Moss-1; Mr. Sutherland-2.

# Hannah Horse Cafe

On Tuesday, November 11, the Wild Horse Café will close its doors to the general public and transform into the Hannah Horse Café. With a child-friendly menu, the restaurant will be open to Hannah families only. **However, you must make a reservation ahead**

**of time.** Teachers will replace the wait staff and be ready to take your order. Be patient with us though, as we try to get the orders right. Last year, students and parents had a great time seeing their teachers in this unique role.

Reservations can be made by calling the Wild Horse Café directly. We will not be



**Giddy Up! It's Hannah Horse Café Time**

accepting reservations in the school office. Seatings are available for lunch and dinner this year.

Both the flier and the menu are posted on the school website. They have also been sent home with kids.

So, Giddy Up and Come on down to the Hannah Horse Café on November 11th!

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Hannah School PTO. The PTO funds many extras at school including: Arts and Enrichment programs, field trips, technology purchases, and more!

## T-Shirt Contest Update

We received many creative and clever drawings for our first Hannah T-shirt Logo contest. Thanks to all who participated. All students who submitted an entry will receive a Hannah pencil. A group of judges narrowed the field to five finalist entries. Students will have the opportunity to vote for the winning logo on Monday, Nov. 3rd. The winning logo will be printed on T-shirts, which will be available for sale. The finalist logos will be on display in the school

cafeteria on Monday and all entries will be displayed after the election.

Look for order forms for the T-shirts to come home soon. Traditional Hannah apparel will still be available for sale. Items such as sweatshirts, sweatpants, and hats will be available in December.

## Charitable Drives

We are currently collecting gently used winter coats as part of the Coats for Kids drive. There is a collection box in the front lobby. Coats for Kids collects, cleans, and distributes coats for those in need in the greater Boston area. We accept coats for adults and toddlers too.

Each year, the Hannah School also participates in a canned goods drive to benefit Beverly Bootstraps. During the month of November, students may drop off canned goods or boxed non-perishable items in the

lobby. Look for the Bootstraps Food Drive Box. Beverly Bootstraps is a local organization that provides food assistance to families in need. This year, more than ever, there is great need for the holidays and also to help stock the food pantry.



**Bootstraps Food Drive and Coats for Kids**

If your family is in need of assistance this holiday season, you can contact Beverly Bootstraps.

### Reminder:

**Please do not park in the drop off lane at any time.**

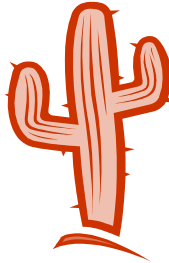
**Students and parents are also being asked to stay off the grass in front of the school and walk on the right side of the service driveway when walking to Wayland**

**Ave. or Big Rock Lane.**

**Thank you.**

# Accelerated Reader

The first Accelerated Reader assembly will take place on Monday, November 3 at 8:30 in the cafeteria. The following students will be recognized for points earned through the program:



## 20 Points (Pen):

Oliver Gibson, Natalie Eberhardt, Adela, Peci, ArieH Soferr, Grace Van Kirk, Christiana Karatza, Laura Connor, Finn Sinsigalli, Jonathan Soferr, Gabriela Rushi, Timothy Johnson, Johnny Jones, Anna Gibson, Zachary Eberhardt, Maggie Loft

## 35 Points (Button):

Oliver Gibson, Christiana, Karatza, Grace Van Kirk, Jonathan Soferr, Timothy Johnson,

Anna Gibson, Zachary Eberhardt,

## 50 Points (Bracelet):

Oliver Gibson, Christiana Karatza, Grace Van Kirk, Timothy Johnson, Anna Gibson

## 65 Points (Key Clip):

Oliver Gibson, Christiana Karatza, Grace Van Kirk

## 85 Points (Kickball):

Christiana Karatza, Grace Van Kirk

## 100 Points (Book Light)/125 Points (Medal):

Christiana Karatza, Grace Van Kirk

After receiving one prize at each level at the first assembly, students receive only the prizes for the point levels they reach during the following quarters.

## Food Drive

During the month of November, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Beverly Bootstraps. Items can be for Thanksgiving dinners or for the Food Pantry. Food items donated must be canned goods or other non-perishables. Please do not sent items in glass containers as we are afraid they could break in transit.

Suggested items include:

Canned fruits/vegetables

Rice or Dried Beans

Gift cards to Stop and Shop or Shaws

Cereal

Canned soup

Pasta

Juice

Peanut Butter/Jelly/Crackers

## Study Island

Study Island is a web-based program that allows students to participate in lessons and activities that are aligned with our State Curriculum Frameworks. At Hannah, we have purchased the program for students in grades 4 and 5. Teachers will be giving students their usernames and passwords in class. A flier will also be sent home with more specific information.

The program is designed to help students practice important skills and simulates the format of the MCAS test. Students get feed-

back on their performance and must attain a score of 70% or better to be eligible to play the games portion. If they have trouble with an item, the program will cycle them

back to re-teach the skill. Students must click on the lesson part before reading a passage or answering the questions. We hope you find it useful. Teachers can print out assignments for students who do not have access to the internet at home.



### Reminder:

**Our school Wellness Policy dictates that only foods from approved kitchens can be served during school hours. Please do not send in homemade treats for your child's class. 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:

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## Summer Reading

We'd like to recognize students who participated in Wild about Reading summer reading program through the Beverly Public Library. Better late than never! These students submitted their summer reading logs:

**Grade One:** Lucien Thomas-Vickory, Klaudia Rushi, Colby Snook, Paris O'Brien, Benjamin Berte, Cameron Avila,

**Grade Two:** Dylan Bird, Jade Rodman, Simone French, Joshua Snook,

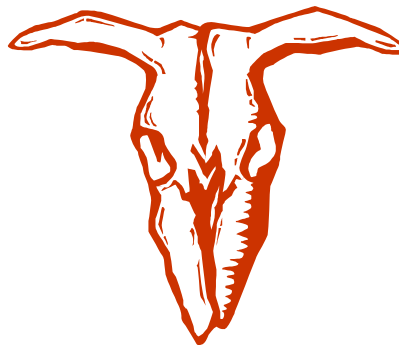
**Grade Three:** Arieh Soferr, Rhiannon Murphy, Morgan Anderton, Nicholas Berry, Laura Connor, Jonathan Soferr, Caitlin Tricomi, Jonathan Tricomi

**Grade Four:** Diane Al-

hafez, Fiona Braco, Mackenzie Bolas, Ethan Bagley, Eli Chambers, Annalise Errico, Gabriela Rushi, Henri Tusko, Adrienne Wallis,

**Grade Five:** Lorna Brennan, Jake Berry, Victoria Thompson, Ciaran Moore, Nikki Shawn, Colleen Mooney

We'd like to thank the Beverly Public Library for their sponsorship of this program. Students will receive a certificate from the Library. Students in grades 1 and 2 will have their names announced on the loudspeaker and students in grades 3-5 will be recognized at the the first Accelerated Reader assembly on Nov. 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.



**Read all about it!**