



Claypit Hill Monthly Newsletter February 12, 2015

Principal's Message

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." Robert Frost

Dear Claypit Hill Families,

We have made history the last couple of weeks with the number of snow days we have been granted. I am, however, ready for this history making to stop so that we can get into a consistent routine at school. What has been amazing is that the students have handled this schedule quite well, and although there are days that I'm not sure what day it is, it seems that they are all on track. Today at fifth grade lunch, I sat down while they were eating and the students continued to socialize positively – I decided they don't need me, and except for the few who continue to share food when they think I am not looking, they are pretty self-sufficient and rule followers in the cafeteria!

I want to mention the upcoming Claypit Hill Parent Coffee on March 3rd from 7:00-8:00p.m. I hope that you put this on your calendar, as Officer Shane Bowles, Wayland's youth officer, will be speaking about Wayland's new safety plan called ALICE, which is a national school safety program. ALICE is an acronym for ALERT...LOCKDOWN...INFORM...COUNTER...EVACUATE. This is an extremely difficult subject but obviously a very important one. In the fall, many Wayland administrators, directors, guidance, special education staff, support staff and town officials were introduced to ALICE at a day long training. After that training, Officer Bowles presented ALICE at all building staff meetings. To date, Wayland High School and Wayland Middle School have had safety drills after school with adults only, so that all adults feel as prepared as they possibly can be in a crisis involving intruders who wish to do harm in a school building. Claypit Hill is scheduled to have this drill on April 6th, after school, when students are not in the building. In the meantime, we have spent time as a staff body, learning our best exit paths, how to communicate throughout the school if such an event takes place and how to evacuate students and staff if this situation occurs. The evening meeting promises to be informative and Office Bowles will be available to answer your questions to the best of his knowledge. The most important thing to remember is that school buildings continue to be the safest place for our children and that is what we will focus on with the children. After the adults are trained thoroughly, there will be planned drills with students – dates to be decided at a later time. We have learned that children will listen to adults in a crisis and our first job is to prepare adults in the best way possible. Please feel free to call me if you have questions and I will be happy to talk to you! I do hope that you will be able to come on March 3rd.

I am looking forward to changing snow patterns over our winter break so that we can have school as usual when we return. Enjoy the time with family and friends.

Sincerely

Debbie Bearse

Kid's Quote

In our Social Thinking Curriculum, "Glassman" represents a person who has big reactions to small problems. This first grader evidently sees a broken snowblower during a 32" storm as a small problem. He said in an Open Circle:

"Glassman got my dad when the snowblower broke."

From the PTO

BACKPACK AUCTION - GIFT YOUR CHILD PART 2

Do you have a talent or ability to share with the community? Do you have a product that you would like to donate? Consider donating to the Gift Your Child Backpack Auction!



The **Gift Your Child Backpack Auction Committees** from Claypit Hill School, Happy Hollow and Loker are busy rounding up annual favorites including camps, experiences with the local fire and safety departments, varsity sports, and teacher items for this year's Backpack Auction. Last year, with great success, the Backpack Auction included some of the many talented members of our community. We would like to, again, extend the invitation to anyone within the Wayland community who might be able to offer a unique or special experience to please consider donating to the auction. This could be anything from sharing a hobby (knitting lessons, sports lessons, photography, baking lessons, cooking an ethnic dish, etc.), to something pertaining to your career (author, musician, athlete, artist, event planner, etc.), or a donation from a family-run, Wayland business (architect, baker, photographer, musician, restaurant, etc.) in the form of a product or an experience.

If you have an idea for an experience that you'd like to offer to the elementary school community to bid on, please contact **Amy Nau** at amyfrankelnau@verizon.net.

PTO Bingo Night is Coming!

Save the date; the annual elementary Bingo night is coming on Friday, March 27th, 6-8 pm at the Middle School. The night includes fun bingo games, face painting, pizza, ice cream sundaes and opportunities to win fabulous prizes such as local gift cards, Roche Bros gift cards, AMC passes, and Canobie Lake Park passes.

This event sells out VERY quickly, so purchase your tickets as soon as possible. **Tickets go on sale in early March, so** be on the lookout for the sign up form!



2015 WORLD'S FAIR IS COMING!

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to announce that **The 2015 World's Fair** will take place on Saturday, March 28th at Loker. In order to create an exciting World's Fair, Wayland families from all three elementary schools work together to share their culture or one they admire. This is done by creating booths that the children can visit with the passport they are given at the entrance to the fair. Each booth is arranged to give the children a little bit of insight into the culture represented. There is food for tasting, a small craft, some typical items seen or used and some history and geography. Each child who visits a booth brings a passport and if the child is able to answer three questions about the culture, then he or she will earn a stamp in their passport from the culture booth that they visited.

In years past, we have had booths on China, India, Russia, Rwanda, Israel, Mexico, Peru, Italy, Ethiopia, Greece and many more. Booths are generally run by groups of 4 or more parents who work together to pull the booth together, provide the contents of the booth and then staff it on the day of the Fair. Our World Fair Committee will provide detailed direction on how to create a booth, plus we'll get you tables, easels, chairs, flags, etc., to help set it up.

Kids love being part of the creation process and they're crazy about having "their own" booth. Some cultures like to dance, play music or perform some other kind of cultural entertainment. We have a great stage set up for that. It is right off the Loker lobby and we have used it throughout the afternoon on fair day for various performances. We are in the process of taking applications for the different

culture positions that we have available and the afternoon entertainment for this year's fair. We are looking forward to seeing which locales will be represented.

If you are interested in helping create a culture booth, finding performers, handling logistics, marketing or any other committee task, we would love to hear from you - please feel free to email us at waylandworldfair@gmail.com!

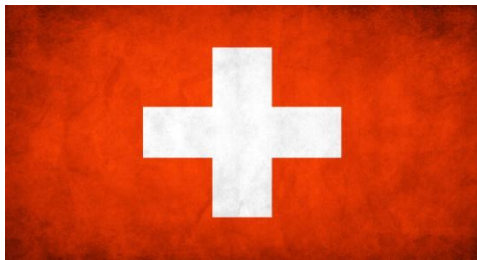
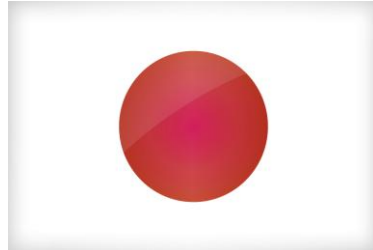
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Emily Villatoro

Samantha Richter

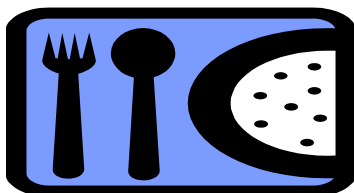
Rebecca Lloyd

2015 World's Fair Committee



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!*



Cold temperatures and snowy playgrounds are the norm at recess, so please remember to send your child in with a jacket, gloves, snow pants, winter boots and hats. If your child is not dressed appropriately for the colder days, he/she will not be able to participate in recess.



Please send in back-up clothing for your children. Children sometimes get very wet when playing on the playground. Please remember to include some clothes, especially pants and socks, in your child's backpack! Thank you!

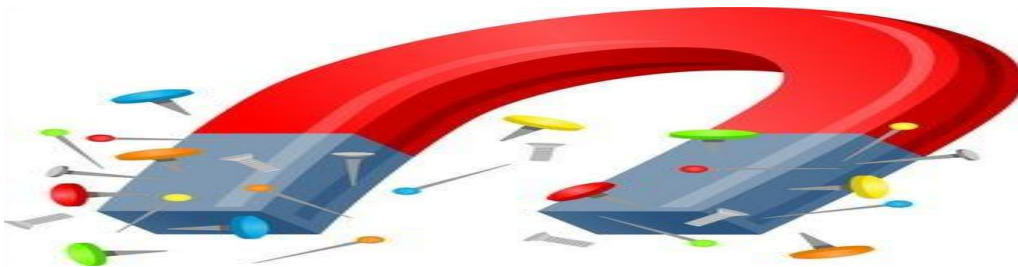


Curriculum Corner

Highlighting Fourth Grade This Month!

Fourth graders have been learning all about division, practicing many different methods of solving long division problems through the support of teacher directed lessons, online videos, and ongoing work with manipulatives. They have learned and practiced solving by using an area model, or by finding equal groups and/or partial quotients. Spending time with these methods has helped to make the concept of division more meaningful for students as they begin to understand and see the relationship between these methods and the standard algorithm that will be used more regularly in fifth grade. In Science, many classes are finishing up their studies of magnets and electromagnets and have started to explore aspects of weather and the water cycle. Recently, all fourth graders had the opportunity to become design engineers as they worked cooperatively in small groups to plan for and design a structure that would support a 50 gram weight. They learned the importance of planning ahead, sharing ideas, and using creative thinking to make the best use of the supplies provided for construction. Whether or not the final structures were able to support the weight, this was a successful learning experience for all in terms of their collaborative and creative efforts! - Sue Olivier/Darcy Foley

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Specialist News

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](#)

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

[Band Update – Ms. Keenan](#)

[Technology News- Ms. Meyler](#)

[Strings Update – Ms. Jacobsen \(3rd grade\)](#)

News from the Health Room

Head Lice Information:

- Parents need to be vigilant, checking their child's head at home as part of their daily routine.
- You can help minimize this nuisance by identifying additional cases early.
- Please check the following web pages for educational information: www.cdc.gov/lice/head/factsheet.html and/or www.headlice.org
- Your school nurse is available if help is needed.

Illness:

- Please keep your children home if they are not feeling well in the morning of school or the previous night. Cold symptoms can make a child sick due to a virus. Runny nose, cough, etc. will make your child not feel well and the best cure is rest at home.
- Remember that good hand washing is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs and infectious disease. It is important to remind your child to wash their hands before eating or touching food, after using the bathroom, after blowing their noses and/or coughing, after touching pets or animals, after playing outside, and after visiting a sick friend and/or relative. Please reinforce this practice at home, as parents are the best role models!

It is cold and snowy outside:

- Please be sure that your child has appropriate clothing to go outside during the winter months (coat, snow pants, boots, gloves, and hat).
- **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!! ALL Students should have a change of clothes in their backpacks in the event that clothes become wet during the school day. It is not the health room's responsibility to supply dry clothing. Parents will be called to bring clothing to school. This will be as important in the muddy spring as it is in the cold wet winter. PLEASE TAKE NOTE.**

3rd Grade Parent(s):

- An up- to- date physical is required for students entering 4th grade. Please send in an updated physical after August 1, 2014. This is a requirement by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Thank you and, as always, any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me,

Cindy Forti, RN

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Calendar of Events for February and March

EVENT	Location	Date(s)
NO SCHOOL – February Vacation	-----	Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20
All School meeting	Gym	Monday, February 23rd 9-9:30 a.m.
Incoming Kindergarten Orientation Meeting	Cafeteria	Wednesday, February 25 th 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Grade 5 Field Trip, Arees & Moquin		Tuesday, March 10th
Grade 5 Field Trip, Wales, Ciavarro, and Malm		Thursday, March 19th
Spelling Bee (WPSF)	Wayland High School	Sunday, March 22 nd 12:00 p.m.
Bingo Night	Wayland Middle School Caf.	Friday, March 27 th 6-8 p.m.
World's Fair	Loker School	Saturday, March 28 th
PARCC Testing (Grades 3, 4, 5)	Throughout March	Please see Claypit Hill School website for dates