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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWLETTER

February 2017

"Sometimes we are so concerned with giving our children what we never had growing up, we neglect to give them what we did have growing up." Dr. James Dobson in ExchangeEveryDay

THANK YOU

White River Dentist (Dr. Klanpert, Dr. Schramm & Dr. Symancyk) – for donating the toothbrushes that the children received in their Christmas stockings.

REMINDERS

*Please make sure your child has an in-season change of clothes that fits in his/her backpack daily.

*If there is a change in information for you or your child (Ex – change of address or phone number, shots given, new email, change of employment for parents or guardians, etc.), please be sure that you let us know. We can provide you with a change form.

TAX INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

For families who paid tuition during the 2016 tax season (2015 - 2016 school year), the HCNS tax ID number is 03-0260839.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION POINTS

If you are unsure about the dates that you aided, provided classroom snacks or did another activity for participation points please see your child's teachers. We can likely provide you with an aiding calendar to refer to.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2017

Present: Harriet, Val Raney, Michele Summarsell, Liz Frederick, Meggan Wehmeyer, Michelle, Tiffany, Heather White, Bethany LaHaye

Agenda:

1. **Approval of Minutes**-approved
2. **Treasurer's Report**-\$11,000 in checking and \$38,100 in savings
 - VCPC grant completed and submitted
 - next month we will discuss budget planning for next year
 - budget committee-Val will approach current families who will be returning next year
3. **Admissions Report**-CDC does not require that parents fill out criminal records check or have references; for next year, we will still require criminal records check but not references
 - we currently have 40 children registered for next year
 - Val will email those registered...to let them know if they are all set and if registration fee and/or paperwork is missing; she will also let them know about the website
 - advertising: Val let local schools know we have openings
 - Facebook advertisement
 - Valley News-in paper on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday; also in Valley Parents (\$480)
 - Vermont Standard-this week (\$166)

Will be in HES newsletter next week
Will re-submit to Vermont Standard in March

4. Director's Report

--VCPC grant mid-year report submitted, have not yet received word of its acceptance
--Weekend cleaning...3 weekends still open; will be assigned to families who have very few volunteer points
--STARS renewal sent out and received. Requested 5 stars instead of 4---if approved, will receive \$1,550 bonus; Will know within 4 weeks to hear of status; required to do annual satisfaction survey in the Spring (need 80% participation); several parent volunteers will be filling out "Strengthening Families Program" questionnaire
--concerts will be planned (for the end of the school day) for the week before Memorial Day (most likely May 23, 24 & 25); Each class will have its own separate concert; Morning classes will perform upstairs. Afternoon classes will perform on the stage downstairs; HES kids coming to the Rec. afterschool program will stay outside until concerts are over

5. Fundraising-Fun Run Saturday, May 20 with Touch-a-Truck, etc.

--T-shirts possibly from White's Dairy Supply
--discussed food: families could be encouraged to bring potluck food for lunch; money donations from food could be donated to a food shelf or something similar

6. Operations-Liz will email families who have less than half of the 35 required points

--new board members needed for next year (those already interested are listed below)
Val will mention the open positions when communicating with next year's families

Co-President--Meggan Wehmeyer
Co-President--Heather White
Marketing--Britt Metivier
Operations--Liz Frederick
Personnel and Curriculum--open
Secretary--open
Fundraising--open

7) Other business-

--new vacuums needed -Matt White will do some research on durable good quality options
--parent concerns re: use of bleach; must clean with soapy water first and then sanitize/disinfect with EPA registered product; Tiffany will look into another option besides Bleach (*Update: Our State of Vermont licenser has given approval for us to use a product called Sol-U-Guard Botanical as long as we are careful to follow the label directions for use for sanitizing and disinfecting.*)

**Upcoming Board Meeting Dates
(1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30)**

March 1, 2017
April 5, 2017
May 3, 2017
June 7, 2017

RECIPE
Pancakes

(Shared by Dorian Ford aka Grandma)

1 c cottage cheese
6 egg
1/2 c whole wheat flour
1/4 c oil

1/4 c milk
1/2 t vanilla
2 T wheat germ

Buzz all in a blender or some such machine & cook like pancakes. High in protein and very yummy.

SONGS

Skinnamarinky

Skinnamarinky dinky dink,
Skinnamarinky do,
I love you.
Skinnamarinky dinky dink,
Skinnamarinky do,
I love you.
I love you in the morning.
And in the afternoon.
I love you in the evening,
Underneath the moon.
Skinnamarinky dinky dink,
Skinnamarinky do,
I love you.

The Snowy Pokey

(Hokey Pokey tune)

You put your mittens in,
You put your mittens out,
You put your mittens in,
And you shake them all about.
You do the snowy pokey and turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about.

(Continue with other outside clothing items: boots, scarf, jacket, hats, etc and then whole self.)

Love Grows

(Shared with all classes by Grandma Dorian)

Love grows,
One by one, two by two,
And four by four.
Love grows,
Round like a circle,
And comes back knocking at your front door.