



## A Word from the Principal...

It's hard to believe its already October! Students seem to be settling into their classroom routines. This month, I'd like to write a bit about student attendance. Students need to be in school every day to stay on track. Sure there are extenuating circumstances, but teachers do plan lessons carefully to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, and then move on to more new skills and ideas. When children aren't in school, they fall behind and it is difficult to replicate what they have missed. Here are some things to think about:

**How Sick is Too Sick?** It's impossible say categorically when a child should go to school or stay home.

However, it is typically fine to come to school if a child does not have a fever, rash, nausea, pink eye, or diarrhea. If a doctor or nurse recommends that you keep a child home, find out how long and on what conditions he/she can return to school (ie. after 24 hours of antibiotics.)

**Vacation Plans:** It's tempting to pull your kids from school for a family trip, but it is not a good idea and the Beverly Public Schools considers such absences to be unexcused. Such trips can give kids the impression that their schooling is not your top priority. Even if they make up work later, they will have missed important instructional time. Instead of thinking how you can miss

the crowds by taking trips during the school year, think about what it could be costing your child in the long run.

**Check Appointments:** Try to schedule your child's doctor's appointments for after school, weekend times, or during a vacation. Remember to tell your child that attendance is important. You'll be helping them succeed both in school and in life.

There is a short article on district procedures on page 3.



## Fall Fundraiser News

The Hannah PTO's fall fundraiser forms are now due. Any sales forms you may still have for Genevieve should be returned immediately. Order forms received after Monday, October 6 will not be accepted. Thanks to all those

who participated. We look forward to a successful profit. The PTO is raising funds this year to purchase a new sound system for our school cafeteria/ auditorium. We need a new sound system to facilitate presentations and school

gatherings both during and after school hours.

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### Dates to remember:

- Oct. 9: No School—Yom Kippur
- Oct. 10: No School—Staff Development Day
- Oct. 13: No School—Columbus Day
- Oct. 22: Deadline for logo contest entries
- Nov. 4: No School—Election Day
- Nov. 11: No School—Veteran's Day

## School Store

The Hannah School Store will be open after school on Thursdays beginning on October 23rd. The School Store offers school items such as pencils, erasers, folders, pencil grips, notepads, and other novelty items. Seasonal items are often available as well.

The School Store is run by the fifth grade class. Parent volunteers and students man the store, which will be located in the front lobby from 2:00-2:20 on Thursday afternoons. Items are reasonably priced and often range from 25 cents to 2 dollars. Proceeds from the School Store benefit fifth grade fundraising efforts. The fifth grade raises money each year to pay for class yearbooks, a class trip, and tee shirts.

Students learn about money and economics by saving money and shopping at the store. Young students learn the value of their money in a safe shopping environment. We ask that parents accompany young students when they visit the school

store. Coin identification, adding, subtracting, making change, counting by 5's, 10's, and 25's are all skills that students practice when they shop.

Bus students who bring money for the School Store will be allowed to shop at 1:50.

Check out the School Store !

But... remember to park in a marked space and please do not leave your car in the pick up area unattended.



*School Store Open Thursdays After School Beginning October 23, 2008*

## Hannah Banking

Students in grades 2-5 are eligible to participate in the Hannah Banking program. This is a unique opportunity for students to learn about saving and banking. The Beverly Cooperative Bank sponsors this program. Enrollment forms will be sent home soon with students in grades 2-5. Students may open a savings account with the Beverly Cooperative Bank.

Bank representatives will come to Han-

nah on Tuesday mornings to accept deposits. Students may only make deposits. Any withdrawals must be made at the bank with a parent present.

Students learn how to fill in a deposit slip and watch their savings grow. No amount is too small to deposit. Change is

*"Money doesn't grow on trees,  
but it does grow in the bank."*

readily accepted. From time to time, the bank offers raffles and prizes to account holders. If you have questions about the program, contact Pauline Bloomer at the Beverly Cooperative Bank.

## Hannah Harvest Hoedown

Come one. Come all to make your own scarecrow at the Hannah Harvest Hoedown on Friday, October 17th. Order forms were sent home recently. Reserve your spot to build your own scarecrow. Frames, hay, and supplies will be provided for \$10. Families should bring their own scarecrow clothes.

There will a square dance caller as well as cider and donuts. The 5th grades is

sponsoring a pumpkin decorating station. Proceeds will benefit the 5th grade class in their efforts to raise money to fund the class trip, yearbook, and 5th grade events.

This event will take place outdoors. There will be NO PARKING near the school building. Park in the lot only. The driveway in front of the school will be the scarecrow area. The side school yard will be lit for square dancing and cider/

donuts. We hope to see many families there!



Oct. 17th from  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

## T-Shirt Logo Contest

The Hannah School is sponsoring a logo contest. Students in grades 1-5 are eligible to enter a logo design. Instructions will be sent home soon.

Logo designs should be student designed and drawn. Please do not submit a computer designed logo. Entries should be drawn on 8 1/2 by 11 white paper with the student's name written on the back of the paper.

Students can use their creative talents. Entries can be drawn with crayons, markers, colored pencils, or paint.

Since this is an election year, we plan to have students vote on the entries. Logo election day will be November 3, 2008—one day before the presi-

dential elections.

Five finalist entries will be chosen by a committee of staff and parents. The five finalist entries will be on display in the school cafeteria for one week before the voting takes place.



The winner of the logo contest will be announced on November 5th.

T-shirts will be printed with this year's unique Hannah School logo

and sold at a later date.

Look for entry forms. Participation will be voluntary.

### Coming soon...

#### Coats for Kids

Hannah School will be collecting gently used winter coats and snowpants to donate to the Coats for Kids program. Look for the flier to come home soon. A collection box will be in the front lobby of the school. All coats must be clean and in good condition.

## Equity Coordinator

The Beverly Public Schools is committed to providing a safe school environment for all students. This includes making every attempt to ensure that all students are treated fairly and without bias. The district policy on discrimination and harassment provides for procedures in the event that a violation of civil rights occurs. This includes incidents of bullying. The Hannah School makes every effort to

help students resolve problems and be respectful of individual differences. As part of this commitment and district policy, the school has an "Equity Coordinator." Mrs. Kenneally serves in this capacity and is available on an "as-needed" basis to investigate incidents that

rise to the level of an official complaint on the part of a student, teacher, or parent. Findings are reported to administrators, who attempt to find solutions and resolutions to issues brought forward.

For more information, see the Policy Manual located on the district website—[www.beverlyschools.org](http://www.beverlyschools.org)

## Absent/Tardy Procedures

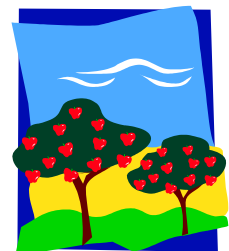
Parents are asked to call to notify the school when a student is absent from school. A note excusing the absence is required when a student re-enters school. If a child has been absent for 5 consecutive days, a doctor's note is required. If we do not receive a call from you when your child is absent, we will call to verify the absence.

Students who arrive late to school must report to the office to obtain a late pass

before entering their classroom. Chronic late arrivals and/or excessive absences are reported to the Beverly Public Schools Director of Child Welfare. See the Student Handbook for details about the district attendance policy.

Research shows that students with good attendance demonstrate higher levels of academic achievement. Similarly, students who arrive late miss important instructional time. A few minutes a day add

up to hours and days of missed instruction. Please be sure your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn.



Hannah School Mission Statement

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

**We're on the web: [www.beverlyschools.org](http://www.beverlyschools.org)**

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.

## Odds and Ends

### Electronics in School

Students are not permitted to play with hand held electronic games, use cell phones, or listen to personal music players during school hours. We discourage all students from bringing such devices to school. However, if as a parent, you feel it is necessary for your child to have a cell phone for after school use, we must have a written note giving your permission. The note should include your understanding that it must be kept in a backpack and turned off during school hours.

Other electronic games for use during after school programs should also be kept in a backpack during school hours. Please be aware of what your child brings to school each day.

Fifth Grader, Nikki Shawn will appear in The North Shore Players production of *There's a Monster in my Closet!* On October 10th, 11th, and 12th at Hogan Regional Auditorium in Danvers.



### AR Test Requests

If you know of an Accelerated Reader book title that your child would enjoy reading and are not sure if we own the AR test, requests can be made to Cathy Babb in the Library/Media Center. Each year, we purchase additional test titles to enhance our collection.

### Reminder

There is **no parking** allowed at any time around the Drop Off Circle or on the left side of the driveway. If you are in the pick up lane at pick up time, please stay with your car and pull forward when possible to allow other parents to pull in behind you.