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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"I think there's a little child in all of us and we all too often we forget to let the child come out to play." Donna A. Favors

THANK YOU

Cody Smith - for refinishing the toy and book shelves in Miss Tiffany and Miss Michelle's classroom

School Families – who cleaned toys or did classroom or playground cleaning jobs in preparation for the start of school

Miss Tiffany – who arranged for gift card donations from Home Depot that helped us to purchase a new fridge and microwave for one classroom, a garden cart and some painting supplies at a very reduced price

Val Raney – for all the extra work in helping to implement Act 166 that she has done in the admissions and treasurer board positions, also for cleaning the classroom carpets before the start of school

Parent Board Members – for being willing to serve on the board, and for helping to make the start of our school year go smoothly

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken again this year by Raelene Garrow of RLG Photography. She did an excellent job capturing shots of the children last year. Pictures will be taken outside and are scheduled for **Tuesday October 4th**, with a rain date of Wednesday October 5th. A packet of information will be distributed shortly before the date.

HOPSTOPS

Held in both Hanover and Claremont, NH, children ages 3 and up and their adult companions enjoy free performances designed to entertain and introduce young children to the world of dance, music, theater and storytelling. These performances are participatory, so come ready to sing, dance and clap along—bring the whole family! HopStops are offered throughout the school year, often in conjunction with Visiting Artist performances. HopStops are free and open to the public; no tickets or registration required. For more information, call 603-646-.2010.

- Unless otherwise noted Hanover HopStops (September -May (no December)) are held in Alumni Hall, located on the second floor of the Hopkins Center (signs are posted). Doors open at 10:30 for an 11:00 show. Seating is limited. Hourly parking is available in the Hanover Parking Garage located on Lebanon Street. Metered parking on the street is also available.
- Claremont HopStops (September – November, March – May) are held at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center at 128 South Street, Claremont. Doors open at 2:30 for a 3:00 show. Seating is limited and on a first come first serve basis. Free parking is offered in the lot right next to the Community Center or at the middle school across the road.

The next performances will be on **September 17th** (Uncle Rock – rock and roll music for the young and old) and **October 1st** (Revels North).

WEEKEND CLEANING SIGN UP/CLASSROOM AIDING & SNACK

If you have not already done so, please sign up for weekend cleaning. Weekend cleaning involves a general tidying of **both classrooms**, including but not limited to thorough vacuuming and mopping the floors. Specific directions are posted in each classroom. This involves around 2 hours of time. We are in need of family aides and/or snack providing on lots of upcoming school days. **Please consider aiding on Outside Fridays – which will happen every Friday beginning September 23rd. This would really help us with keeping the children safe and having their needs met.**

YOUR CHILD SHOULD HAVE...

Each day your child should have a good-sized backpack including:

- A filled water bottle,
- A change of clothes in a big Ziploc bag
- Clothing appropriate for current or forecast weather conditions – this means an outer layer as the weather cools; a rain coat and mud boots; and snow boots, snow pants, hat and waterproof mittens in the winter. **We do plan to go outside each day, rain or shine (except in thunderstorms or extreme cold).**

WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

*This website has research based information and tips on children's learning and development and distributes periodic newsletters that you can subscribe to at no cost: families.naeyc.org

*This website offers seasonal screen-free ideas, using everyday items to inspire your whole family, whatever their ages, to play together: truceteachers.org/resource-family-play-plans.html.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN ITEMS NEEDED

We request that each family contribute a non-perishable food item – like crackers; cereal; soup; or canned fruit, vegetables or meat – that we can keep on hand in case we have an emergency that requires us to shelter in place at HCNS. Even though this is highly unlikely, we are required to have a plan and to have food and drink on hand for this purpose.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

The first weeks of school have been spent getting to know each other and the school routines. We have plans to explore a variety of classroom themes throughout the year. Weekly summaries and photos of your child's classroom activities can be accessed on the classroom Shutterfly blogs: HCNS The River Classroom (Miss Tiffany and Miss Michelle's classroom and HCNS The Mountains Classroom (Mrs. Harriet and Mrs. Bonnie's classroom).

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 7, 2016

Present: Deborah Richardson, Catharine Engwall, Dorian Ford, Britt Metivier, Harriet Dumas, Val Raney, Tiffany Tucker, Liz Frederick, Meggan Wehmeyer, Bethany LaHaye, Michelle Perry, Michele Summarsell

1. **Approval of last meeting minutes** - approved
2. **Treasurer's Report** - not much activity.
3. **Admissions' Report** - 48 students total, one new student starting soon, another family inquiring
4. **Director's Report** - smooth start to year
 - More aiding, snack, and weekend cleaning sign-up needed--expectations will be made more clear
 - Grant coming in soon. Press release will be sent out to area papers.
 - Library story time set up - morning class on 2nd Tuesdays, afternoon class 2nd Wednesdays starting next week
 - Apple picking trip - info sent home **Wednesday, Sept. 21**
 - RLG Photography picture day set - **October 4, rain date October 5**
 - Outside Fridays start on Sept 23...Aides needed

- Bake Sale (Oct. 8)-Harriet will be out of town; bulletin board spot outside of Damon Hall has been reserved from Sept. 29-Oct. 8
- Oct. 10, Nov. 18, Jan. 26, and March 22 are dates that HES does not have school, but HCNS does**
- More non-perishable food items and water are needed for Emergency Response supplies
- Emergency response plan needs to be re-done...parent volunteer?
Can be worked on throughout the year
- parent volunteers have signed up to do Box Tops for Education (Andrea Emery) and Scholastic Book Orders (Dorian Ford), organization of high school volunteers (Kara Hall)

5. Fundraising Report

- a. **October bake sale** - Will be outside of Damon Hall. Side lawn is reserved. Bathroom access through Bob Stacey/Damon Hall if necessary. Pick up key on Friday. Sign-up sheet will be posted soon.
- b. **Original Works** - will be closer to Christmas time. Send out in November. Discussion about whether art project should be done in school or at home.

6. Election of unfilled board positions:

- a. **Fundraising** - Deb Richardson nominated and voted in
- b. **Curriculum and Personnel** - Catharine Engwall nominated and voted in
- c. **Advertising and Publicity** - Britt Metivier nominated and voted in
- d. **Grant/Financing** -

7. Discussion regarding family participation points -discussion of history re: aiding and parent involvement. We want families to be a part of HCNS and we recognize that there are other ways of doing this beyond aiding.

a. **How to allocate points for snack, other contributions** - discussion and decision made to have points be based on time set on task. Required total points will change to 35 points total with 1 hour representing 1 point. Still a requirement to have a minimum of 4 aiding days which will count as 12 points. There will be forms in the classrooms. Submit form for any involvement (including aiding). An information form will be shared with families soon.)

b. **How to involve families who cannot aid** - A process will be created for families to apply for an exemption.

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

October 5, 2016
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

Little Arabella Miller

(Twinkle Twinkle tune)

Little Arabella Miller,

Had a fuzzy caterpillar.

First it rolled upon her mother.

Then upon her baby brother.

They said "Arabella Miller,

Put away that caterpillar!"

Little Arabella Miller had a fuzzy caterpillar.
First it crawled upon her brother.
Then upon her dear grandmother.
Granny said, "Arabella Miller,
How I love that caterpillar!"

Butterfly Song

(Up on the Housetop tune)

First comes a butterfly and lays an egg.
Out comes a caterpillar with many legs.
Oh see the caterpillar spin and spin,
A little chrysalis to sleep in.

Oh, oh, oh wait and see,
Oh, oh, oh wait and see.
Out of the chrysalis my, oh my.
Out comes a beautiful butterfly!

HOMEMADE PLAY DOUGH RECIPE

This is the recipe we use for our classroom play dough. We usually double or triple the recipe. It keeps really well!

1 cup flour
½ cup salt
1 cup water
1 Tablespoon oil
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
Food coloring of choice

Cook and stir over moderate heat until mixture forms a ball. When cooked, store in an airtight container or zippered bag.