

## HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2017

*“Be happy with what you have, and you will have plenty to be happy about.” Irish Proverb in ExchangeEveryDay*

### FAMILY PARTICIPATION RECORD

The family participation record form can now be easily accessed on the HCNS website under the Our School tab at the top of the home page. Some other changes were made in admissions forms on the website. For those who are filling out paperwork for the 2017 – 2018 school year, you may now select “None” on the medical form where it asks for diseases your child has had.

### STARS

Our program was just awarded 5 stars in the STARS rating system. We have been in the STARS system for a number of years, starting out with 2 stars and gradually working our way up to the highest level possible at 5 stars. We receive points in five different arenas, including Regulatory History, Staff Qualifications and Administration. We are required to make annual reports to verify our compliance and continuation in practices. As a result of moving up from 4 stars to 5 stars we'll receive a one time bonus of \$1550.

### FAMILY SURVEY

An online family survey will be emailed to you in the next few days. All responses are anonymous. Please let Mrs. Harriet know if you'd like a paper version of the survey. Conducting an annual family satisfaction survey is a requirement of our STARS participation. We'd like to have an 80% or more participation/completion rate. We value the opinions and feedback of our school families. It should take only a few minutes to complete so please consider filling it out promptly, including comments for any areas that you give us lower ratings for. Any family with more than one child enrolled in the program is welcome to fill out a response for each child enrolled. Thank you to parent Catharine Engwall for coordinating this!

### SAVE THE DATE

We have set dates for our spring concerts. Concerts are held during the latter part of the scheduled school day. More details will be provided in early May.

- **Both Morning Classes – Tuesday May 23** – in your child's classroom
- **Mrs. Harriet and Mrs. Bonnie's Afternoon Class – Wednesday May 24** – downstairs on the stage
- **Miss Tiffany and Miss Michelle's Afternoon Class – Thursday May 25** – downstairs on the stage

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

**Present:** Michelle, Deb Richardson, David Carty, Liz Frederick, Meggan Wehmeyer, Val Raney, Britt Metivier, Harriet, Heather White, Michele Summarsell

## **Agenda:**

### **1) Approval of Minutes-approved**

### **2) Treasurer's Report-Savings is about \$38,000; checking is about \$1,100**

- We did receive second installment of VCPC grant
- Matt White researched vacuums; a Dyson is recommended
- Some better rugs need to be purchased as well as new blinds
- Budget committee still needs to be created and get to work!
- Teachers will be thinking about additional furniture and equipment that need to be purchased; this info will be passed along to the budget committee; also benefits will be discussed by committee

### **3) Admissions Report-**

--For next year:

- 46 children currently enrolled for next year
- 17 female and 29 male
- 26 out of 46 are returning from this year, 12 are new, and 8 are returning families (older siblings attended)
- 31 out of 46 requested AM, 9 requested PM, 5 have no preference
- 12 of 46 still have not paid registration (8 are current families); registration needs to be paid for spot to be held

--Val is in touch with Windsor, Hartford, and Woodstock to learn of Act 166 process for this year

--discussion about policy regarding young students (not yet 3 on Sept. 1)

Starting next year:

- on a case-by-case basis depending on class dynamics, child's readiness, etc.
- confirmation of registration will happen on July 1 (to allow time for of-age children to register)
- student must turn 3 by Oct. 1
- may be enrolled early, but will not start until Age 3
- tuition is currently \$350/month; students not three on Sept. 1 do not qualify for Act 166 funding; tuition fee would be pro-rated once child starts attending HCNS
- this policy will be included in handbook for starting next year
- we have accepted one student for early admission for next year

**4) Director's Report**-we did get 5 stars! Will receive a \$1550 bonus for this!

--field trips planned to three sugar houses-PM classes on March 14 to Cobb Hill, Michelle & Tiffany's AM class on March 14 to Chipper's, Harriet & Bonnie's AM class on March 16 to Withington's

--Goat farm field trips coming up-babies are due around March 19

--Harriet's teaching license has been renewed!

--May 11 Lebanon Opera House performance; has to be paid for by April 11; chaperones will drive children; all tickets will be paid for by school; open to all AM and PM classes (students will be gone from about 9:15-11:30); PM kids can stay for lunch and then will have regular afternoon class; looking for chaperones to help with lunch supervision

--concert dates are set and will be included in the newsletter

**5) Fundraising-Fun Run on Saturday, May 20**

--t-shirts will be provided by White's Dairy Farm; HCNS students will get a free shirt; others can be purchased for \$5

--we will ask families to bring salads and desserts to share/sell

--we will get meat and buns donated; Val will speak with Clay Hill Farm

--Deb will ask John about using the Rec's grill

--donations for food will go to Hartland's food shelf

**6) Operations-**

--Individual emails were sent out to families still needing many points

--Some families have not included child's name when submitting points (there was an issue on Harriet and Bonnie's shutterfly link that did not require the child's name, but this has been fixed so it is again required); Liz will get teachers' help figuring out who the points belong to

--parent participation requirements need to be made very clear on the website (for incoming families)

--Harriet and Val will be meeting with Chris on Monday to get website updated

--would it be helpful to have a form letter that families can give to employers to allow time off to volunteer? This will be worked on for next year.

--Open positions: Personnel and Curriculum, Secretary, Fundraising

**7) Other business**-none

**Upcoming Board Meeting Dates**

**(1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30)**

**April 5, 2017**

**May 3, 2017**

**June 7, 2017**

**SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS**

**Drip Drip Maple Tree**

Drip drip maple tree, have you any sap?

Yes sir, yes sir, three pails a tap.

One for to boil and one for to spill,

And one to carry way up the hill.

Drip drip maple tree, have you any sap?

Yes sir, yes sir, three pails a tap.

**Mud**

Mud, mud, I love mud

I'm absolutely positively wild about mud!

I can't go around it,

I've got to go through it,

Beautiful, fabulous, super duper mud!