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## HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2017

*"Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."* Erica Jong in *ExchangeEveryDay*

### THANK YOU

**To all the school families** who gave gifts from our wish lists to the classrooms at Christmas time and purchased gift requests for the Hartland Christmas Project.

### BABY NEWS

**Peter Booth-Berkey** is a big brother! Baby Ryan was born on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to parents Kendra and Nate and the entire family!

### WEEKEND CLEANING

A number of families have not signed up for weekend cleaning. There are a number of March, April and May dates available. The signup sheet is in Mrs. Harriet's room. If you did a weekend cleaning and took home towels to launder, please return them.

### 2017 – 2018 ENROLLMENT

If you plan on having your current student or another family member attend HCNS in the 2017 – 2018 school year, please enroll him/her before our January 17 Open House to secure your slot. Please spread the word to your acquaintances about our program and extend an invitation to attend the Open House. Word of mouth has always been our best form of advertising!

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2017

**Present:** Harriet, Val Raney, Michele Summarsell, Deb Richardson, Liz Frederick, Meggan Wehmeyer, Michelle, Tiffany, Catharine Engwall, Heather White, Bethany LaHaye, Britt Metivier

#### Agenda:

1. **Approval of Minutes**-approved
2. **Treasurer's Report**  
-**budget committee** needs to be formed...what new things could be purchased for the Classrooms? Benefits? Flex Spending or Health Savings Account? Would it be helpful to hire someone to help with this?

- Heather White is interested in helping on committee,
- maybe Deb Richardson and Catharine Engwall
- about \$38,000 in savings and \$13,000 in checking
- Board approved payment for the 2107 QuickBooks payroll annual update
- working on financial report for VCPC grant

### 3. **Admissions Report**

- currently 47 children enrolled
- registration** opened on Jan.1 and seven 3-year olds and nine 4-year olds are already registered (registration form has been submitted)
- website is being updated and will hopefully be ready by Jan. 17 (Open House). Will be more user-friendly and in the future, changes can be made by Harriet and Val
- Open House: January 17 5:30-7:00** Registration (on laptop) will be available that night. Signs will be posted on doors and hard copies will be sent home with kids.
- Open Enrollment to current families (starting Jan. 1), later to those on the list (after Jan. 17).
- Plan for **next year**: Four classrooms. All classrooms will be multi-age. Approximately 52 total kids. AM/PM preference will be offered, but not guaranteed. New students are encouraged to visit the classroom this spring.

### 4. **Director's Report**

- VCPC grant mid-year report being worked on; due mid-January
- STARS renewal due early February
- Harriet and Val met with Chris Scelza regarding website
- Outside Friday** will happen unless it is below 15 (including windchill); kids need to have extra mittens
- still trouble with Hartford School District and their ability to access Teaching Strategies Gold, our online assessment system

### 5. **Fundraising**

- Fun Run**---should be held same weekend as Touch-a Truck (including bounce house, Boy Scouts rocket launch)
- kids run the mile path and get t-shirts and medals
- last year there was a BBQ (\$ donated by local businesses) and area businesses donated \$ for t-shirts
- not necessary to have as a fundraiser this year. Maybe charge for t-shirts? Charge for food and donate to local food shelf? Will be discussed more at February's meeting.

### 6. **Operations**

- families can view accumulated points on spreadsheets in classrooms**
- new board members** needed for next year
  - Britt is willing to stay on for marketing, etc.
  - Meggan may remain president
  - Liz will help with operations
  - Bethany may be able to help with fundraising...if necessary
- feedback regarding this year's volunteering requirements
  - \*\*increase aiding requirement for next year to a minimum of 6 times a year

\*\*might be helpful to have a list of family members available to help with aiding for other students

\*\*keep total needed points the same next year

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

**February 1, 2017**

**March 1, 2017**

**April 5, 2017**

**May 3, 2017**

**June 7, 2017**

**Recipe**

*(This activity, found on Pinterest was done in Mrs. Harriet's afternoon class. The recipe was requested by some children and family members.)*

**Edible Snowflakes**



Edible Snowflakes

Always a favorite of my kids, this recipe explains how to make a snowflake shaped snack out of a tortilla. It is a fun and easy snack the entire family can help make, although an adult should be in charge of doing all of the frying.

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes

**Cook Time:** 5 minutes

**Total Time:** 20 minutes

**Ingredients:**

- Flour Tortillas
- Oil
- Powdered Sugar

**Preparation:**

Use the same technique as cutting out paper snowflakes to make snowflake shapes out of flour tortillas. You will want to fold the tortilla in half at least twice to get a nice design. You may need to warm the tortilla in the microwave a little bit first to make it more flexible. Put about a 1/4 of an inch of oil in pan and fry the tortilla until it is crisp. Remove it using tongs and set it on some paper towels to absorb any excess oil.

We top our snowflakes with powdered sugar so they are white, but you can try other toppings. Try one or more of these ideas:

- Spread jam on one side of the tortilla.
- Top the tortilla with refried beans.
- Melt some cheese on top.
- Sprinkle lightly with cinnamon and sugar.
- Use bologna, turkey, ham, cheese, etc. and make a snowflake sandwich.

## **SONGS & FINGER PLAYS**

### **Five Little Snowmen**

Five little snowmen all in a row,  
Five little snowmen all made of snow.  
Out popped the sun and it shone all day,  
And one little snowmen melted away.  
*(Repeat for 4, 3, 2 and 1 snowman)*

### **Chubby Little Snowman**

A chubby little snowman had a carrot for a nose.  
Along came a bunny and what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny looking for its lunch,  
Ate the snowman's carrot nose, nibble, nibble, crunch!

### **The Mittens on My Hands**

*(Wheels on the Bus tune)*

The mittens on my hands keep me warm

Keep me warm, keep me warm.

The mittens on my hands keep me warm.

All winter long!