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HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2017

THANK YOU!

Dan Silver and Ronnie Allard – for all the hard work getting the railing, steps and landing painted

Cody Smith – for installing a new bathroom floor and making toilet repairs in Miss Tiffany & Miss Michelle's room

Melissa & Vinnie Fusca – for thoroughly cleaning the carpets in both classrooms before the start of school

School Families - who cleaned classroom items in preparation for school starting

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos (both individual and whole class) will be taken on **Wednesday October 4th** for both morning and afternoon classes. The photos will be taken outside if it's not raining. In the event of rain, we have permission to use the downstairs of the Recreation Center. The photographer will be Raelene Garrow, owner of RLG Photography. She has taken our school pictures for the past two years and has done an excellent job of capturing each child's unique personality. There will be different options available for families to purchase, including a digital option. RLG will distribute information for families a few days before picture day.

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Your help is needed for baking and working on the bake sale scheduled for **Saturday October 7** from 9 to 1 on the lawn at Damon Hall. Please look for notes and signup sheets soon in your child's classroom.

TRICYCLE USE AT HCNS

While the fair and summer-like weather continue we'd like to use the trikes that we purchased last year. If you'd like to have your child get a turn to ride a school trike, please send your child's bike helmet (attached to his/her backpack) on non-rainy Tuesdays – Thursdays. We have a few school helmets that we'll use too as soon as we purchase some disposable surgical caps for children to wear inside the helmets.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

All classes have started the year by establishing classroom routines as we all get to know each other. We've been exploring "old" classroom materials as well as some new materials that we purchased over the summer – magna-tiles and light cubes. The Second Step social and emotional curriculum has started. The Foundations literacy program has begun in some classes.

This exposes the children to some materials and concepts that they will learn more about as they move on to Kindergarten and beyond. Please check out your child's classroom weekly blog entries for information and photos of classroom and outdoor activities: www.hartlandexplorers.blogspot.com for Miss Tiffany & Miss Michelle's classes and www.hartlandadventurers.blogspot.com for Mrs. Harriet & Mrs. Bonnie's classes. Some photos also appear on the HCNS Facebook page.

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 HopStop of this year's season is on **Saturday October 14th** – **Antonio Rocha** – astounding animal stories from around the globe, in both the Hanover and Claremont locations.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2017

Present: Harriet Dumas, Val Raney, Liz Frederick, Britt Metivier, Meggan Wehmeyer, Nikki Raney, Heather Vonada, Jill Rubin

Approve August Minutes - approved

School photos with RLG Photography

- digital vs. hard copies?
 - most board members agree they like the option of digital only, then having the option to purchase prints through RLG website
 - Harriet will discuss with RLG
 - RLG can do October 4th & 5th (maybe in one day)

Treasurer's Report

- \$59,334.56 - checking
- \$38,113.00 - savings
- net gain \$22,000

- We're unable to provide an HSA for staff without high-deductible health plan; is FSA a viable option? Val will look into.
- Discussed what other benefits might be an option
 - pay for college course with stipulation that they're committed?
- Val will research info for pay scale and discuss pay rates at next meeting

Admissions Report

- most paperwork is in
- inquiries are starting for next year (and years after...)
- Should we keep enrollment the same? (enrollment at the beginning of January for repeat students, mid-January after the Open House for new students? Rolling enrollment?)
 - Undecided, to be discussed further at subsequent board meetings
- Open house scheduled for January 18th 5:30-7:00

Director's Report

- Tiffany has elementary ed license, she's being encouraged to take further courses to get early ed endorsement too
- helmets for tricycles discussed since we had a few cases of lice in the school and they're not technically required by state regulations
 - board is uncomfortable with not requiring helmets - we'll buy surgical caps that can be worn with helmets, then thrown out
- Board decided it's too late to rent a bus for apple-picking trip, but will plan to rent bus for future trips.
- start of school going well - a few peer-to-peer issues
- more aides needed for Tiffany's classes
- The VINS classroom program will start Sept 26th, with insects being the topic
 - They will come Tuesdays, monthly
- Library visits once a week will be starting soon
- Staff from Hartland Elementary School will be visiting once a month to read to the children
- Weekend cleaning - some weekends haven't been claimed yet.
 - Liz will figure out who hasn't signed up yet, will let Nikki know; Nikki will send out a flyer to go home with students.
- Directory with emails, phone numbers is needed
- Simple IRA's - should there be a waiting period before staff is eligible? Board decided staff should be immediately eligible
- October - 2 staff will attend CPR and First Aid re-certification training with Hartland ES
- HCNS will buy 72-hour supply of food, water in case of shelter in place order
- AED to be purchased for Rec Center, will HCNS will chip in for with fundraising funds?

Columbus Day Bake Sale

- permission received for lawn at Damon Hall
- still no organizer for fundraiser - board will work it out
- Britt will put poster up outside Damon Hall on September 28th

Other Business

- Unfilled Board Positions - fundraising coordinator, finance/grant writing (this one not immediately necessary)
- Val suggests rewriting bylaws to not include as many board members
- Val, Nikki, Harriet, and Meggan will work on this.

Future Board Meetings - Second Wednesdays of each month:

October 11
 November 8
 December 13
 January 10
 February 14
 March 14
 April 11
 May 9
 June 13
 August 8

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.

SONGS AND FINGER PLAYS

Shark Song

(from Miss Tiffany & Miss Michelle’s classroom)

Shark mouth with two fingers

Baby shark, do do do do do do
 Baby shark, do do do do do do
 Baby shark, do do do do do do

Shark mouth with hands connected at wrist

Momma shark, do do do do do do
 Momma shark, do do do do do do
 Momma shark, do do do do do do

Shark mouth with whole arms

Daddy shark, do do do do do do
 Daddy shark, do do do do do do
 Daddy shark, do do do do do do

Shark mouth like momma shark but with fists

Grandma shark, ma ma ma ma ma ma
Grandma shark, ma ma ma ma ma ma
Grandma shark, ma ma ma ma ma ma
Grandma shark

Surfing motion with arms and legs

Surfer Dude, do do do do do do
Surfer Dude, do do do do do do

Surfer Dude, do do do do do do

Shark fin over head

Hungry Shark, do do do do do do
Hungry Shark, do do do do do do.
Hungry Shark, do do do do do do

Swimming motion again, but faster

Swim away, do do do do do do
Swim away, do do do do do do
Swim away, do do do do do do

Found my towel! (Sit down)

Way Up High

Way up high in the apple tree,

Three red apples smiled down at me.

I shook that tree as hard as I could.

Down came the apples,

Mmmm, were they good!

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!”