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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Some people walk in the rain; others just get wet." Roger Miller in *ExchangeEveryDay*

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Please remember that each family is expected to fulfill the agreed upon contract with HCNS which includes 6 classroom aiding days for the year, 1 weekend cleaning and 6 "other" activities. The weekend cleaning calendar is full. However, if you have not had an opportunity to clean, please talk to your child's teacher – we can either arrange for a weekend cleaning to be split with one family doing each room, or give you an alternative activity like laundering dramatic play clothing or washing bins of classroom toys. "Other" activities include but are not limited to additional aiding days, providing bulk snacks or snack on days without aides, attending board meetings, chaperoning a field trip, helping out on the Fun Run (in May). Again, you can talk to your child's teacher for more ideas or run an idea you have by the teachers. If you did not get your 3 aiding days done for the first half of the year, you will still be responsible for completing 6 before the end of the school year. In addition to parents, other family members (grandparents, aunts, uncles) or special family friends are welcome to aid.

BYRNE FOUNDATION GRANT

We recently learned that we have been awarded a \$2500 grant from the Byrne Foundation! This grant will pay for the majority of the VINS program for the year, as well as for our March Lebanon Opera House trip (see below).

FREE LITERACY TRAINING

The literacy training we had scheduled for January had to be canceled because of low enrollment. We would still like to offer this program if there's enough interest. Attendees receive several high quality free children's books. Past participants have given very positive feedback on the program. **Please let your child's teacher know before the February break if you would be interested in participating for two evenings (with childcare and a light supper provided) in March or April.** The facilitator is very willing to reschedule, and the books have already been shipped to us!

MARCH THEATER TRIP

We plan to take the entire school to a theater performance of the Eric Carle stories *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Little Cloud* and *The Mixed Up Chameleon* at the Lebanon Opera House on **Thursday March 14th**. The performance begins at 10:00 so that means the afternoon class will need to be delivered to HCNS at 9:00 so that we can all ride a school bus together to the show. We'll return to HCNS around

11:30 so the morning class session will end a little later than usual for that one day. Then the afternoon class students will have the opportunity to eat lunch at HCNS (lunches provided by families) supervised by some afternoon family members. Following lunch, the regularly scheduled afternoon preschool session will occur. We have to pay (with funds from our Byrne Foundation grant covering admission for children, teachers and family chaperones) for the performance a month before attending so **we'd like to know by Friday February 8th whether you plan to have your child attend the performance, and also whether you'd like to chaperone.** We hope to have 2 or 3 chaperones for each class.

VINS FIELD TRIP

Looking ahead even more – we plan to have our last VINS program of the year (topic Snakes) be a **whole school field trip to VINS on Wednesday May 1st**. This will be a day when all children will be asked to arrive at 8:00 so that we can have a brief snack before heading away from HCNS (again by bus, awaiting verification from the bus company). We'll ask all children to bring a lunch this day. In addition to our regular program that day we'll get a chance to visit the raptor exhibits, see a raptor show, go on the hiking trails and enjoy the playground. The school day will end in early afternoon – subject to the bus company's schedule. More information will follow as the date gets closer.

SAVE THE DATES FOR SPRING CONCERTS

We have set dates and reserved space in the building for the annual spring concerts. The concerts are held near the end of regular school sessions in late May.

Ms Shawna & Ms Kara's Morning Class: Tuesday May 21st in the classroom

Mrs. Harriet & Mrs. Bonnie's class: Wednesday May 22nd downstairs under the classrooms

Ms Shawna, Mrs. Bonnie & Ms Kara's Afternoon Class: Thursday May 23rd downstairs under the classrooms

More information will be provided in May.

HIRING COMMITTEE

As we look ahead to Mrs. Bonnie and Mrs. Harriet's planned retirement at the end of this school year we are looking for volunteers to be on a hiring committee to review applications and interview candidates for the jobs. We are in the beginning stages of our search and hope to have job descriptions ready for posting in the near future. Please let a board member or Mrs. Harriet know if you are interested in joining the committee.

BOARD MEETING

The January HCNS board meeting was canceled because of a snow day. The next board meeting is on Wednesday February 13th.

SONG

Skinnamarinky

Skinnamarinky dinky dink,

Skinnamarinky doo, I love you.

Skinnamarinky dinky dink,

Skinnamarinky doo, 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 doo, I love you.