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## HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 2017

*He who has imagination without learning has wings but no feet.*  
-French proverb in ExchangeEveryDay 10/13/17

### THANK YOU

**Heather White** – for coordinating the bake sale

**School Families** – who baked items for the bake sale, worked on the bake sale or purchased food at the bake sale

**Deanna Busch & Matt Dow** – for their donation of a fancy mop and mop bucket for weekend cleaning

### BABY NEWS

**Maeve Frederick** (Miss Tiffany and Miss Michelle's afternoon class) is a big sister! Baby Charlie was born on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Belated baby news: **Naia Frederick** (Miss Tiffany and Miss Michelle's afternoon class and cousin of Maeve) became a big sister when baby Samuel was born in August shortly before the new school year began.

Congratulations to both Frederick families!

### 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 staff members who have completed medication administration CDD training. Upon request we will gladly inform you of the guidelines that must be followed. If your child has rescue medication like an inhaler or Epi-pen, we request that you provide the school with an "extra" that can be left in a tote out of reach of children but easily accessible to teachers in the event of an emergency.

### 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.

### RELEVANT EARLY CHILDHOOD ARTICLES

Most of the HCNS teachers recently attended a training with presenter Scott Noyes of Empowering Programs. His website has a number of very relevant short articles that can be viewed online at no charge, including but not limited to topics such as Positive Discipline, Sharing, Toilet Learning, Media Violence and Children's Behavior and Helping Children to Develop Healthy Sleep Patterns. Here's the link to his website: <http://www.empoweringprograms.com/articles.htm>

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 11, 2017**

**Present:** Heather White, Harriet Dumas, Nikki Raney, Britt Metivier, Tiffany Tucker, Val Raney, Liz Frederick (& Baby Charlie)

**Approve September Minutes:** approved

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Bake Sale: made \$759.21; thank you, Heather, for all your hard work!
- \$38,113 = savings
- \$50,134 = checking
- Val will look into FSA information for staff
- And will look into pay scale for preschool teachers (and substitutes) in Vermont
- Will contact EAP to get some help in starting to look into options for investing some money
- AED - HCNS to contribute to Rec Center - Harriet will request a money request from John Leonard

**Admissions Report:**

- Well-Child Visit forms are still needed for 10 students - Val will send a reminder email
- 5 Family Participation forms are still needed
- Custodial Agreements/IEP's (need to be in double-locked storage)/Allergy Action Plans are still needed for some students
- Current classroom counts:
  - Tiffany & Michelle: AM = 12, PM = 10
  - Harriet & Bonnie: AM = 12, PM = 14

**Director's Report:**

- Harriet bought some shelter-in-place items; not all
- Walking field trip next week to Hartland Fire Station
- Harriet talked to the new renter of the Hartland Yoga building, who says they'll have availability of programs for walking field trips
- Hartland Christmas Project - we'll plan on participating this year.
  - Harriet hopes to get at least some wishes before Thanksgiving break
- She submitted a variance request re: substitute issue (specifically, 15 hour training stipulation); Val can substitute; one parent willing to do training (2 people who are willing to sub, aren't willing to do the training)
- Family Place visited the classroom and had a good time: good resource for classes, workshops for teachers

**Operations Report:**

- How are new forms working out?
  - Some parents are having a hard time without as many online forms for signups, but we should be able to accommodate parents who can't physically make it into the classroom to see what days are available for aiding
  - Much less cumbersome than last year's point system
- Every family in Harriet's classrooms has signed up for weekend cleaning
- All families in Tiffany's classes except 3 families have aided or signed up for cleaning weekend
- Clarification might be needed that being a field trip helper doesn't count as aiding in the classroom unless you were already signed up for that day

**Other Business:**

- Harriet and Val will work on making a directory
- Possible activity: AVA Gallery - Art Detectives - in-class field trip to fit into curriculum

- Tiffany will plan to do Trout in the Classroom again this year

## **SONGS AND FINGER PLAYS**

### **Insect Song**

*(Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes tune)*

Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen.

Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen.

Six legs, big eyes, antennae and wings,

Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen.

### **Falling Leaves**

*(We use this to have the children practice hiding sneezes in their elbows)*

Falling, falling, falling leaves,

Mother Nature did you sneeze?

Red ones, yellow ones, orange and brown.

Big ones, little ones crinkled on the ground.

Falling, falling, falling leaves,

Mother Nature did you sneeze?