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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"It is not an exaggeration to say that play is as basic to your child's total development as good food, cleanliness, and rest." Joanne Oppenheim

THANK YOU

*All who contributed to and/or worked on the HCNS Bake Sale. HCNS made around \$500 (*Exact amount still to be determined*) on this annual fundraiser. An extra thank you to **Deb Richardson** for coordinating this event!

BABY NEWS

Quinn Vreeland (Mrs. Harriet & Mrs. Bonnie's morning class) is a big sister! Baby sister Elliot was born on September 4th. Congratulations to the entire Vreeland Family which includes Quinn and her parents Court and Carrie!

Adalie Wheadon (Miss Tiffany & Miss Michelle's morning class) is a big sister too! Baby brother Garrett arrived on Friday October 14th. Congratulations to Adalie and her parents Shannon and Jesse!

NAEYC FAMILY WEBSITE

Interested in learning about research-based information on children's learning? Check out this site for a monthly newsletter: families.naeyc.org. Some topics included in the most recent newsletter include Exploring Science with your Child, Putting Nighttime Fears to Rest and Teaching Table Manners.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Please do not have medication – prescription, over the counter or herbal in your child's backpack. This could be a hazard to your child and the other children. In the rare event that your child does need to have medication administered at HCNS, a number of requirements must be met and it can only be administered by a staff member who has completed CDD training (Currently Mrs. Harriet is the only one who is qualified).

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Colder temperatures have arrived (or will be back shortly!). Please be sure that your child has a jacket or sweatshirt, hat and mittens available each day for outside play. We'd rather have too much clothing than not enough. All clothing should be **labeled with your child's name**. Also, this might be a good time to check to be sure your child has a complete extra set of appropriate seasonal clothing always on hand in his/her backpack. **Remember too** that we **do** plan to go outside on rainy days but this only works if everyone has appropriate clothing – boots and raincoats are essential.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2016

Present: Harriet, Jessica Rud, Val Raney, Bethany LaHaye, Britt Metivier, Deb Richardson, Meggan Wehmeyer, Brittany Preston, Michelle LaClair, Heather Henne, Catharine Engwall, Michelle, Tiffany, Michele Summarsell, Liz Frederick

Agenda:

1. **Approval of last meeting minutes approved!**
2. **Treasurer's Report** in good shape! \$6000 was borrowed from savings and will now be transferred back.
 - Liability insurance is due soon; decreased from last year. Val is looking into the reason.
3. **Admissions report** 48 students currently
 - Liz needs current class lists. Michele and Deb need current email addresses.
 - Still two students pending.
 - Families are already asking about enrolling kids for next year. Val will start a list of names.
 - She will open enrollment soon after first week in January.
4. **Director's report**
 - Outside Friday-children will not be in brook when it is too cold and will change if they get wet. There will be days in the winter that may be too cold. Harriet will make the call and all teachers will monitor kids' comfort level.
 - Bake Sale-banner needs to be hung. Key can be picked up on Friday (by 5:00) to access bathroom in Damon Hall. None of the teachers will be here this weekend. Overflow items can go to basement fridge in Rec. center. Tables may be taken from Rec. center and there also may be tables at Damon Hall.
 - Weekend Cleaning-there is still a weekend in October that needs to be covered.
(Update: The weekend has been covered!)
5. **Fundraising report**
 - Bake Sale-9:00-1:00 on Saturday; need help with the sale and help with pricing items on Friday night. Leftover items can go to the Haven. Or maybe to the Senior Luncheon.
 - Original Art-Bethany and Deb will decide on a couple of whole class projects that will be completed in class. Project will be decided on by early November and projects will be done by mid-November. Orders are due mid to late November.
6. **Communication to parents What** is the best way to communicate with families-Emails? Paper? Blog?
 - emails are working well; Michele will email agenda at least a week in advance
 - having a link on the blog to important information from emails would be helpful
 - not all paper copies make it home; items that are sent home in paper form will also be emailed
 - Blog-being managed by Harriet and Tiffany; not all families are accessing blog
 - Facebook-will be managed by Britt
 - Should we create a directory? Not necessary with info on blog

- 7. Update on operations and family involvement systems** how is it working?
- not all aides are filling in forms
 - form can be filled out online or in paper
 - online form is linked from blog
 - Liz will print out aiding sheet to bring to board meetings; a copy will be left in the classrooms
 - in January, we will email individual families an update of points still needed
 - if you are able to be a back-up aide (especially on Fridays), let teachers know
 - bean bag chairs wanted for classrooms; contact teachers if have one you'd like to part with

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

November 2, 2016

December 7, 2016

January 4, 2017

February 1, 2017

March 1, 2017

April 5, 2017

May 3, 2017

June 7, 2017

SONGS & FINGERPLAYS

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate,
The first one said "Oh my it's getting late!"
The second one said "There are witches in the air!"
The third one said "But we don't care!"
The fourth one said "Let's run and run and run!"
The fifth one said "I'm ready for some fun!"
Ooh went the wind and out went the lights,
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Fa-la-la Fall!!

(Deck the Halls tune)

(enjoyed by Mrs. Harriet & Mrs. Bonnie's Afternoon Class)

Rake the leaves so orange and brown.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la fall!!

Hear them make a crunching sound.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la fall!!

Pick a pumpkin, wear a sweater.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la fall!!

Birds fly south to warmer weather.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la fall!

Sometimes

Sometimes I like to walk in the dark.

I like to shout and scream.

I sneak behind somebody I know.

Boo! It's Halloween!