

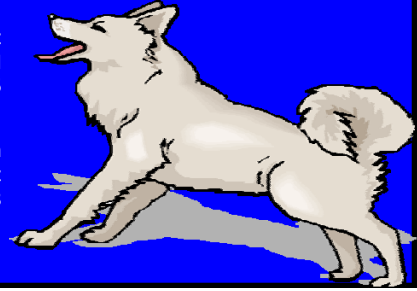
Hildreth Elementary School

Husky News

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

This year has started on such a positive note. While I enjoy working with parents and teachers, there is nothing more exciting than spending time with the focus of our teamwork, the students. They spread their enthusiasm and joyful interactions throughout the school. The class-

rooms and hallways buzz with their energy.



I have learned more about the students as I visited each classroom to read the books, *How Full is Your Bucket*, or *A Fine, Fine, School*.

We interacted as they shared their names and interests with me. They feel comfortable talking with me in the cafeteria, at the busses, in their classrooms and around the school.

We will continue to learn more about each other. I look forward to future interactions with your children and with you. Feel free to contact me at any time.

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Linda Dwight

News from the Nurse

Welcome Back!, We are now officially in the swing of school, and it is time to review some basic health rules.

If your child is sick in the morning before school please keep them home. This decision avoids your child having a difficult time at school, as well as the strong possibility they will have to go home later in the day. Moreover, it prevents the spread of germs through out our school environment. A

similar requirement is in place for children who leave school with a temperature over 100 F. They, too, must stay at home the next day.

If your child breaks a bone or has a serious sprain, we will need a doctor's note that specifies how long they must be out of P.E. class and if there are restrictions related to recess. This ensures that there will be no further damage to the injury.

Please check your children for head lice. If you find

anything unusual, let us know so we can examine your child as well as other students that may be affected.

As there are always bathroom related accidents at school and on the playground, students can borrow clothes from the collection in the nurse's office. We would appreciate it if they would be returned to us clean and dry as soon as possible. Donations in a variety of sizes for shirts, underwear, socks, and

pants are always welcome.

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Students who have Epi Pens need specific paperwork filled out each year so that we have clear, up to date instructions. If your child has an Epi Pen and you have not dropped off the necessary paperwork for this school year, please bring it to the nurse's office as soon as possible to avoid any potential emergencies.

If your child is in 4th grade, state law mandates that schools have a new physical with up-dated immunizations by the start of the school year. I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to pass those forms in already. Knowing that there may be some difficulties scheduling an appointment due to insurance providers' requirements, please give me a call at the direct nurse's line or email to avoid a reminder. As always, stay healthy and feel free to call me with any issues or concerns.

Mrs. Veno, School Nurse

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A NOTE FROM GUIDANCE:

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you all had a fun and healthy summer.

Our back to school assembly was a big success. Thank you to Mrs. Kelley for choreographing some dances for us. We also played two games that incorporated the Habits of Mind.

Upcoming events include:

- **Project Adventure** activities for the months of September and October will focus on building strategies to help the group succeed. We will also work on developing trust within the groups. One of our debriefing questions that will be asked after each lesson is "What was a 'wow' moment for you?" This is to support our Habits of Mind work on "Responding with Wonderment and Awe".
- **The Peer Leadership Team** will be selected and start working on our annual Halloween parade and assembly. Details will follow.
- Monday, September 26 several students presented a Project Adventure activity to the School Committee during the meeting that was held at Devens.
- October 12 at 7:00 p.m. the Harvard Public Schools district invites you to join us in the Bromfield Auditorium for a parent workshop on bullying and a presentation of our district reporting policy and program. Details will be distributed soon.

Have a wonderful month!

Christine Reale, Guidance Counselor
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Harvard Public Library presents:

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Sky Pirate Show

- All Ages: Wednesday, October 19 at 1:30 PM

Take a trip to far-off lands with Captain Robbie Bones-a wonderful way for children to learn about cultures from around the world and have fun doing it. The Captain is a wonderful storyteller and has brought back wild tales

and some amazing Magic Tricks to show you. It's a geography lesson like no other.



Robb Preskins has been a comic family entertainer for 20 years, and his Sky Pirate show has received rave reviews for his ability to combine magic, comedy, and educational material in a fun and engaging manner.

Please call the Children's Room at (978) 456 – 2381 to pre-register

40th Annual Harvard Flea Market

Treasure hunters and bargain lovers are invited to browse through more than 170 booths of antiques, collectibles, and household finds. Don't miss Harvard's biggest and best event!

The 40th Annual Harvard Flea Market will be held on Saturday, October 15th (16th rain date) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 or \$1.00 for ages 6-12 and 65 plus. Proceeds benefit the League of Women Voters of Harvard and the Harvard Schools Trust.



For more information visit www.harvardfleamarket.com. Please note that this year's event is not on Columbus Day weekend.

Chrissy Yoo, co-chair of flea market

Math Corner by Gretchen Henry, HES Interim Associate Principal

MCAS

The MCAS results from Spring 2011 have been mailed this week to parents of our students who were in grades 3-5 during the last school year. The reports generated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) share how each child performed on the test both in math and reading at that grade level. The categories include Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement and Warning based on their scores. The report shows specific information as to how their child answered each of the multiple choice, short answer and open response questions. The actual tests are on line at the DESE/MCAS website. Comparative data also is shared through graphs and charts which give parents a means to see how their child's results compare to other school systems throughout the state at that grade level. This information is reviewed by Dr. Dwight, our curriculum coordinators, and classroom teachers, so that we can make decisions on differentiating instruction according to the students' needs. Our school offers intervention supports in math and reading if needed as well as enrichment. Fifth graders also annually take a Science MCAS test which assesses the standards covered in grades K-5 during their time here at HES.

Birthday Policy

We are pleased that we have already had a variety of ways that families are celebrating their child's birthday as part of HES's new birthday policy. Just a reminder that if you have also planned an out of school birthday celebration, please make sure that those arrangements are made through phone calls or mailed invitations. You might imagine how difficult it is for other children in the same class or grade to find out that invitations have been distributed through backpacks or during the school day. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.



News From the Art Room-

The new school year is off to an exciting start in the art room with self-portrait drawing and painting, Compass Rose designs, 5th Grade Nature Classroom Journals, leaf painting, and more.

If you have extras of the following objects around your house and would like to donate them, I am always in need of newspaper, particle board that you find with frames, photographs that are mailed, calendars, etc., and empty paper towel rolls. I'm also looking for used tennis balls (that have lost their bounce-for the bottom of stool legs). Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer to help in art class. I will be in touch soon.

Cindy Harris, HES Art Teacher