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## HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."* John Muir in *ExchangeEveryDay*

### HCNS PROGRAM SURVEY

If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to fill out a program survey located at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/nO9q7y8JxpZZKJNX2> We have received responses from less than 50% of families at this time. We'd like to have at least 80% of families give us valued input. We'd like to have all responses submitted before the end of April so that a board member can compile the results and present them at our May 9 board meeting.

### BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Some of our current board members will be "retiring" as their children move on to Kindergarten, or for other reasons. Several new members are needed for the 2018 – 2019 school year. If your child will be starting at or returning to HCNS we'd love to have you consider serving on the board. Board members usually attend our monthly meetings, have some other duties depending on the position and are exempt from classroom cleaning. Please let a current board member or your child's teacher know if you are interested or if you'd like more information.

### AMAZON SMILE

HCNS is now registered with Amazon Smile. If you place an order with Amazon, please consider signing in under Amazon Smile at this URL <http://smile.amazon.com> and then designating Hartland Cooperative Nursery School as the recipient. At no extra cost to you Amazon will donate a percentage of your sale to a designated non-profit.

### SUNSCREEN

We are hopeful that warmer weather will soon be with us which means we'll be outside more and skin will be more exposed. We'd like to remind you that, if at all possible, you should **apply sunscreen to your child before dropping him or her off** on school days. If this is not possible, please talk to your child's teachers to arrange for an alternate plan.

## CHANGES FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Our school will be going through a transition as both Miss Tiffany and Miss Michelle will not be returning for the 2018-2019 school year. We wish them both the best in their next endeavors. At this time, we are in the process of forming a hiring committee in order to begin the interviewing process in May. Please let a current board member or Mrs. Harriet know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

### UPCOMING DATES

The last few weeks of the school year are upon us. Please keep in mind these dates that have already been scheduled, or tentatively scheduled.

**May 8** – Entire school theater trip to Lebanon Opera House for a 10:00 a.m. performance of *Manxmouse: The Mouse Who Knew No Fear*. We'll travel by school bus to and from the theater. **The morning class will end at approximately 11:30 that day.** The afternoon students will have the opportunity to remain at HCNS for lunch, provided by families and supervised by a few parents, before their regular afternoon session.

**May 9** – HCNS Board Meeting 5:30 p.m., Babysitting provided

**May 10** – Family Conference Day – **No school for the children**

**May 22** – Spring concerts for Mrs. Harriet's & Mrs. Bonnie's classes – in the classroom for the morning class and downstairs on the stage for the afternoon class (More details will be provided in invitations the children will bring home closer to the concert date)

**May 23** – Miss Tiffany's & Miss Michelle's morning class concert downstairs on the stage

**May 23** - Mrs. Harriet's & Mrs. Bonnie's **morning class** – School at Mrs. Bonnie's house – drop off and pick up there – *directions will be provided as the date gets closer*

**May 24** – Miss Tiffany's & Miss Michelle's afternoon class concert downstairs on the stage

**May 24** – Mrs. Harriet's & Mrs. Bonnie's afternoon class – School at Mrs. Bonnie's house – drop off and pick up there - *directions will be provided as the date gets closer*

**May 25** – **Tentative, depending on availability of a bus** – Both afternoon classes Mt. Tom hiking trip (school day extended to end at 4:30)

**May 30** - Trout Release Day – Vermont Agriculture Commissioner Anson Tebbetts will be present in the morning!

**May 31** – Morning classes – school at Cobb Hill/Cedar Mountain Farm – drop off and pick up there – hiking – *directions will be provided as the date gets closer*

**June 5** – School at Paradise Park in Windsor – drop off and pick up there for all classes

**June 6** – Outside Day

**June 7** – Last day of school – lots of outside activities!

## **FAMILY CONFERENCES**

Family conference time is quickly approaching. You are strongly encouraged to sign up for a conference time slot through the Sign-up Genius link that your child's teacher will email to you early next week. We look forward to talking with you about your child's growth this year and next steps in learning. Conferences will be scheduled to take place during the second and third weeks of May, including numerous time slots on **Thursday May 10th** when there will be no school for the children.

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 11, 2018, 5:30pm**

**Present:** Val Raney, Nikki Raney, Heather White, Meggan Wehmeyer, Britt Metivier, Harriet Dumas

### **Fun Run:**

Heather to create SignUp Genius for potluck items (salads, etc.)

May 19th at 11:15

The Board opts to see if Hartland Girl Scouts would like to "man" the hot dog grill - then donations would go to them

Val will check with BG's for meat prices

Britt to create Facebook event

**Caregiver feedback** - we have heard that addition of caregiver feedback to the agenda has gone over well  
There was a lot of positive feedback about the previous board meeting that addressed Outside Friday policy

### **March minutes approved**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Net income \$6,800

Another payment from the state to come soon

Savings: \$17,738.18; checking: \$19,122.51

Investments - lost some with recent stock market drops; currently at \$49,432.56 - started at \$50,000

Val needs to purchase new version of QuickBooks - 4C's will pay for, since HCNS paid for payroll earlier this year

Val signed the school up for Amazon Smile

Britt will post on Facebook

Mid-day transport bus still in the works

Signature cards for Heather and Meggan with Mascoma Savings Bank all set

Hiring Committee - Harriet, possibilities: Sarah Taylor; Dorian Ford; Heather Rubenstein; Harriet will be in touch

Harriet will ask in next newsletter if parents want to be on hiring committee

Total payroll: \$94,000

Budget proposal for 2018-2019 reviewed

Board discussed wages and salaries for positions

Proposed job descriptions - board will review

Val will post jobs on SchoolSpring

There are a couple potential applicants

#### **Admissions Report:**

38 registrations (29 boys, 9 girls); 21 3-yo's, 17 older

Ads went out to papers  
Facebook boosts - Britt will do  
Val is sending reminders to complete WSESU paperwork

### **Director's Report**

Lebanon Opera House trip - bus should be fine, but not confirmed yet  
64 people will be going; \$42 credit toward next year's performance;  
3 parents who will cover lunch between the outing and afternoon class  
Family conferences soon  
May 10th - no school due to conferences  
2018-2019 academic calendar is out  
August 30th start date, end May 31st, 141 school days (this is 1 more than is required by the state to receive funding)  
Schedule Open Houses - separate evenings worked well; August 22-23rd - HD will check to see if downstairs can be used; Val will check her schedule to make sure she's available  
Family Surveys still not completed by many - Harriet will put reminder slips in cubbies, Britt will post a reminder on Facebook  
Couldn't find anything about a requirement for active shooter or shelter in place drills in state regulations - in May, Harriet will ask licenser at meeting  
Bus for Mt. Tom May 25th for PM class is requested but not secured  
AM class will go to Cobb Hill for hiking on a Wednesday or Thursday (**Update: Scheduled for Thursday May 31st**)  
May 30th - Secretary of Agriculture Anson Tebbetts will be visiting during the morning trout release  
Harriet will start sending newsletters to new parents

### **Other Business:**

Board positions for 2018-2019:  
Elections to be held at the May board meeting  
The Board discussed how to get families more involved in voting  
Harriet will include info in next newsletter and will include new families in case there's interest  
Heather White & Nikki Raney interested in Board Co-President positions  
Meggan Wehmeyer interested in Secretary position

Next Board Meetings

May 9, 2018

June 13, 2018

### **SONGS AND FINGER PLAYS**

#### **Five Enormous Dinosaurs**

Five enormous dinosaurs shouting out a roar, (*Roar*)

Along came an alligator, and then there were four.

Four enormous dinosaurs, sitting in a tree,

'Til the wind blew by, and then there were three.

Three enormous dinosaurs were taken to the zoo,  
‘Til one got away, and then there were two.  
Two enormous dinosaurs were having such fun,  
‘Til a volcano blew up, and then there was one.  
One enormous dinosaur; it must have weighed a ton,  
Until the lakes dried up, and then there were none.

### **I See a Green Frog**

*(Happy Birthday tune)*

Look! (spoken)

I see a green frog sitting on a log.

I see a green frog sitting on a log.

Long back legs for jumping,

Big eyes and smooth skin.

Look! (Spoken)

I see a green frog sitting on a log.

I see a green frog sitting on a log.

Long back legs for jumping,

What a big jump it makes.

Look! (Spoken)

I want to catch that green frog.

I want to catch that green frog.

Oh no, it's jumped far away,

Into the pond with a SPLASH!