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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Success is the good fortune that comes from aspiration, desperation, perspiration, and inspiration." Evan Esar in *ExchangeEveryDay*

THANK YOU

Bethany LaHaye for coordinating the bake sale, and to all other families who participated in the bake sale by baking or by working at the sale. By the end of the sale we had made over \$600. This total should go up because some more funds have come in since the sale. **Raina White** – for sharing science activities (solar oven and electrical circuits) with the afternoon class. Raina also acted as our "tour guide" on our Mt. Ascutney hike.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Colder temperatures have arrived. Please be sure that your child has a jacket or sweatshirt, hat and mittens available each day for outside play. We'd rather have too much clothing than not enough. All clothing should be **labeled with your child's name**. Also, this might be a good time to check to be sure your child has a complete extra set of appropriate seasonal clothing always on hand in his/her backpack. **Remember too** that we do plan to go outside on rainy days but this only works if everyone has appropriate clothing – boots and raincoats are essential.

BLOGS

Our classroom blogs have entries each week, usually by Sunday afternoon. We hope you'll take the time to check them out to see some photos of the children with little descriptions of what's happening in the photos (something that you won't see on the Facebook page). The blogs can be accessed at the following links: For the morning class - <http://hartlandmorningexplorers.blogspot.com/> and the afternoon class - <http://hartlandafternoonexplorers.blogspot.com/>.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

The children in both classes learned about fire safety with a visit from firefighters and a fire truck with the morning class and a walking field trip to the fire station with the afternoon class. The children were excited to receive fire hats and water bottles; they have been practicing things they learned in their dramatic play ever since (VELS: Social Studies). You may be asked by your child if you have smoke detectors and have a meeting place outside your home in case of a fire. You also may be asked to have a fire drill! The children have been participating in fall related activities – pumpkin and leaf crafts (VELS: Creative Expression). Outside activities include pumpkin rolling with the morning class (an offshoot of the Five Little Pumpkins song!) (VELS: Science), putting out chalk fires, jumping in leaf piles, walks to explore the grounds including the woods and the brook (VELS: Physical Development & Health, a story walk and visits to the Hartland Public Library for story times (VELS: Language, Literacy and Communication). The afternoon class has been enjoying its "Outside Friday" outings. These outings have addressed VELS Science concepts as we've

investigated ants, burdock and solar power, and had a nature scavenger hunt; Social Studies as the children have learned to identify physical features of the surroundings; Physical Development and Health with the walks and hikes. Unfortunately we had low attendance on our Mt. Ascutney hike on a somewhat rainy day when we saw a beautiful waterfall, lots of gorgeous foliage and some evidence of animal presence (porcupine quills). The children really focused as they drew items from nature (VELS: Science, Physical Development – fine motor) during their last outing, something that we'll continue to do. We are taking the interests and lead of the children into account during these afternoons. During most weeks the morning class has been having an extended outside time one day a week when we've gone on walks around the grounds, exploring the community garden, the woods and the brook. The afternoon class has begun using the Foundations program that exposes them to associating letters and their sounds (VELS: Language, Literacy and Communication). Do ask your child to tell you what letters we've worked on so far, and what they get to say with Baby Echo, our little puppet.

Upcoming activities: The morning class will visit Bly Acres goat farm on a walking field trip this week. We'll learn about bats and spiders with books and craft projects. Our rescheduled theater field trip will take place during the first week of November. Now that we've had a frost we'll put our raised bed gardens "to bed." The afternoon class will take a walk around "downtown" Hartland and visit some landmarks (Damon Hall, Mascoma Bank, etc.). We'll begin to work on planning our harvest celebrations which will take place just before the Thanksgiving break.

Board Meeting Minutes

October 5th

Attendance: Val Raney, Harriet Dumas, Nikki Raney, Karen Cote, Bethany LaHaye, Meggan Wehmeyer, Kara Boudreau

Agenda:

1. Approval of last month's meeting minutes
 - a. Approved
2. Treasurer's report- Val Raney
 - a. As of 9/30/15: checking account 954.14, savings 31579.70
 - b. Profit/loss statement handed out
 - c. Tuition due next week, may need to use savings to pay teachers next week if not all is received
 - d. Some grant money has been utilized
 - e. Tax return still waiting to be reviewed
 - f. Treasurer needs to follow up with insurance company about increased insurance costs associated with Hartford school district
3. Admission report- Val Raney
 - a. New 3 year old likely to begin next Tuesday in 3 year old room
 - a.i. Will begin Oct 13, which is 2 days before tuition due, so tuition will be prorated to start date. Student is from Perkinsville.
4. Director's report- Harriet Dumas
 - a. 4 year old outside Fridays are a success
 - b. Safety- kids need to be dropped off by fences, not parking lot
 - c. Children are arriving early (15+ minutes early) and teachers are occupied with class preparation until arrival time. Gentle reminder that 8:00 and 12:30 arrival time will be

enforced. Teachers are not available for children until 8:00 and 12:30 and parents will be expected to care for children until this time.

- d. Theater performance has been postponed to Nov. 3 due to a delay in the cast arrival.
- e. Foundations utilization has begun and kids seem to like it
- f. Extra cookbooks and banner will be available at the bake sale.
- f.i. Harriet plans to make some recipes out of the cookbook to sell
- g. Harriet will attend VAEYC conference on 10/15 and 10/17. Val Raney will substitute.
- h. Agenda will be posted at least a week in advance of board meetings online and a hard copy will be available
- i. RLG photography is confirmed for class photographs this week
- 5. Fundraising report-Bethany LaHaye
 - a. Bake Sale
 - a.i. Val delivered money to Bethany
 - a.ii. Parent reminders will go out this week
 - a.iii. each parent to bring 2 items, due on Friday
 - a.iv. Volunteer help still needed
 - a.v. Harriet will post bake sale info on Hartland Listserv
 - a.v.1. Bethany will send PDF file to Harriet
 - b. Original Works
 - b.i. Bethany contacted the owner today and will get a letter to parents generated
 - b.i.1. Sibling packets will be made for families who would like to have multiple children included
 - b.ii. Artwork will begin next week
 - c. Silent Auction
 - c.i. Discussion on whether we would like to hold a silent auction this year.
 - c.i.1. Will re-evaluate this winter
 - c.i.2. May piggyback with Fun Run
 - d. Additional Fundraisers
 - d.i. Other options for Spring
 - d.i.1. Applebee's flapjack fundraiser
 - d.i.2. Raffles
 - d.i.3. Paint and sip
 - d.i.4. Fun Run- discussed potentially adding on a bake sale, silent auction, lunch/cookout
- d.ii. RLG photography gives a portion of photography sales back to the school
 - 6. Additional items for discussion
 - a. Discussion about creating a class directory for families in the school
 - b. Copies of bylaws will be distributed to all board members
 - b.i. bylaws are due to be reviewed and potentially restructured
 - c. Harriet has the new track phone
 - d. Website still needs to be updated

Board Meetings to Come:

November 9th
December 14th
January 11th
February 8th
March 14th

April 4th
May 9th
June 6th

SONGS AND FINGER PLAYS

BLACK CAT

Black cat, black cat, looking for a witch.
Black cat, black cat, which is witch is which?

I'm a Jack-o-Lantern

I'm a jack-o-lantern, look at me.
I'm as happy as I can be.
Put a candle in and light the light.
I'll scare you on Halloween night! Boo!

Sometimes I Like to Walk in the Dark

Sometimes I like to walk in the dark.
I like to shout and scream.
I sneak behind somebody I know.
Boo! It's Halloween!

Fire Safety Song (Bingo tune)

What happens if there is a fire?
Do you know what to do? Oh!
Get out! Quick, get out!
Get out! Quick, get out!
Get out! Quick, get out!
Stay very low and go. Go!

What happens if there is a fire?
Do you know what to do? Oh!
Stay out! Don't go back!
Stay out! Don't go back!
Stay out! Don't go back!
Don't go back in the house. No!

What happens if there is a fire?
Do you know what to do? Oh!
Get help! Call for help!
Get help! Call for help!
Get help! Call for help!
Call 9-1-1 for help! Oh!