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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 2016

"In nature nothing creates itself and nothing destroys itself." Maria Montessori

THANK YOU

Mrs. Harriet and Mrs. Bonnie would like to thank all HCNS families for the cards, gifts and other kindness extended to us during Teacher Appreciation Week. We truly appreciate you as well!

All Families who participated in the Fun Run in any way, with a big thank you to **Bethany LaHaye** for coordinating this event and all the other HCNS fundraising events throughout this school year. (**Reminder:** *This was a mandatory fundraiser. If you did not participate in any way and have not yet paid the \$50 buyout, please do so ASAP*).

HCNS Board Members – for your leadership and dedication to our program during this school year

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Both classes have been experiencing all aspects of Spring's arrival. From observing plant growth of the Mother's Day marigolds and now some other seeds (beans, peas, sunflowers) the children are becoming familiar with the cycle of plant growth. During the last weeks of school, the children will prepare and plant the raised bed gardens outside our classroom windows. Our walks on Outside Fridays have increased awareness of seasonal changes. The morning class has continued its visits to Bly Acres goat farm where the children have become increasingly comfortable with farm animals and have contributed to giving the goats "socializing experiences." Both classes will visit the farm one more time before the end of school. While there, we'll plant pumpkins with the morning students and watermelons with the afternoon children. Inside the classrooms we've been busy choosing and rehearsing songs and finger plays that the children will present to families in the concerts on May 25 and 26. We've also been making decorations for the concerts. The afternoon class has continued making weekly journal entries; the morning class spent a day "studying" dandelions. With warmer weather days the children have been enjoying snack times and some story times outdoors. The morning class has begun Outside Friday – our first week went really well! We all look forward to a school day at Mrs. Bonnie's house during the last week of school. Hiking field trips are planned for each class –first, Mt. Tom for the afternoon class, and then Paradise Park for the morning class. We wish everyone a happy summer filled with lots of quality family time!

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9th

Attendees: Nikki Raney, Karen Cote, Val Raney, Harriet Dumas, Michelle Summarsell, Susan Yates White, Liz & Matt Fredrick, Bethany LaHaye

1. Approval of last meeting minutes
 - a. Approved with no changes
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. Checking account negative balance currently, treasurer will transfer money from savings to cover
 - b. \$34,588.74 savings acct
 - c. July 1- June 30 net gain \$2300 (includes \$20K from grant income)

- d. 2016-2017 Budget reviewed
 - i. 38 VT students, 1 NH student enrolled for next year
 - ii. VCPC grant \$17K anticipated (2 installments)
- e. 2016-2017 Budget approved
- 3. Admissions' Report
 - a. 39 students enrolled
 - i. Registration fee still due for some
 - ii. Due to large enrollment, the board voted to open another classroom in the afternoon
 - b. Placement- the board discussed a variety of ways to place students
 - i. It was decided to table the discussion of placement until enrollment is more solid
 - c. Aiding for next year:
 - i. Concern about working parents being unable to meet aid commitments
 - ii. We will let incoming families know the requirements of parent aiding will be revised prior to the beginning of the school year. All families will still need to volunteer in some way for the school a minimum of nine times within the school year.
- 4. Director's Report
 - a. -to be discussed at next board meeting
- 5. Fundraising Report
 - a. Saturday 10:30am
 - i. Pledges can be received any time this week
 - ii. Kids arrive 10:15am
 - iii. \$200 donated food funds will be used to purchase cookout materials, if weather is poor, these will be saved
 - iv. Parents should park at the library
- 6. Other items for discussion were tabled due to limited time at this meeting
- 7.
 - a. Hiring committee
 - b. Nominations for 2016-2017 parent board positions
 - c. 4th of July parade

Alternatives to Aiding Ideas:

- Playground Committee
- Planning special events, drivers for events
- Attending Board Meetings
- Prepare food for snacks when aides are not available
- Classroom prep
- Evening cleaning during the week
- Parent coordinator

Board Meetings to come:

June 6th

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Later, Alligator

(Clementine tune)

See you later, alligator!
 See you later, friends of mine!
 What a great year, give a big cheer!
 We sure had an awesome time!