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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"What a child doesn't receive, he can seldom later give." PD James in *ExchangeEveryDay*

BABY NEWS

Gus Sachs-Fahlander (Ms. Shawna & Miss Kara's morning class) became a big brother a few weeks ago when bay Otto was born. Congratulations to Gus and his family!

CLASSROOM AIDING

Please remember that aiding can be done by someone other than parents – grandparents, other relatives, family friends, etc. Many families have found that this helps them to fulfill their family participation requirements of 6 aiding days per year, 3 before the December break and 3 during the remainder of the year (unless different arrangements have been made with our Operations board member).

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 KIXX 100.5 for a radio station and Channel 3 (WCAX) TV or online at <https://www.wcax.com/weather/closings>, or VPR at <https://www.vpr.net/apps/school-closings/>. 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 HES has an early release for weather conditions our afternoon session will be cancelled. If school at HES is cancelled on the day of a HCNS board meeting, the board meeting will also be cancelled or postponed.

OUTSIDE FRIDAY IN WINTER

Please remember to provide your child with an extra pair of mittens (waterproof strongly suggested) on Outside Fridays in winter. Also, remember to dry your child's boots, mittens and snow pants after any outdoor activities on Thursdays so that he/she starts the day on Friday with dry clothing and boots. When it is really cold there may be some Fridays that we spend a substantial amount of time outside but come inside for snack and story – the teachers will read the comfort level of the children in each class.

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Please add this December date to your calendars:

Wednesday December 19th (Snow date Thursday December 20th) – Holiday parties in the classrooms – Morning sessions at 10:15, Afternoon session at 2:45. Family members are invited to join us for songs and games, gifts and a special snack.

HOLIDAY GIFTS TO HCNS

It has been a tradition for HCNS students to give small gifts to HCNS at the holiday parties. We are changing the process slightly this year, so that each child will have a chance to open a gift at the parties. We will post “wish list” items that we need for the classrooms. We ask that these gifts be wrapped and unlabeled, and then placed in boxes in the classrooms **by Tuesday December 18th**.

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 people purchase the items on the list. Our school will be assisting some families. **We will place paper ornaments on our classroom walls so that families can pick them up right after 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 toothbrushes. 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 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 11th.** We'll deliver them to the church with some of the school children on Wednesday December 12th.

SONG

I See a Moose

(from our November VINS Deer and Moose program – *Three Blind Mice* tune)

I see a moose. I see a moose.
It's really really big! It's really really big!
It stands in the pond on four long leg.
Its ears are big and its nose is long.
Have you ever seen such a sight in your life,
As a really big moose?