

Hannah News

Notes from the Nurse

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Bring in your spare change and help in the fight against blood cancers. During the weeks of April 2nd, 9th, and 23rd, we will be having our own Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Each class will have it's own collection box and anyone can donate. A little change goes a long way and adds up quickly to become a wonderful donation. Thank-you in advance for your support and participation in this very worthy cause.

Reminder for parents of 4th and 5th grade students. If you haven't already submitted a copy of your child's most recent physical, please do so as soon as possible. State law requires

that copies of physical exams be updated every few years and kept on file beginning in the 4th grade. If your child is in the 5th grade, and you did not get a chance to submit a copy of their physical last year, please do so this year, as it is helpful to have the physicals up to date and on file as your child moves on to middle school.



Spring has sprung!

Thank you,
Kim Pappas RN

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Upcoming Events:

- June 6: Field Day
- June 13: Grade 5 Trip to Cedardale
- June 18: Rob Surette's Hero Art Program at 9 a.m.
- June 22: Last day of school

Spring Reminders

Please remind you children that hats and baseball caps may only be worn outside and not inside the school.

As the weather gets nicer and parents and caregivers begin to walk to pick up children, we need to ask that dogs not be brought to the pick up area at dismissal time. Some children are allergic or quite fearful and it can

pose a safety risk as well. We appreciate your cooperation.

Another safety hazard can include footwear. We ask that students not wear flip flops or Heelies to school at any time. Even as the weather gets warmer, students are safer in sneakers than any kind of open toed shoe for outdoor play.

Comedy Night a HUGE Success

If you attended Hannah’s first Comedy Night on April Fool’s Day, I don’t need to tell you how much fun was had by all. The Class baskets looked fabulous, and the silent auction items were varied and enticing. The PTO realized a better than expected monetary profit, but the other success was the great community feeling at the event. So many folks came out to support the school and the PTO’s mission to provide the “extras” for our students.

Special thanks to Andrea Connor, Angel Crandell, Amy Proctor, Lauren Gaudet, and Jeanne Chan for their extraordinary efforts. Thanks too to all those who contributed to the class baskets and donated other items. We couldn’t have had such a successful event without the combined efforts of so many parents and staff

members. The DJ services were graciously donated by Christine Debaker and Jason Cledes. The yummy breads were made by the Crocker family.



Café Salerno provided the food at a very reasonable price and the comedians were very funny!

May MCAS

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 have completed the March administration of the Reading Comprehension and Writing Composition (grade 4 only) tests. Thanks to the room parents who provided an early morning snack for students on those days. In May, we will have a second test administration. Students in grades 3 and 4 will take the math test and students in grade 5 will take math, science, and social studies tests. The following are the dates we have set aside for the testing:

Grade 3 Math: May 14, 15

Grade 3 Make up: May 18

Grade 4 Math: May 23, 24

Grade 4 Make up: May 25

Grade 5 Math: May 21, 22

Grade 5 Science: May 16, 17

Grade 5 Social Studies/History: May 29, 30

Grade 5 Make up days: May 18, 25, 31

“Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is better.”

Dates to remember...

April 5: Early Release 12:00 dismissal

April 6: No school: Good Friday

April 9: PTO Meeting at 7 p.m. in the teacher’s lounge (Rescheduled again)

April 10: School Committee Budget Hearing

April 16-20: April vacation

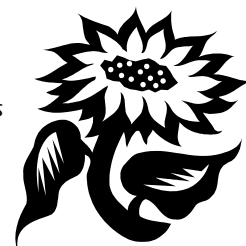
April 25: Parent information night for parents of incoming kin-

dergartners

April 26: Hannah School Open House Night 6:00-7:30 p.m. Students and parents attend. Includes classroom activities, Book Fair, and Art Show.

June 6: Field Day

June 6: Orientation for incoming kindergartners 2:30-3:15 p.m.



Grade 3 News

Third graders have had visitors and are expecting more! Many parents came to see a music class or performance in honor of "Music in our schools" month. Additionally, the third graders had a visit from Dr. Cormier, a local dentist to learn about oral hygiene and tooth care. Students were very receptive to Dr. Cormier's lessons and asked many interesting questions. The discussion centered around dental health and good eating habits.

Third graders are also learning about Massachusetts history in the classroom. Specifically, they have been learning about native Americans and differences among Eastern and Western groups. They expect a special PTO sponsored program related to this unit of study and tips on Friday, April 13th.

The third graders will also have a visit from David Coffin to learn

more about Recorders. Third graders learn to play the Recorder during the year as an introduction to musical instruments.



Many third graders continue to participate in the Accelerated Reader Program, along with peers from fourth and fifth grade as well. Students read books on their own and take comprehension tests on the computer. They can compile points and earn prizes that are awarded at quarterly assemblies. The next Accelerated Reader assembly will take place on May 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Getting Organized

Disorganization is a problem that can plague some children. They may forget about homework, lose assignments, leave sneakers or lunches at home or forget to tell you about a field trip. Left unchecked, childhood disorganization could develop into a lifelong habit. The key is to start now and help your child develop good organizational skills that will benefit them now and in the future.

*Evening planning pays off in the morning. Chaotic mornings increase the chances of students forgetting lunches, homework, or projects. Get an earlier start by having your children pack their backpacks the night before and lay out their clothes before

they go to bed.

*Backpack cleaning. Every day, your child should empty his/her backpack of schoolwork and notes from the teacher. If your child is in grades 2-5, check the agenda book for assignments and notes.

*Use a calendar. (The agenda books have monthly calendars.) Have your child write project deadlines, school events, lesson and practice

LOST:

Visitor tags. If you have mistakenly worn a Hannah visitor pass home, please send it in. Thanks.

Get organized (continued)

times and upcoming plans.

*A place for everything and everything in its place. Make your children responsible for cleaning up and putting away their toys and supplies.

*Homework help. Some students get overwhelmed with long homework assignments. Help your child get organized by developing a plan to break a large assignment into smaller parts. Monitor your child's progress and encourage him/her as each step is completed.

*Talk with the teacher. Teachers work hard to help children develop organizational skills. Ask your child's teacher what skills he/she teaches in school and what you can do at home to follow up.

Parental involvement helps! Some children need their parent's daily help to get organized and keep their lives under control.



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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.

Hannah Spring Open House Night

Please plan to attend the annual Hannah School Spring Open House Night on April 26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Teachers are planning fun and interesting math activities for students to complete with family members. Students love to show their families their classrooms and the work they have done in school. This is a special evening when you can dedicate time for your child to be your teachers.

The annual Book Fair will also take place on this evening. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class during the school day, but parents can shop in the evening. Our Art Teacher, Denise Piekos has been working hard with students all year and is planning an Art Show for this evening as well.

There will be lots going on and we hope to see you all!

Menu Change:

On April 10, the cafeteria will be serving hot dogs and a baseball cookie in honor of the Red Sox home opener. Students may wear Red Sox gear that day also.

PTO Meeting Change:

This month's PTO meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at Hannah.

