

The Update

Halifax School's Weekly Newsletter

September 22, 2017



Principal's Note

Our youngers went to Pine Hill Orchard yesterday and had a great time. It is a favorite annual field trip. Excitement over the wagon ride, their bag of apples and the sweet treat of cider and donuts was shared by all the kids. Please try and stop by the orchard this fall.

It is finally here! The Halifax Community Celebration takes place tomorrow, Saturday, September 23rd! There will be many free activities including a pancake breakfast, a pig roast/potluck and games happening throughout the day. there will be a Marketplace highlighting the many talents of Halifax residence, a tractor pull and a firemen's water polo event. We hope that all of our families will try to participate in the day-long events. One highlight of the day is the Children's Parade, all of our students are encouraged to participate in the parade. They can ride their bikes, decorate their bikes, dress up, walk, bring noise makers etc. The parade begins at the Community Hall and ends at the School. Please check out the attached flyer which identifies the times that the events will take place. We hope you will be able to come out and enjoy this special day. and events calendar is attached to this update for your convenience.

All school field trip to Historic Deerfield

We have a planned an all school field trip to Historic Deerfield on October 6th. We will be taking the bus, we have enough school personnel to chaperone so we will not be looking for parent volunteers. A few staff will take their cars in case of an emergency. Students will be attending workshops for their age and grade levels. Workshops will occur in the morning, we will have a picnic lunch on site and then we will return to school. Please check you child's backpack for information and permission slips. No electronics will be allowed, and no need for money- a small souvenir bag will be handed out at the end of the trip.

Class parents

The following people have volunteered to be classroom parents for this school year: **Kindergarten- Diane Longe**

1st and 2nd grade- April Dupuis

3rd and 4th grade- Lori Worden

5th and 6th grade- Tara Lane

7th and 8th grade- Amanda Longe

Volunteers are still needed for the following events: Fundraising, the holiday concert; Cookie and Cocoa, Celebration, the Holiday meal and sale, leading a winter activity or workshops during skiing and snowboarding, the spring egg hunt and Teacher Appreciation Week. If you are interested in any of these activities, or finding out more about an activity please call the school and talk with Linda Swanson

Parent Lending Library



The school is happy to offer a parent lending library to all of our families. The lending library is based on a child's guided reading level the levels go from A-Z. Parents are encouraged to come visit the library and see the selections of books that are at their child's reading level. We also have a wide range of math related books that are fun to read and cover many topics. The books include activities that you and your child can do together. These libraries, the literacy and math, are open to all families no matter what grade level. For more information please contact the school or your child's teacher .

Paperwork Request

We are asking families to review the income eligibility chart below, in preparation of offering school meals (both breakfast and lunch). Please let us know if you would like the paperwork sent home, or come by and pick it up at the office. If you are eligible and complete the paperwork it helps by supporting the meal program so that we can offer all of our students free or reduced meals.

| FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES For School Year 2017 - 2018 | | | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Household Size | Yearly | Monthly | Twice Per Month | Every Two Weeks | Weekly |
| 1 | 22,311 | 1,860 | 930 | 859 | 430 |
| 2 | 30,044 | 2,504 | 1,252 | 1,156 | 578 |
| 3 | 37,777 | 3,149 | 1,575 | 1,453 | 727 |
| 4 | 45,510 | 3,793 | 1,897 | 1,751 | 876 |
| 5 | 53,243 | 4,437 | 2,219 | 2,048 | 1,024 |
| 6 | 60,976 | 5,082 | 2,541 | 2,346 | 1,173 |
| 7 | 68,709 | 5,726 | 2,863 | 2,643 | 1,322 |
| 8 | 76,442 | 6,371 | 3,186 | 2,941 | 1,471 |
| For each additional household member add | 7,733 | 645 | 323 | 298 | 149 |

Important Halifax Community Dates

Saturday, September 23 - Halifax Celebration Day
Wednesday, October 4 - School Board Meeting 6:00*
Monday, October 9 - No School full day inservice
Monday, October 9 - Wings Gazebo Drawing
Tuesday, October 10 - 11:30 Dismissal - afternoon inservice
Wednesday, November 1 - School Board Meeting 6:00
Thursday, November 9 - No School full day inservice
Friday, November 10 - No School - Veterans' Day observance
Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24 - No School - Thanksgiving recess
Wednesday, December 6 - School Board Meeting 6:00
Thursday, December 21 - 11:30 Dismissal
Friday, December 22-Monday, January 1 - No School December vacation
Wednesday, January 3 - School Board Meeting 6:00
Monday, January 15 - No School - Martin Luther King Day
Friday, January 26 - No School - Full Day Inservice
Wednesday, February 7 - 11:30 Dismissal - Afternoon Inservice
Monday, February 19-23 - No School - February Break
Wednesday, February 27 - School Board Meeting 6:00
Wednesday, March 7 - School Board Meeting 6:00
Wednesday, April 4 - School Board Meeting 6:00
Wednesday, May 2 - School Board Meeting 6:00
Wednesday, June 6 - School Board Meeting 6:00

***NOTICE:** The Halifax School Board work session meetings will no longer be held on the third Wednesday of the month. The Board will continue to hold its regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.