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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying “I will try again tomorrow.”
Mary Anne Rachner in ExchangeEveryDay

THANK YOU

Jeremy Kingsbury – for raking the wood chips on the playground back into the fall zones before school began.

Scelza Family – for washing the sand toy vehicles, loaning us their rug shampoo machine, and donating a Tracfone and minutes.

School Families – for cleaning toys before school started, providing extra snacks for no aide days, and for donating cleaning supplies.

SHOW AND TELL

Show and Tell will begin for the afternoon class on **Tuesday October 13th** and will take place once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, on the same day as our library story time. Each child is encouraged to choose and bring **one** item to show and tell about to his/her classmates during circle time. Items from nature, favorite toys or stuffed animals, and photographs are often used as show and tell choices. We have found that most children really look forward to Show and Tell days. They are a good opportunity for children to work on becoming comfortable speaking in front of a group of peers. Show and Tell for the morning class will begin after the holidays, when the children are better able to sit through longer circle times.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year’s school photos will be taken by RLG Photography, with the morning class photos on Wednesday October 7th and the afternoon class on Thursday October 8th. A flyer from the photographer will be distributed this week.

TRACFONE

We now have a Tracfone that we’ll carry with us on field trips and whenever we are outside. If you need to reach us during the school day and we are not in the building please call this number: **802-369-44761**.

READING WITH MR. MORENO

We’re pleased to announce that Mr. Moreno, the principal at Hartland Elementary School has agreed to visit the afternoon class to read to them once a month for the school year. This will begin on Wednesday October 7th. He visited our 4 year old classes throughout our last school year for story times that were enjoyed by all.

HOPSTOPS

HopStops, part of the Dartmouth College Outreach Program, are entertaining, hands-on **free** programs introducing the youngest audiences (ages 3 and up and their accompanying adults) to the wonders of the performing arts. These hour-long interactive presentations are an engaging way to stimulate the curious minds of children. HopStops are offered one Saturday each month at 11:00 a.m. throughout the school year, often in conjunction with Visiting Artist performances.

- HopStops are free and open to the public; no tickets or registration required. Most HopStops are held in Alumni Hall, located on the second floor of the Hopkins Center (signs are posted). Weather permitting, the September and May HopStops are held outside on the Hop Plaza. Doors open at 10:30. Seating is limited. For more information, call 603-646-2010.

Hourly parking is available in the Hanover Parking Garage located on Lebanon Street. Metered parking on the street is also available. The **next performance will be on** October 31st.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Both classes have quickly settled into the regular daily routines of preschool. New friendships are forming and through their play the children have been showing us their interests. We use the Vermont Early Learning Standards (VELS) as a guideline for curriculum activities. VELS is broken up into eight domains: Approaches to Learning; Social Emotional Development;

Mathematic; Science; Social Studies; Language, Literacy and Communication; Creative Expression; and Physical Development and Health. Many activities address multiple domains. Both classes had very successful apple picking field trips (VELS: Social Studies) with ideal weather conditions. We have used some of the apples we picked for applesauce, other snack items and science experiments (VELS: Science, Math, and Physical Development & Health). We'll use more to make some baked goods for the October 10th bake sale (VELS: Math, Social Emotional Development – turn taking, Language, Literacy & Communication – following directions). The afternoon class has been using Math Bags which provide counting and sorting opportunities (VELS: Math). The afternoon class has begun using the Second Step social and emotional program (VELS: Social Emotional Development). We'll incorporate some of these activities into the morning class as well in the future. The all school day outside Fridays (VELS: Science, Social Studies, Physical Development and Health) have had a very successful start with the afternoon class. Highlights of the first two weeks include time at the brook and making s'mores with a solar oven. The morning class has been exploring the community garden, the woods adjacent to the library and the nature path near the brook. They have had weekly musical sessions with a grandmother who plays her guitar with our songs and teaches us new songs. Both classes have had a fire drill already; we will continue to do this monthly. We'll do a few more apple activities during the next week and then explore some fall themes - leaves, pumpkins, bats spiders and fire safety.

PARENT BOARD MEMBERS

Co-Presidents: Nikki Raney and Karen Cote
Admissions and Treasurer: Val Raney
Secretary: Meggan Wehmeyer
Grants: Dana DeSchamp
Operations: Kara Boudreau
Fundraising: Bethany LaHaye

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2015 Notes

HCNS

***Pending Approval at next board meeting**

Attendance: Nikki Raney, Karen Cote, Val Raney, Bethany LaHaye, Michele Summarsell, Meggan Wehmeyer, Christa Bjorkman, Harriet Dumas

1. Approval of last meeting minutes
 - a. Approved
2. Election of New Officers
 - a.
 - a. Secretary- Meggan Wehmeyer was approved
 - b. Fundraising- Christa Bjorkman and Bethany LaHaye (*Update: Christa has since declined the nomination*)
 2. Treasurer's Report- Val Raney
 - a. Savings Account- \$10,000 of the grant was placed in the savings acct for now
 - b. \$31,578.55 in savings account
 - c. \$4703.71 in checking account
 - d. Profit/Loss statement was given
 - e. Waiting on our tax return
 - f. Acct receivable- everyone paid their first month's tuition on time
 - g. Last Tuesday, Val went to the Select Board Meeting to ask for a decrease in monthly rent to help us. We will hear back from them within 2 weeks time.
2. Admissions Report-Val Raney
 - a. Another 4 yr old may start soon. Val will follow up on this tomorrow. Most paperwork has been submitted, awaiting a few reference checks
1. Director's Report- Harriet Dumas
 - a. VCPC Grant money received
 - b. Harriet had submitted \$598 from another grant (Children's Trust Fund)
 - c. Open House comments
 - i. Enjoyed signing up early
 - ii. Too many people signed up, so motion to allow Board Members to only clean one weekend.

- iii. Great response for emergency food supplies
- iv. Introduce the staff next time with Board Members
- v. Great turn out of families
- a. d. Board Meeting Agenda
 - i. Have it written a week prior to the meeting, so we can post the agenda to all families and give them enough notice to ensure a stronger attendance
- e. Google Voice update
 - i. It did not work as well as we had hoped
 - ii. We're going to look into having a track phone instead
 - iii. Val will check in with Chris to see what the next step can be
- f. Start of the School Year
 - i. Purchased the Foundations Kit with VCPC grant
 - ii. Going to start the program next week
- g. Calendar Adjustments
 - i. Show and Tell will be 2nd Tuesday of each month instead, beginning October 13th
 - ii. School at Bonnie's will be Tuesday, May 31st
 - iii. Tentative: Friday, October 9th Ascutney Hike (4yr old only) and school may have to go until 4pm
- h. What do we do for Halloween
 - i. We will not have a singing time within the classrooms this year
- i. Create sign-up sheet for children to attend the theater performance (we have seats for 8 parents as well)
- 2. Fundraising Report
 - a. Bake Sign-up sheets (running 9am-1pm) Set-up 8am
 - 1. set up (2-4 people)
 - 2. working the sale (1hr slot for each)
 - 3. clean up (2-4 people)
 - i. Class Rosters for checking off who has participated
 - b. Original works
 - i. art work completion
 - 1. Art work should start this week
 - 2. Nov. 6th is when Artwork is due in to the company
- 7. Next Steps to be taken:
 - a. Harriet will create a list of board members and share with families
 - b. Nikki will create gmail accounts for secretary and fundraising positions
 - i. Share all email accounts so Fundraising can email out to families
 - ii. Send a picture of what the artwork was last year
 - c. Karen will send out information to Fundraising team about contact info for Original Works

Next Board Meeting: October 5th

PLAY DOUGH RECIPE

This is the recipe we use for our classroom play dough. We usually double or triple the recipe. It keeps really well!

1 cup flour

½ cup salt

1 cup water

1 Tablespoon oil

1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Food coloring of choice

Cook and stir over moderate heat until mixture forms a ball. When cooked, store in an airtight container or zippered bag.

SONGS AND FINGER PLAYS

Hammering Song

Children pound with one hammer, one hammer, one hammer, (one hand)

Children pound with one hammer; then they pound with two.
Children pound with two hammers, two hammers, two hammers, (both hands)
Children pound with two hammers; then they pound with three.
Children pound with three hammers, three hammers, three hammers, (both hands, one foot)
Children pound with three hammers; then they pound with four.
Children pound with four hammers, four hammers, four hammers, (both hands, both feet)
Children pound with four hammers; then they pound with five.
Children pound with five hammers, five hammers, five hammers, (both hands, both feet, nod head)
Children pound with five hammers and then they go to sleep!

Little Arabella Miller

(Twinkle Twinkle tune)

Little Arabella Miller had a fuzzy caterpillar.
First it crawled upon her mother.
Then upon her baby brother.
They said "Arabella Miller,
Put away that caterpillar!"

Little Arabella Miller had a fuzzy caterpillar.
First it crawled upon her brother.
Then upon her dear grandmother.
Granny said, "Arabella Miller,
How I love that caterpillar!"

Falling Leaves

(Twinkle Twinkle tune)

Falling, falling, falling leaves,
Mother Nature, did you sneeze?
Red ones, yellow ones, orange and brown,
Big ones, little ones, crinkled on the ground.
Falling, falling, falling leaves,
Mother Nature did you sneeze?

Stirring My Brew

Stirring and stirring and stirring my brew,
Ooo! Ooo!
Stirring and stirring and stirring my brew,
Ooo! Ooo!
Tiptoe, tiptoe, tiptoe, boo!

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate,
The first one said, "My, it's getting late!"
The second one said, "There are witches in the air!"
The third one said, "But we don't care!"
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run!"
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"
Ooo went the wind and out went the lights,
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

