



Claypit Hill Monthly Newsletter

September 9, 2014

Principal's Message

"Love what you are doing and show it!" *Helen Boehm*

Dear Claypit Hill Families,

We are off to a great start – the building looks beautiful thanks to our magical custodians, Andrew, Robert and Hugo. Many areas have a new coat of paint – we have gotten a lot of newly tiled floors over the past three years and we just sparkle! Our organic gardens are thriving thanks to Deane Coady, Molly Faulkner and the Green Team members – please walk through our gardens if you have not, as you will be mesmerized with the herbs, flowers and vegetables. This week, Molly Faulkner is going to serve tasty vegetables during lunch time, so that students can enjoy and appreciate our own garden, which many of them helped to plant last year. And, Carol Reynolds, once again, has all the administrative details in order to ensure a smooth opening of school for all of us.

This year was unique as we welcomed kindergarten back to Claypit Hill. They were in school for 15 minutes when we had a Fire Drill – they followed their teachers out the door, remained quiet until our Fire Fighters gave us the signal to return to the building. I think the class of 2027 is off to a great start and has already shown unusual potential for a successful school career!

The start of a school year brings an energy that I believe only educators truly understand. I don't know of any other profession where you are asked to pack up everything in June, discard what you don't need, take apart everything that has been created over the previous ten months AND THEN, two months later, unpack it all, recreate an environment for a totally different group of students and hit the ground running on the first day of school. I was discussing this with a group of friends a couple of weeks ago – and it was actually a "non-educator" who made this observation – in total awe of what teachers are asked to do. Last Tuesday every adult in the school experienced this high point as the school welcomed 524 students – most of whom entered the door smiling, laughing and rushing to their classrooms to see old friends, meet new friends and be supported by their new teachers. If you have not observed the first day of school opening, I can only say that you have missed one of life's highpoints.

I look forward to another exciting year in this caring, energetic and hard-working school community. Please come by to say hello when you are in the building. As a reminder, Curriculum Night for grades 3-5 is Thursday, 9/11, from 6:30-7:15 and K-2 will be held on 9/18 from 6:30-7:15. Please carpool if you can – I suggest you arrive in the parking lot a little early. I am available by e-mail as your questions arise and I look forward to seeing you often throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Debbie Bearse

Thank you to...

Lauren Reynolds and **Jean Prince** for taking on the PTO leadership roles of President and Vice President

Missy Davis, Jane Purser, Michelle Shields, Eli Shine, Elisa Scola for caring for our flower gardens and bushes around the school entrance and parking lot

Molly Faulkner and **the Green Team** and **Deane Coady** for their devotion to our recycling, composting and organic gardens

Jamie Larsen and **Alissa Duffy** for planning playdates and welcoming new families

Cathy Basrack, Emily Rent, Heidi Heilman, Liz Garcia, Alissa Duffy, Jean Prince, Nikki Bartlett and **Jamie Larsen** for volunteering to escort our first graders during the first week of school which insured a smooth and safe dismissal

Every Parent on the PTO who has assumed a leadership role, a supportive role and who supports our school and classrooms every day in so many ways!

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 in the morning and we will order it for you.

Thank you.

Specialist News

Library News



Welcome back to school and welcome to all of our new students! I'm excited to announce that now there is a classroom space for library lessons. After the lessons, students will be able to browse and check out books in the library. Students in grades two through five will begin checking books out starting the week of September 8th, and first and Kindergarten students will begin to check out a few weeks later. Students in grades K and 1 may check out 1 book/material per week, grade 2, 2 books/material per week, and grades 3, 4, and 5: 3 books/materials per week.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to ruth_burman@wayland.k12.ma.us

For a lot more information about the library including weekly updates, book lists, content area web sites, students at work, and much more, please visit Ms. Burman's web site:
<https://sites.google.com/a/wayland.k12.ma.us/ms-burman-s-library-classes/>

Happy Reading!
Ms. Burman
Library Teacher
Claypit Hill School



Art News

Welcome Back

I'd like to welcome all the students and parents to take time to view the displays and bulletin boards this year. There is a display of Honor and Award books for "Art Illustrations and Literature." In the display, students are asked to identify the art tools and materials for the book cover illustrations. There are Monochromatic paintings, Collage Poems based on the book titled; "Ten Little Fish" by Audrey and Bruce Wood., "Let's Go Fly A Kite" a STEM project and Lego Education Projects from both the Classroom and After School projects. There will be announcements for After School Art and other programs this year. Please watch for the announcements in the school newsletters and the WCSP website.

Thank you,
Dale Bentley
Art Education Specialist

Music News



Welcome back to school!

The Wayland Music Department believes that music is an essential component of a child's education. Music offers many curricular connections to classroom studies and we embrace this collaborative spirit of teaching.

In September, we focus on getting to know each other by playing various singing and rhythm games. We are looking forward to a great year of making music! Below you will find a list of the music teachers and the classes they teach as well as their email addresses for your reference.

Ms. Vanaria teaches the following classes: Bernadette_Vanaria@Wayland.K12.MA.US

**All First through Fifth Grade General Music Classes
4th & 5th Grade Music Workshop Classes**

Ms. Keenan teaches the following classes: Tristie_Keenan@Wayland.K12.MA.US

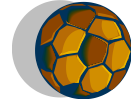
**Kindergarten: All General Music Classes
3rd Grade: All Music Workshop Students
4th Grade: All Band Students
5th Grade: All Band Students**

Ms. Tandon teaches the following classes: Whitney_Tandon@Wayland.K12.MA.US

All 4th and 5th grade String Students and Orchestras

Ms. Jacobsen teaches the following classes: Elisabeth.Jacobsen@Wayland.K12.MA.US

All 3rd Grade String Students



Physical Education News

This month in Gym we will be focusing on catching and throwing. The first class of the year was spent reviewing and practicing the correct technique in Grades 2 through 5. Next week we will play "Fire and Ice", a throwing and catching game. After that Grades 4 and 5 will work on Football outside and Grades 2 and 3 will play more throwing and catching games indoors. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will spend September learning classroom routines, having me learn their names, and then working on catching with balls and Flying Fuzzies. They will also be introduced to the "Flibbitts", the magical creatures that live in the Claypit Hill Gym. For more information about Gym class and Mr Chadsey go to my website at <http://dexchads.wix.com/start>.

Gym Presentation for Kindergarten and Grade 1 Adults

Mr Chadsey will give a presentation Tuesday evening, September 23rd from 6:30 - 7:30. This is for parents/guardians of children in Kindergarten and First Grade. You will learn about what your child will experience this year in Gym class and what they will be talking about when they come home on Friday afternoon. The presentation is a combination of practical information, examples of our setups, and humor. We also validate parking.

Technology News

Welcome to Technology at Claypit Hill School! We are thrilled to work with the students this year as they learn more about [LARK](#), digital citizenship, programming, Google Drive and lots of other useful and educational technology tools. Please watch for our monthly updates in the Claypit Hill Newsletter which will highlight the students' experiences during Technology Class.

Mrs. Stephanie Meyler is the Instructional Technology Specialist for Grade 1 and Mrs. Nancy Colbert is the Instructional Technology Specialist for Grades 2-5. Please contact us if you have any questions: Stephanie_Meyler@wayland.k12.ma.us or Nancy_Colbert@wayland.k12.ma.us

Instructional Technology Specialist
Claypit Hill School
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Wayland Schools and Community News

Save the Date:

Sunday, September 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Loker School

Community Picnic sponsored by The Boston Parent Council and Wayland METCO

Please join us for a fun filled afternoon with great food and entertainment for all ages. If your last name ends (A-M) please bring a salad or (N-Z) a dessert for 20 people.

Rain or Shine 🌧️😊

Thank you

Calendar of Events for September and October

Curriculum Night	Grades 3, 4, 5	Thursday, September 11 th 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Curriculum Night	Grades K, 1, 2	Thursday September 18 th 6:30-7:15 p.m.
School Pictures	All students	September 22 nd
No School – Rosh Hashanah		Thursday September 25 th
METCO Family Picnic	All are welcome	Sunda September 28 th 1-4 p.m. at Loker School
Book Fair		October 6, 7, 8, 9
No School – Columbus Day		Monday, October 13 th