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## HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2016

*"You can't be too careful what you tell a child because you never know what he'll take hold of and spend the rest of his life remembering you by."* Frederick Beuchner in *ExchangeEveryDay*

### BABY NEWS

The **Herschel Family** (Bentley – Miss Tiffany and Miss Michelle's morning class and Ava- Miss Tiffany and Miss Michelle's afternoon class) has a new member! Baby boy Cole was born on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to parents Caitlyn and Eric and their entire family!

### SNOW/ICE DAY SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS

Our school closes for snow days whenever Hartland Elementary School closes. Information about school closings can be heard on local radio stations and seen on TV stations or the internet by 6:30 a.m. Some examples are XL 92 and KIXX 100.5 for radio stations and Channel 3 (WCAX) TV or online. Hartland Elementary School records a message on its phone after 6:30 a.m. (436-2255); you can also check out Hartland Elementary School on the WSESU website (<http://www.wsesu.net/hes-home>). If Hartland Elementary School has a delayed opening HCNS will delay its start to 9:00 a.m. If school at HES is cancelled on the day of a HCNS board meeting, the board meeting will also be cancelled or postponed.

### HARTLAND CHRISTMAS PROJECT

HCNS will be participating in the Hartland Christmas Project again this year. This project, which has been around for over 30 years is sponsored by local churches, schools, businesses and individuals working together to assist Hartland families in need during the holidays. Families submit a list of needs and wants to organizers; then those who are able purchase the items on the list. Our school will be assisting some families. **We hope to have paper ornaments placed on our classroom walls so that families can pick them up before the Thanksgiving break.** HCNS families may take ornaments; purchase the gifts listed on the ornaments and then bring all gifts to HCNS **unwrapped, with the paper ornaments securely attached.** We plan to have the children help with gift wrapping. **Gifts listed on the ornaments should be new.** Other ways to help include donating used winter clothing in good condition (no shoes or underwear please) and gently used household goods, toys and games. **Used car seats cannot be accepted.** Personal care items and nonperishable food items will also be collected. Food items especially needed include canned meats, spaghetti sauce with meat in it, peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruits, powdered milk, instant and brewing coffee, hot chocolate, and hot cereals such as oatmeal or cream of wheat. Personal care items requested include bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste and brushes. Laundry soap, dish detergent, toilet paper and paper towels are also gratefully accepted. **We hope that each child can bring in one food or personal care item – there is always a great need for these items.** We will have boxes in each classroom to collect food, used clothing and household goods, and personal care items not on the family wish lists. We are planning to deliver our

school's donations to the Hartland Brick Church with the children in the afternoon class. We feel that participating in the Christmas Project is a meaningful way for children to take the perspective of others and to begin to realize that giving to others is a part of the true spirit of the season. **All gifts and donations must be brought to HCNS by Tuesday December 13th.** We'll deliver them to the church with the afternoon classes on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### HOLIDAY PARTIES

Holiday parties will be held on **Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. for the morning class and at 3:00 p.m. for the afternoon class** (Snow Date: Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> at the same times). Parents and siblings are invited to join us for holiday gift unwrapping, songs, games and finger plays. We will post wish lists (before the Thanksgiving break) for supplies, materials and other items needed for the classrooms. **We ask that each child bring in a present for the school.** The present should be wrapped and have your child's name on it. Please talk to your child about how the present is for everyone at the school. During the holiday parties the children will unwrap the presents they have brought in. **We strongly request that you do not bring gifts for the teachers!** Instead we'd appreciate your participation in the Hartland Christmas Project and gift giving to the classrooms.

#### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS

A printable calendar for the school year is now posted on the HCNS website ([www.hcnsvt.org](http://www.hcnsvt.org)). Select Calendar from the bar at the top of the home page. Other specific things to consider between now and the end of 2016:

**\*Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>** – We'll be having Harvest/Thanksgiving celebrations in the classrooms. Stay tuned for more information from your child's teachers. Visits from family members who are available are welcome.

**\*November 18, January 26, March 10 and March 22** – Days when Hartland Elementary is closed for parent conferences or teacher in-service but **HCNS is open.**

**\*November 22-25** – HCNS is closed for Thanksgiving break.

**\*Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>** (Snow date: Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>) – Mrs. Harriet's & Mrs. Bonnie's classes – School will be held at Mrs. Harriet's house where we will make gingerbread cookies, and go sledding if we have snow. Details and directions will be provided closer to the date.

**\*Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Miss Tiffany's & Miss Michelle's classes will venture around town for some gingerbread activities.

**\*Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>** (Snow date: Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>) – Holiday parties in each classroom 10:30 & 3:00. See details above.

**\*December 20 – 30** – HCNS is closed for the holiday break (Classes resume on Tuesday January 3.)

#### ORIGINAL WORKS ART PROJECTS

We're working on finishing up our Original Works art projects so that we can send the artwork and order forms home with families this week. **If you'd like to have a sibling participate in this project as well, please let us know ASAP so that we can provide you with paper and guidelines.** Although this is an optional fundraiser for HCNS, we encourage you to consider participating in it. In the past, families have welcomed this as a way to buy gifts with the children's artwork on them for family members during the holidays. **The deadline for the return of all artwork, orders and money is Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>.** We have been assured that the orders will be received by December 13<sup>th</sup>, in time for holiday gift giving.

### FAMILY PARTICIPATION POINTS

Please remember to record dates for when you aided or provided snack or another service on your family participation reporting records. For your convenience a link to the online form is available on each classroom blog. If you haven't yet begun to accumulate participation points, please consider signing up for aiding or snack providing days in November and December. **We also still need some weekend cleaning signing up for after the holidays.** The sign-up sheet for weekend cleaning is in Mrs. Harriet's and Mrs. Bonnie's classroom. **Please remember that both classrooms must be cleaned as part of the weekend cleaning obligation.**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

\*We need a two or three volunteers to serve on a "Finance and Bylaws Revision" committee. The purpose of the committee is to make some long range plans for finances as well as to make a periodic review/revision of the HCNS bylaws and then make recommendations to the parent board. The committee would likely meet 2 or 3 times at times that are mutually agreeable to the members of it. Please contact Val Raney ([hcnsadmissions@gmail.com](mailto:hcnsadmissions@gmail.com)) if you are interested. This is another way for a family to earn family participation points.

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**November 2, 2016**

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

1. **Approval of last meeting minutes** - approved
2. **Treasurer's report** -
  - \$7,272.61 in checking; \$38,096.01 in savings; does not include bake sale money (\$523.00)
  - insurance: Val met with insurance agent to confirm...we do have liability policy and workman's comp
    - We received a refund of \$129 from payroll audit
    - Next year's premium will increase by \$183
    - Total insurance for the year: \$3,200
  - request: AED needed in the building; they cost \$1000-\$3000; Val will request that the town get one
  - what will we do with excess money coming in for this year? We are getting \$145,324 total from state of VT; committee is needed to budget (this may also be a committee that will work on the bylaws)
  - Please contact Val Raney if you want to be on budgeting/bylaws committee.**
3. **Admissions report** - we lost one student, but gained one! Still at 48
  - many aides (those coming on a regular basis) have not submitted 3 references; there is a link on website to paperwork; Val will confirm with state what is necessary and then will email families who need paperwork
4. **Directors report** - conferences coming up; sign-up genius links will be sent out soon
  - discussion about upcoming days off; no school the week of Thanksgiving (conference day is that Tuesday) or for two weeks around Christmas
  - the calendar on the website is not updated-Harriet will update; blogs have accurate calendar
  - VCPC Grant-Mary Lynn Riggs is helping; was here for outside Friday last week; she

suggested more money in the budget for professional development; Harriet will be doing a press release soon (a requirement of the grant)

--Hartland Christmas Project coming up; students will choose a gift to buy for a community member in need; options for gifts to buy will be available for families to choose from prior to Thanksgiving break

--Harriet will be out for 5 days this year for professional development; she will arrange extra aides for these days; two will be in November

--Theater performance at LOH on January 11; must be paid a month ahead of time; there is only a morning performance; discussion around which classes should attend, bus vs. drivers, whether PM class should happen or be cancelled; 12 parent chaperones minimum needed; school will pay for kids to attend; parents need to commit to driving and whether children will attend...Harriet needs to know by Dec. 2 (***Update: Oops! The theater performance is not until May 11 - all other aspects of our discussion can be applied to that date***)

--classroom computers would be helpful-could these be purchased for the school? Perhaps used laptops could be donated

--Harriet attended training re: emergency response; emergency response plan needs to be revised...create a committee for this after the holiday break

**5. Fundraising report** - bake sale was very successful! \$523 made; 3 tables and all but a few things were sold; some leftovers were shared with senior luncheon and other items went to the Haven

--original works project: Cardinal handprints activity being done this week

-art work and orders will be sent home by Tuesday, Nov. 8 (***Update: Tuesday 11/8 or Wednesday 11/9***)

-orders due to HCNS from families on Nov. 15 (***Update: November 16<sup>th</sup>***)

-orders will be sent Nov. 21

-orders are expected to arrive the week of Dec. 13

Liz has report of points earned per family. These will be available in each classroom for review.

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

**December 7, 2016**

**January 4, 2017**

**February 1, 2017**

**March 1, 2017**

**April 5, 2017**

**May 3, 2017**

**June 7, 2017**

**SONGS/FINGERPLAYS**

**The More We Get Together**

The more we get together, together, together.

The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

'Cause my friends are your friends and your friends are my friends.

The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

## **If You're Happy**

*(from Second Step activities)*

If you're happy and you know it make a smile

If you're happy and you know it make a smile.

If you're happy and you know it, your face will surely show it.

If you're happy and you know it make a smile.

(Variations: clap your hands, say "Hurray!")

Other verses:

If you're sad (Make a frown, Cry boo-hoo)

If you're surprised (Make big eyes, shout out "Wow!")

If you're scared (Hands to face, shout out "Eek!")

If you're mad (or angry) (Stomp your feet, say "I'm mad!")