



# Hannah News

## A Word from the Principal...

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year. We're off to a great start. Many new children have joined us from other Beverly schools and all the children seem happy to be here. We are also so glad to see our returning students' smiling faces each day.

I'd like to thank parents for their cooperation during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Parents who walk their children to the school yard have been fabulous about parking their cars in the lot or on the street. As most of you are aware, there is **NO PARKING** in the **FIRE LANE** in front of the school at any time. This area is for live drop off and pick up only. There are a few spaces available along the sidewalk before the service delivery driveway. At Hannah, the service driveway is used exclusively by buses at pick up time and is always off limits to car traffic. This is because many parents and students also walk

along this driveway to access the school from Wayland Ave. There is **NO PARKING** at any time along the left side of the driveway or around drop off circle by the school yard. Cars left in these areas create a serious safety hazard for our students. We do not want students crossing the driveway or walking between waiting cars.

Our theme this year at Hannah will be the "Pyramid of Success." Please see the accompanying article explaining this theme on page 3.

Thanks again for a great start to the school year!



## The Hannah PTO Welcomes You!

The first Hannah PTO meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 9th in the Teacher's Lounge at Hannah at 7:00 p.m.

The PTO welcomes all parents and is always interested in increasing parent participation in planning events and fundraisers.

The PTO sponsors family events, field trips, and school enrichment programs.

The first fundraiser of the year will begin soon. We plan to sell wrapping paper and gifts from Genevieve's. Look for this information in your child's backpack soon!

We thank you in advance for your support.

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### Dates to remember:

- ☺ September 9: PTO meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- ☺ September 15: Curriculum Night from 6-7:30
- ☺ September 16: No school-Staff Development Day
- ☺ September 18: Kindergarten Screening: No school for kindergartners

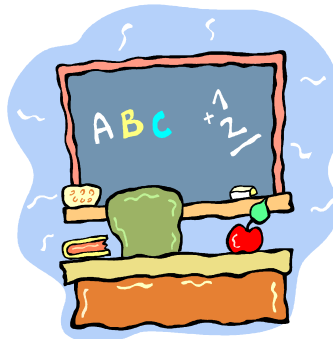
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# Hannah Curriculum Night

The annual Hannah School Curriculum Night will take place on Monday, September 15th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This is an evening for parents to learn about grade level curriculum and expectations from teachers. Children should not attend. There will be an Open House later in the year when both students and parents attend.

The program begins with a "Welcome" presentation from the principal in the school cafeteria/auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Following this presentation, parents are invited to visit their child's classroom for a presentation by the teacher. Teachers will give their presentations two times, so that parents with children in more than one grade level can visit more than one classroom.



Curriculum Night:  
September 15:6:00-7:30 PM

Support teachers will be available in their classrooms if your child also works with support staff. Specialist teachers will also be available. Feel free to visit the Art, Music, Library and Computer rooms.

The Hannah School is proud to remind parents that we hold NEASC accreditation. This means that as a school community, we meet NEASC's (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) stringent requirements for curriculum, safety, professional, and facility standards. Additionally, our kindergarten programs have earned NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation by meeting a similar set of standards.

## Crossing Guards/Safety Information

This year, there are four locations where Crossing Guards are available for students who walk to school. They are located at or near the following intersections:

Palmer St. and Brimbal Ave.

Big Rock Lane and Brimbal Ave.

Colon St. and Brimbal Ave.

Corning St. and Essex St.

Bicycle riding to school is discouraged, due to the increased traffic during school arrival hours. However, stu-

dents in grades 3, 4, and 5 may ride to school provided their parent fills in a "Bicycle Permission Form." These forms are available in the office. Students who ride bikes to school must park them in the rack on the side of the school by the field. Students must wear a helmet and should bring a lock.

Scooters, roller blades, and skateboards are not permitted at any time.

Thank you.

Monthly newsletters are posted on the Hannah website.

## PTO Officers

The PTO officers for the 2008-2009 school year are:

**Co-Presidents:** Andrea Connor and Marie Mallot

**Co-Vice Presidents:** Lauren Gaudet and Catherine Barrett

**Secretary:** Eva Oliveira

**Co-Treasurers:** Jeanne Chan and Amy Proctor

**Arts and Enrichment:** Suzanne Beaudoin, Ruth Lindsay, and Andi Freedman

**Citywide PTO representatives:** Susan Johnson and Julie Garthwaite

**Room Parent coordinator:** Stephanie Steege

**Hospitality:** Danielle Filtranti and Kim Barror

Following are tentative PTO meeting dates for the year:

Sept. 9; Oct. 14; Nov. 18;  
Jan. 13; Feb. 10; March 17;  
April 14  
May 12



## Pyramid of Success

Perhaps some of you have heard of Coach John Wooden, a famous UCLA basketball coach. He coached some of basketball's biggest names and was named, "greatest coach of the 20th century." Even though his UCLA teams always had winning seasons, Coach Wooden never emphasized winning. Rather, he focused on teaching student-athletes how to become the best team players they could be...and the best people too. If you were to ask Coach Wooden how he did it, he might reply that he was always true to his beliefs. He captured his beliefs in a structure he called the "Pyramid of Success." Originally designed for high school and college aged students, Coach Wooden adapted his pyramid for younger children using language children would understand.



Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success

The Pyramid of Success embodies traits which nurture the physical, mental, and social/emotional development of the whole child. We hope that by focusing on the blocks of the Pyramid of Success, students will understand that success in school and in life doesn't rely on external factors, but on resources and traits which lie within each person.

You will find stories and additional information about the Pyramid of Success in your child's Agenda book (if your child is in second, third, fourth, or fifth grade). At Hannah, we plan to focus our monthly school gatherings around the values of each of the pyramid blocks. They are: Hard Work, Friendship, Loyalty, Cooperation, Enthusiasm, Self-Control, Alertness, Action, Deter-

## Pyramid (continued)

mination, Fitness, Skill, Team Spirit, Poise, Confidence, and Personal Best.

Each month at Hannah, teachers will nominate students who demonstrate those characteristics. These students will be recognized at school gatherings. Check our Pyramid of Success bulletin board in the lobby.

The aim is to empower students to be the best they can be and to understand that they are responsible for their own successes. Remember the Hannah motto: Be kind. Be

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

(For those who may not know, each day 2 students lead the school in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, they also say the words of this Hannah motto.)

You can look for Coach Wooden's book, "Inch and Miles."

If you can't do something the first time, try it again.

## Everyday Math

As many of you know, the Beverly Public School uses the Everyday Math program for our core math instruction. This program is research based and used by many school districts across the country. There will be an Everyday Math parent night at the Hannah School in October. The Beverly Public School Math Coordinator, Sherry Wagner will lead this evening event for parents.

The Everyday Math program has parent letters that coordinate with each unit of study for each grade level. Teachers generally send home these helpful unit letters. They

contain information about how students are being taught the specific concepts in the unit. They also contain answers to homework assignment for the unit. Many parents find them especially helpful since the Everyday Math program utilizes methodology that is quite different from the way they had learned math as a child.



Q: Why was 6 afraid of 7?  
A: Because 7 ate 9.

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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.

## Accelerated Reader

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 can participate in the Accelerated Reader program by reading books in school and at home and taking comprehension tests on the computer at school. Teachers help students keep track of Accelerated Reader books they read. When students read a book and pass a test, they earn AR points. Points are tallied quarterly and students are recognized at special Accelerated Reader assemblies. They also earn prizes according to the number of points they have accumulated.

This is a program that we have found to be motivating to students. However, it is in addition to our core reading program. The Beverly Public Schools uses the Rigby Guided Reading and Rigby Literacy by Design programs for core reading instruction in class. Students read accelerated reader books during silent reading times at school or at home.

Parents may find lists of Accelerated Reader books on the link on the school website. They are divided by grade levels. The school library owns many of these books and

they are available for students to check out during their weekly library time.

Look for notices about quarterly assemblies on the front door of the school soon!

