



Claypit Hill Monthly Newsletter

June 11, 2015

Principal's Message

Dear Claypit Hill Families,

As I write my final newsletter message, I have many mixed feelings colliding. First of all, I am fortunate that I am retiring from an extremely supportive school system which has allowed me to work hard for things that I deeply value and to work with so many teams of committed people who worked alongside me to accomplish a great deal. I came to work every day feeling that my job was meaningful, challenging and fun! I can honestly say that even though I certainly had days that were difficult and maybe not so fun, I woke up the next morning with a new commitment to come to work and to figure out how to make the day better, or how to learn from my disappointments and mistakes and go forward with positive energy. I have had the opportunity to have had two distinctive careers in Wayland and many people have not been so lucky!

Ending my career at Claypit Hill was not in my "plan" when my daughters came to Claypit Hill for kindergarten in 1984 and 1986. In fact, if anyone had even suggested that I become a principal at that time, I would have been in shock. However, thirty years later, I am so glad that my life path lead me to this school. I am not going to say that it is the best school in town, as you know by now I am a community person and I love all of the schools in this town, each one special in their unique way. However, I do feel that Claypit Hill was the right place for me to finish my career.

Thank you to everyone – too many to mention – staff members, parents, administrators, all town departments who were responsive to my questions, worked with me to get things done at the school, listened to my complaints, and who helped celebrate our successes. Thank you to the children who said "good morning" and to everyone else who appreciated that I said "good morning!" Thank you to the children who made me think, made me laugh, answered me thoughtfully when I asked them to tell me how they were going to turn their day around and make positive decisions. Thank you to the children who did endless writing about their behavior with a serious commitment to change. Thank you to the children who provided an atmosphere that I loved and will deeply miss.

This has been a truly upbeat year to bring my career to closure. I feel that I walked into an excellent school when I came in 2006 and I am leaving a fine school for Christie Harvey to lead in 2015. I hope that everyone will enjoy supporting Christie Harvey as she learns what makes Claypit great, and then she can figure out with all of you how to make it even greater. I will miss so much, yet I am very ready for the next chapter of my life. I will be busy next year re-creating myself, but as of July 1st, I plan to work on my golf game, do more boating at the Cape, read fluffy novels and have more visits to Rhode Island and New York to see my kids. I will be back to see some highlights next year so I am not saying "good-bye!"

Please read on to see more thank you's. I will be here until June 30th and as always, I am available by phone, email or just drop by!

Sincerely,

Debbie Bearse

Special Thank you to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents and Guardians and Everyone Else!

I cannot thank you enough for all that you do to work with us at every level to contribute to our school community. We continue to have so many school volunteers from the moment one enters the school grounds – our parents who maintain our flowers, bushes and flower pots. Inside, the myriad of volunteers in the library, the families who help teachers by giving extra support in reading, math, writing, special projects and field trips deserve special mention. The week of appreciation organized by the PTO made every staff member feel valued. Thank you to everyone – PTO, School Council, Faculty and Administration, School Committee and the larger school community for everything you do to support our mission of growing students into fine citizens. Thank you to Lauren Reynolds for leading the PTO this year, for her dedication, and thank you to Jean Prince for committing to continuing the strong leadership that is crucial to the rich partnership between school and families.

Enjoy the last nine days of special events – whew, it's almost over – enjoy your summer of 2015!

Sincerely,

Debbie

Kid's Quote

At the recent math night which was held at Claypit Hill, I introduced Christie Harvey to a kindergarten student and his family. It went something like this:

“Hi (child's name), I want you to meet Ms. Harvey who will be your new principal. The child smiled and greeted her and then said to me: Oh yah, I heard you were passing away! “

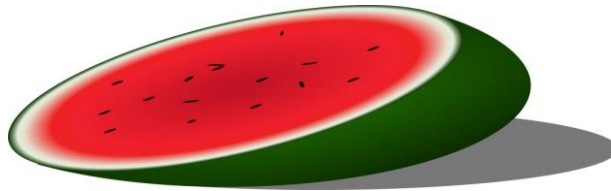
With that, we laughed and I said – well sort of like passing away, but I will be going away but will be back to say “hi!”

From the PTO

Save the Date:

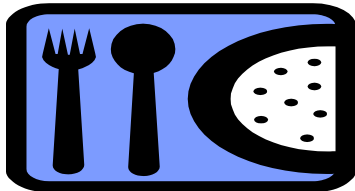


*5th Grade Picnic and Games
will be held on Tuesday,
June 16th with a rain date of
Thursday, June 18th.*



Claypit Hill Reminders

***Please feel free to join your child for lunch any day.** If you would like a hot lunch, please call the office at 508 358 7401 in the morning *and we will order it for you. Thank you!**



Specialist News

Congratulations to the Claypit Hill String Players on a fabulous year! We are so proud of your hard work. Please keep your instruments to the end of the school year -- we will continue to meet. Hopefully you can continue your rental over the summer, but if you need to return it, please wait to do so until after lessons have ended. (You can bring your instrument directly to your rental shop at that time.)

We look forward to seeing you in strings next year!

Ms. Tandon & Ms. Jacobsen

--Whitney Tandon

Wayland Strings, Grades 4-8

<https://sites.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/wayland-strings/>

Please visit our specialist's websites for current happenings. (Please click the text to view each website)

[Art News – Ms. Bentley](#)

[Library news – Ms. Burman](#)

[Physical Education News – Mr. Chadsey](#)

[Music News – Ms. Vanaria](#)

[Technology Update – Ms. Colbert](#)

[Band Update – Ms. Keenan](#)

[Strings Update – Ms. Tandon \(4th and 5th grade\)](#)

Specialist News (continued)

Strings Update – Ms. Jacobsen
(3rd grade)

Technology News-

Ms. Meyler



News from the Health Room

Guidelines for Keeping Your Student Home Due to Illness

Keep your child home if he/she has:

1. **Fever** : Your child should remain at home with a fever greater than 100.4 degrees. A child can return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Motrin)
2. **Diarrhea/Vomiting**: A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay home and return to school after being symptom free for 24 hours
3. **Rashes**: A child with a suspicious rash should return to school only after a health care provider has made a diagnosis and authorized the child's return to school.
4. **Colds** : Consider keeping your child home if he/she is experiencing discomfort from cold symptoms, such as nasal congestion and cough. A continuous green discharge from the nose may be a sign of infection. Consider having your child seen by your health care provider.

Your child is expected to be picked up from school in a timely manner when sick, to reduce the spread of illness to other students and/or staff. Please make sure your cell phones are checked throughout your day if parents need to be contacted. All phone numbers need to be up to date in the school office.

Check your children for ticks:

1. Important information about ticks and what you need to do to protect you and your family
1. Please read information on the following websites:
http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/sheets/tick_bites_sheet.html
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/StopTicks/>
<http://www.tickencounter.org>

Spring Allergies:

2. Please be sure that you are observing your child for signs and symptoms of allergies
3. It is important that your child be given allergy medication before symptoms start
4. Many children will have watery, red, itchy eyes – and over the counter eye drops will help if given before school

3rd Grade Parents:

5. Please send in your child's updated physical. All 4th grade students are required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to have a physical on file going into 4th grade. Any physical dated Aug 1, 2014 or after will qualify.

Spring=Mud:

1. Please be sure that your child has back up clothing, season appropriate, available at school. The health room cannot be responsible for clothing your wet child. Your child may end up uncomfortable or you may receive a call asking you to come to school with back up clothing.

Please contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

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Calendar of Events for June

Event	Location	Date(s)
1st Grade Field Trip to Boston		Friday, June 12 th
3rd Grade Colonial Day	3 rd grade classes	Friday, June 12 th
Grade 4 Fire Safety	Gym	Monday, June 15 th , 9:00 a.m.
Drumlin Farm Visits 3rd Grade	3 rd grade classes	Tuesday, June 16 th
5th Grade Picnic	Outside	Tuesday, June 16 th 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. (Thursday, June 18 th rain date)
Move along day		Friday, June 19 th 9:30 – 10:00
All School Meeting	Gym	Monday, June 22 nd 10:00 a.m.
Last Day of School		Monday, June 22 nd 1:50 p.m dismissal

