

# The Update

## Halifax School's Weekly Newsletter

February 2, 2018

### **Principal's Note**

This week a member from the Brattleboro Elks Club provided every third grader with their own dictionary. The Elks Club has been doing this for the last 12 years. Earl Cavanagh dropped off the dictionaries and spent a few minutes with the 3-4 class talking about how important it was to learn new vocabulary words. The kids were so excited! I hope they have shared this gift with their families.



Learning dictionary skills: alphabetizing, using guide or entry words, pronunciations, parts of speech, plural forms, and word origins etc..are all skills identified in the Common Core. Playing dictionary games can also be fun and educational, here is a fun game to try:

**Play Mystery Word.** To play this game, give a series of clues. As your child hears the clues, they look for the word in the dictionary until they have narrowed it down to just one. For Example: I begin with the fourth letter of the alphabet. My second letter is an "o." I am three syllables long. I come before "dog" in the dictionary. My last letter is "t."

### **PTG NEWS**

The PTG has started a new Facebook page. This page will be used to update parents on meetings and events, and the group is more for parent discussion. The page is public, but membership must be approved to post; the group is closed/private, membership is also approved.

Main Page - [facebook.com/HalifaxPTG](https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxPTG)

Group - [facebook.com/groups/HalifaxPTG](https://www.facebook.com/groups/HalifaxPTG)

The next PTG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00pm in the library. Parents can contact Jaymie LeVine at [halifaxptg@gmail.com](mailto:halifaxptg@gmail.com) (or the Facebook page/group) with any questions or concerns.



## **SumDog**

The students have done it again! Yes, our students were the winners of the last Sumdog competition and had 9 out of the top ten scores! Here is a picture of our top winners! Jack Tower, Matthew Worden, Hunter Hurley, Kaylynn Betit, Katje Gibb-Buursma, Arianna Nebelski, Joshua Smith, Brooke Lane, missing from the photo is Amelia Monroe

## **Friday Workshop Volunteers**

We are looking for a few parents or community volunteers to run a Friday workshop for students who are not participating in the ski and snowboarding program. If you have a passion for crafting, exercise, games, snowshoeing, etc.. we need you. Volunteers would run a small group for students in grades K-4, 5-8. The group would meet for 50 mins. We are looking for a volunteer for 1 day or all 6 days on the following dates; February 9th and March 2nd, 9th and 16th.



Come have some fun and help create a great experience for our students! Supplies will be provided, but we need you!

## **Flu and Cold Season**

Flu and cold season is upon us, and many people have been affected this year. *The school was notified that one of our students has a confirmed case of the flu.* We will continue to encourage: frequent hand washing, students to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth as germs spread easily, disposing of tissues after use etc.. If your child is sick they should stay home. Please check in with your physician if you believe that your child has any symptoms of the flu. The CDC notes that;

### **People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:**

- Fever\* or feeling feverish/chills.
- Cough.
- Sore throat.
- Runny or stuffy nose.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Headaches.
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

*\* It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.*

[Flu Symptoms & Complications | Seasonal Influenza \(Flu\) | CDC](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/complications.htm>

## **Kindergarten**

The Kindergarten class would like some small plastic containers to freeze water for ice sculptures. If you have some containers the Kindergarten would appreciate it if you would please send them in to school.

## **Tax Time Help and Support**

The United Way of Windham County offers is free tax preparation. I have attached an info sheet. They ask that you please consider using our free tax systems if you are income eligible (about 75% of people in the United States are eligible to file for free with [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com)).

## **Important Halifax Community Dates**

Friday, February 2 - Winter Sports Program Skiing @ MT Snow

Tuesday, February 6 - PTG Meeting 7:00 PM in the Halifax School Library

Wednesday, February 7 - 11:30 Dismissal - Afternoon Inservice

Friday, February 9 - Winter Sports Program Skiing @ MT Snow

Wednesday, February 7 - School Board Meeting 6:00

**Thursday, February 15 - Wings Session 3 Ends**

Monday, February 19-23 - No School - February Break

Friday, March 2 - Winter Sports Program Skiing @ MT Snow

Monday, March 5 - No School - Full Day Inservice

Tuesday, March 6 - No School - Town Meeting Day

**Wednesday, March 7 - Wings Session 4 Begins**

Wednesday, March 7 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Friday, March 9 - Winter Sports Program Skiing @ MT Snow

Friday, March 16 - Winter Sports Program Make-Up Day Skiing @ MT Snow

Thursday, March 29 - 11:30 Dismissal - Afternoon Inservice

Friday, March 30 - No School - Full Day Inservice

Wednesday, April 4 - School Board Meeting 6:00

**Thursday, April 12 - Wings Session 4 Ends**

Monday, April 16-Friday, April 20 - April Break

**Monday, April 30 - Wings Session 5 Begins**

Wednesday, May 2 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Wednesday, May 9 - 11:30 Dismissal - Afternoon Service

Monday, May 28 - No School - Memorial Day

**Thursday, May 31 - Wings Session 5 Ends**