

Hannah News

Summer Fun

As the year winds down, I hope you have plans to have fun with your children this summer. I also hope that doesn't mean that learning will take a vacation as well. Here are some things you can do to keep kids minds active during the summer:

Read together. Research shows the most important way parents can help their children become better readers is by encouraging them to read at home and provide a positive example to them by reading also.

Play word games. Try looking for letters on signs or license plates when driving. Or play games like Scrabble with older kids.

Write letters. If your family is planning a vacation, have children write for information about the destination or bring stationary and buy post cards so they can write to friends and family while away.

Plan outings together. The North Shore has many great places to visit, such as: Peabody Essex Museum, Russell Orchards, Maritime Centers in Gloucester and Salem, and Whale Watches.



Learn to cook. Using simple recipes, children can practice reading, following directions, and measuring. Hopefully, the results will be delicious.

Read maps as your travel. Talk about what changes you notice on car trips and practice directional skills.

Study nature by collecting specimens. Kids can collect insects, shells, leaves, or whatever. They can observe and classify what they've found.

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At drop off and pick up, Please remember:

- To drop your child off from the passenger side of the car.
- To never leave your car unattended, especially with children inside.
- Only live drop off and pick up in the lane in front of the school.
- To park if you will accompany your child to the building.
- Thank you.

Hannah School Store A Success

Thanks to the efforts of the fifth grade class and parent volunteers, Suzanne Beaudoin, Dani Cairns, Susan Corsbie, and Johnna Graham, the Hannah School Store has completed another successful year.

Thanks to all those students who patronized the school store. The proceeds are dedicated to fifth grade activities such as the class trip to

Cedardale, T-shirts for the students, refreshments at the 5th grade celebration, and helping to defray the cost of professionally publishing the 5th grade yearbook.

The School Store will re-open in the fall under the management of next year's 5th grade class. Thanks for a great year!

Field Day

The annual Hannah School Field Day will take place on **June 6**. In the event of inclement weather, we have chosen the following day, June 7 as the rain-date.

Mrs. Shropshire has planned a fantastic array of fun and engaging activities for this year's field day. Students will rotate through the stations that will be set up outside on the field adjacent to the school. Many parents have volunteered to help and we look forward to a great day!

Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather and has applied sunscreen and/or insect repellent if it is warranted. Students will be outside from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and will eat lunch in the school cafeteria as usual, but on a slightly delayed schedule. It is also a good idea to send a bottle of water with your child on

this day.



In the afternoon, students in grades K and 1 will participate in brief parachute activities. Students in grades 2-5 will participate in a tug-of-war event by grade level.

We are looking forward to a terrific day and hope the weather cooperates.

Don't forget to be sure children are wearing sneakers that day. They will not be able to participate in the activities if they are wearing sandals or flip flops.

Kindergarten Orientation

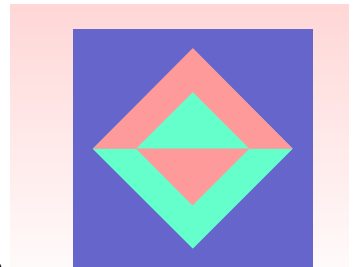
An orientation for incoming kindergarten students and their parents will be held on June 6 from 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Incoming kindergartners may visit kindergarten classrooms and have the opportunity to listen to a story and meet some new friends.

We held a new kindergarten parent orientation on the evening of April 25 and had a nice turnout. This will be an opportunity for parents to bring their children to Hannah so they can visit while classrooms are still functioning. It is difficult to show the school to children in the summer since rooms and hallways are being

cleaned and rooms are not decorated with student work as they are during the school year.

The school nurse, Mrs. Pappas, will also be available to answer any questions parents may have about health record requirements. This is also a good time to bring any missing registration information to the school. We look forward to welcoming our newest and youngest students!



Hannah Banking

The Hannah Banking program sponsored by the Beverly Cooperative Bank and the Savings Makes Cents program from the State Treasurer's Office as once again very well received. Many students took advantage of the opportunity to make deposits into their savings accounts on Tuesdays right here at Hannah. Students learned valuable lessons about how to make out a deposit slip and keep track of their money. Most importantly, they got to see their account balances grow. As many of you know, at the Hannah bank, we only accept deposits. Withdrawals must be made at the bank office by students accompanied by a par-

ent. The bankers always commented on how well mannered our Hannah students are!

The banking program is finished for this year.

We hope to see even more participation next year. Look for the banking notices in the fall to take advantage of this opportunity!



Hannah PTO Announces Board

The Hannah School PTO accepted nominations for officers and is pleased to announce the names of the board members who will serve for the next school year.

We appreciate their dedication and commitment to the Hannah community. Please remember that PTO meetings are open to all parents and teachers and we welcome all who wish to attend. Please don't be shy just because you haven't been able to attend before!

Co-Presidents—Jeanne Puopolo-Chan and Amy Proctor

Vice Presidents—Lauren Gaudet and Sharon Zawacki

Treasurers—Angel Crandell and Andrea Connor

Secretary—Marie Mallot

Hospitality—Kim Barror and Danielle Filtranti

Library Coordinators—Kathy Van Ness and Angel Crandell

Publicity—Brian Lewandowski and Barb Fectau

Arts and Enrichment—Ruth Lindsay and Suzanne Beaudoin

City Wide PTO Representative—Susan Johnson



End of Year Housekeeping

If you are moving out of town or out of the Hannah district, please let us know in the office as soon as possible. If your child will be attending another school next year, you will need to fill in a transfer form in our office and a release form so we may send the records to the new school.

If you have moved within the Hannah district, we will need a new proof of residency receipt for our school records. Please be sure your information is updated in this event so you will receive summer mailings.

Mrs. Pappas, our school nurse, is also still looking for updated

health forms for students in grade 5. It is important to update health records so that the transition to Briscoe will be smooth in the Fall.

You will receive your child's report card on the last day of school, June 22. This will be an early release day. A letter will be sent to your home during the month of August with your child's classroom assignment for next year.

Summer is almost here!

Book Room Upgrade

Thanks to the generosity of Wal-Mart and the Beverly Education Foundation, we will be able to purchase some new leveled readers for our book room. Hannah School received a \$2,000 grant from Wal-Mart this year and a \$1,000 grant from the Beverly Education Foundation. The money will be used to purchase both fiction and non-fiction reading materials for use in classrooms. Teachers will be able to check out "six packs" of books to match students learning needs. Titles will be available at grade level, above grade level, and below grade level from K-3.

The book room will also house materials that we owned previously. Special thanks to Andrea Connor and Janice Soffer for their help in organizing. (We're not done yet though!)



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June Dates

- June 4: Accelerated Reader Assembly for grades 3-5
- June 6: Field Day Activities from 8:30-11:30
- June 7: Rain date for Field Day
- June 8: Arts and Enrichment Ponding program for grade 2 and Tide pool program for kindergarten
- June 11: Grade 5 Performance of Treasure Island
12:45 for students
6:00 for families
- June 13: Grade 5 Trip to Cedardale
- June 19: Grades 1 and 4 Field Trip to Salem
- June 20: Grade 5 Celebration at 12:30
- June 22: Last Day of School; 12:00 dismissal

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.

Don't forget to wish Mrs. Susan Messinger a fabulous retirement. As a third grade teacher at Hannah, Mrs. Messinger has left many children with fond memories and great third grade skills as they leave her classroom. We have been so fortunate to have had such a caring and dedicated educator at Hannah School. We will miss her calm, nurturing presence each and every day, but know she will be happy relaxing and enjoying her retirement next year.



We love you, Mrs. Messinger!!