



Claypit Hill Monthly Newsletter March 12, 2015

Principal's Message

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." Maya Angelou

Dear Claypit Hill Families,

March roared in but this Wednesday we had a little break – sun and 50's, as many of us shed our coats. We will expect more little windows like this to sustain us until spring totally takes over. It seems that every day and every week-end, there are so many events, activities, celebrations which will keep us totally busy until June. The Wayland Public Schools Foundation Spelling Bee and Bingo night are coming soon, and the Elementary World's Fair at the end of the month. In between we have sports events and school. PARCC testing is new this year and next week we will begin this in third, fourth and fifth grades. This week the teachers have been administering practice tests, as these tests are on-line , and the students are actually doing quite well getting acclimated to the technology tools. I do think the adults are more anxious about this, so if you say anything to your child's teacher, I suggest you ask them how they are doing! Teachers have spent many hours learning how to administer these tests prior to practicing with students. They want students to do their best, work carefully and be calm. After going through two days of practice so far, I believe the students will persevere with positive attitudes. And, fortunately, each test is only given for a portion of the day, which means that most of the testing days, there will be school as usual. For parents, our only advice continues to be – have your children get a good night's sleep, a good breakfast and come to school on time. We will do the rest☺

As you now know, the principal search has come to closure with the appointment of Christie Harvey. This has been a unique experience for me, as I have not been in a position before of knowing my successor four months before my job ended. As the spring unfolds, Christie will be getting to know the Claypit Hill community in a variety of ways and we will let you know when she is on site. Christie's thoughtful approach to her new position is impressive and I feel great about being part of the introduction process. Christie and I do have many things in common, as we discovered over a 3 hour lunch one day. However, when we first met, she looked at my book display and said "We love the same books!" Well, although I picked out these books over the past nine years, they do belong to Claypit Hill and thus, they will become a part of Christie's library. This feels so good, as many students and parents have borrowed these books over the years, which means they have touched many lives! I look forward to the new energy and ideas that Christie Harvey will bring to this position, leading the school forward, working collaboratively and closely with staff and families on behalf of all students. You will really enjoy getting to know her. In the meantime I have a lot to do. I don't want to be known as that "almost"

retired person, who closes the door, sits at the desk eating chocolates. As you know, my door is always open and I hope that you will continue to stop by, ask questions, offer suggestions. Of course I have been known to eat chocolates but only while I am multi-tasking. I look forward to spending the next three months with your children!

Sincerely,

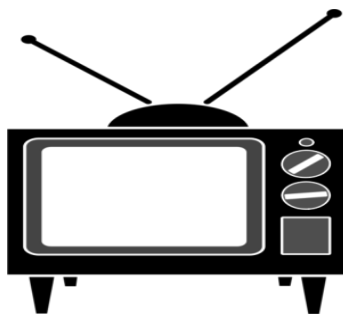
Debbie Bearse

Kid's Quote

Mrs. Vanaria, music teacher, wanted the first grade students to see a fun music clip which we only had available on a VHS tape. She wheeled one of our portable t.v.'s into her room, which had a VHS player within the unit. One first grader pointed and said -

"What's that?"

(student was referring to the big television which is not a flat screen)



From the PTO

PTO Thank you's

A big thank you to Alissa Duffy and Jamie Larsen for organizing the recent Kindergarten Snowy play date! Fun was had by all in the abundant snow with hot chocolate to warm up with afterwards!

Thank you to Kristen Snyder and the Cultural Enrichment Committee for the Made in the Shade concert this week. One more example of the money families have gifted to the PTO being used for the children!

The Backpack Auction is here!!

The Backpack Auction catalogues have been delivered and it's time to start bidding! If you didn't receive one via your child's backpack, you can view it on-line . In addition, if you would like to check out the list of donors and websites ahead of time, please go to Waylandpto.org , click on Backpack Auction and then click on the link to the 2014-2015 Backpack Auction Donor List. The Wayland PTO web site has a copy of the Catalogue, the Donor List and information on Paypal.

Please note: Bids **must be received by Wednesday, March 18th, at 5:00 pm**, and can be dropped off in the Backpack Auction Bid box at your child's school, or can be submitted via email to backpackauction@gmail.com or online at <http://j.mp/waylandbackpackauction>

*We have two corrections to note: On **Item #216** (Super Soccer Stars -Private Lesson) - the correct value of this item is **\$160.00**. On **Item #503** and **Item #504** (Substitute for Ms. Bearse) there will only be **1 winner per item**. If you have any questions about the Backpack Auction, please email the auction committee at backpackauction@gmail.com.*

Substitute for Ms. Bearse

Frozen Ropes

SkyZone

Chinese Culture & Dumplings with Ms. Li

Champion Soccer

Camp Sewataro

Meadowbrook Day Camp

Camp Cody

WBSA

Summer Adventure

Police Chief, Fire Chief & Officer Shane!

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

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!

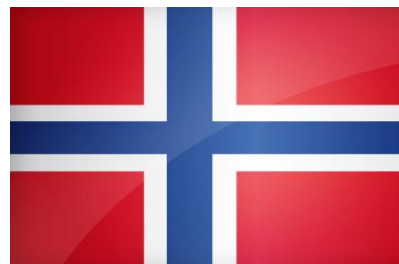
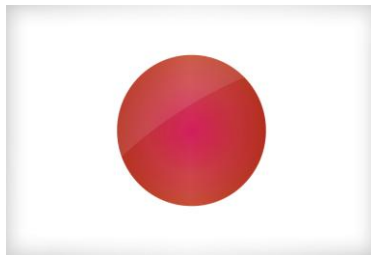
Thank you,

Emily Villatoro

Samantha Richter

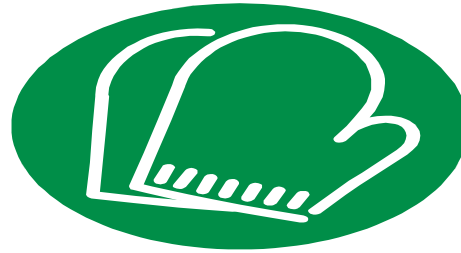
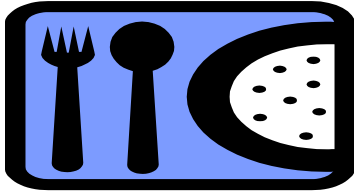
Rebecca Lloyd

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

An Overview of Math from our K-5 Math Coaches

Over the past several years, many school districts have begun hiring instructional coaches to support elementary teachers. In Wayland, the elementary math coaches work with teachers to implement best practices in mathematics across the district. This work is done in a variety of ways. The teachers and coaches work together to plan units of instruction, and discuss teaching tools and strategies that help students develop conceptual understanding. They may plan a particular lesson together and co-teach that lesson, with a focus on differentiating instruction for students. Other times, the coach will help locate resources, use student work to create groups, or provide tutorials on new technology tools. While this is not an exhaustive list, it represents some of the work math coaches are involved in on a daily basis.

With the adoption of the Massachusetts Common Core State Standards, there has been a shift in how math concepts are taught. Students are asked to explain their thinking in more depth and demonstrate strong conceptual understanding. Along with this, students are expected to apply concepts to real world situations. Math coaches have worked closely with grade-level teams in understanding and implementing these new standards. Teams have worked collaboratively to look at a variety of approaches to teaching these new objectives, and have adjusted the scope and sequence of the math curriculum to accommodate these changes. Overall, the math coaches have worked closely with teachers to ensure that we are providing high-quality math instruction throughout the district.

Math Coaches: Becky LePow Grades K-2 and Aidan McCann, Grades 3-5



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 Community

The Wayland Community presents

A CABARET STYLE FAREWELL TO ONE OF WAYLAND'S LONGTIME EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, APRIL 10, 2015

Join us to thank and honor Claypit Hill School Principal, Debbie Bears, for her 23 years of service to the Wayland Public Schools and for touching the lives of thousands of children and families.

A night of music, laughter and friends featuring special performances by current students, alumni, teachers, staff and supporters!

April 10, 2015

Wayland High School Auditorium

7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Lite hors d'oeuvres, desserts and refreshments will be served



News from the Health Room

Lice education:

Please continue to check your child's head as part of their daily routine.

The following websites contain helpful information:

www.cdc.gov/lice/head/factsheet.html

www.headlice.org

Nutrition:

Please be sure that your child eats a healthy, nourishing breakfast every morning. A nut free snack should be sent with them daily.

Parents of 3rd Graders:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires all students entering grade 4 to submit a report of a physical examination performed within the last twelve (12) months of entering the grade. Parents of 3rd graders, we are accepting any physical dated August 1, 2014 to present. Please send copies to the health room.

Extra clothing for all CHS students:

Please send in back up clothing for your child. Student should also have snow pants, boots, gloves, hats, and jackets.

Please contact the health room with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Cindy Forti, RN
508-358-3779

Cindy_forti@wayland.k12.ma.us

Calendar of Events for March and April

Event	Location	Date(s)
Grade 5 Field Trip, Wales, Ciavarro, and Malm	Boston	Thursday, March 19th
Spelling Bee (WPSF)	Wayland High School	Sunday, March 22 nd 12:00 p.m.
Bingo Night - SOLD OUT	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
Good Friday, No School		Friday, April 3 rd
ALICE TRAINING for staff	Entire school	Monday, April 6 th 3:30-4:20
Rhythm Kids (Kindergarten)	Cafeteria	Friday, April 10 th (morning)
School Meeting (Kind. - Grade 2)	Gym	Monday, April 13 th , 9:00
5th Grade Field Trip	Museum of Science	Friday, April 17 th
No School - April Vacation		Monday April 20 th - Friday April 24 th
School Meeting (Grades 3, 4, 5)	Gym	Monday April 27 th , 9:00