

Happy Hollow School Parent Newsletter

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Welcome: This is the first parent newsletter for this school year. The newsletter will be sent via email on a monthly basis. Newsletters are also available on the website throughout the year. If you are new to Happy Hollow, the newsletter is a communication from the principal about various issues and upcoming activities.

Congratulations to all for a great opening of the school year. New students are adjusting and everyone is back in the swing of school! The grade level parent meetings were successful as well.

HHPC MUM SALE: This annual event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3 in front of HH from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Attendance/Tardiness: Just a reminder that the attendance policy is in the student organizer. Please review the policy. Please strive to have your child at school for announcements by 7:55 a.m. Students are tardy if they are not *in their seats* by 8:00 a.m. Missing the first 5 minutes of the day can have a negative effect on the rest of the day. When students are arriving late they must check in at the office for a pass to class. If the tardy is due to a medical appointment, they must have a note from the doctor for the tardy to be exempt. **If your child is absent you must either call the attendance line, 269-4308, or send an email to hattendance@wl.k12.in.us.** You may request homework that you can pick up after school until 6:00 p.m. from the bookcase in the front lobby.

All phone calls are directed through the office and classes are not interrupted. If you need to contact your child's teacher, you may leave a voice mail or send an email. Please note the times that your child has a special (art, gym, etc.). The teacher may be able to receive or return calls during that time. It is essential that your child's teacher has your input and support. Working together will make a successful year.

We do not interrupt instruction for personal phone messages to students for after school activities or lunch deliveries. **Please review with your child clear procedures for each day and unexpected parent delays.** *If you plan to bring a lunch for your child, please tell them to pick it up in the office on their way to lunch.* There are exceptions if you have an emergency and need to contact your child at school, please call the office 746-0500.

Student Drop Off: Please use the **drive in front of the school** (off Kingston Dr.) for drop off and pickup of students. Please **DO NOT STOP AT THE EAST END OF THE DRIVE**; pull forward to the main entrance door to accommodate the cars behind you. The doors at the east end are locked at 7:15 a.m. once orchestra students have arrived. There is a stop sign before re-entering Kingston Dr. No students should be dropped off on Kingston Drive or in the employee parking lot. Please see diagram on last page (4) of this newsletter.

Safety Reminder: School zone speed limit is 20 mph. In addition, students may be crossing Kingston Dr. before and after school. **The west drive and parking lot are closed to parent traffic** from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. to allow students to safely load and unload buses. Students crossing Salisbury St. **must** cross at Leslie St. where there is a crossing guard (see below). If your child rides a bike to school, please review safe biking procedures and provide them with a helmet. For the safety of our students, I'd also like to request adults remain off cell phones during arrival and dismissal times so that extreme caution can be in place for our students. *Also a reminder that skateboards/in-line skates are not allowed on school property.*

Crossing Guards: Crossing Guards are on duty at Salisbury & Kingston/Leslie, Salisbury & Meridian, and Leslie & Grant from 7:30-7:55 a.m. and from 2:30-2:55 p.m. These posts are manned every day by the WL Police Dept. crossing guards.

Deadlines: The deadline to pay book fees is December 1. Free/Reduced lunch applications must be received by September 23.

Playground Information: Please remind your child they need to wear shorts or pants for climbing and the proper shoes. Dress code states no flip-flops or beach type shoes.

Pinwheel: If you have not signed up for this free service, please do. It is a free service & will notify you about bussing issues, school delays/closings, and other events. If you signed up last year, remember to change your notifications for the new grade level of your child. In order to register yourself to this instant messaging system, please use the following steps:

- 1) Go to www.trypinwheel.com
- 2) Click the orange “signup” tab
- 3) Create your account by filling in the form
- 4) Look for an email, and make sure you activate your account

Lunch Information: Students may leave school for lunch; however there must be a note on file in the office, or the student must be signed out in the office. Students are to check in at the office when they return. If you have questions concerning lunch history or payments, contact the lunch clerk, Delilah Barnett.

Reminder: Students must have money in their lunch account to cover the cost of lunch each day. You may pay on-line through Skyward; mail a check to the school or send it with your child; payable to Happy Hollow School. Cash payments should be in an envelope *marked with the student’s name.*

Bussing Info: WL school bus drivers and routes are managed by City Bus. If you have questions/concerns, you may call Roni Anthrop at 423-2666 ext. 2952, or Stephanie Qualio, Dean of Students, 269-4344. **Students must have a note for the driver if they are riding a bus other than their own.**

Volunteer Call Out!

Thank you to the many parents who have offered to help Parent Council with volunteering this coming school year! Some programs are very popular and we value all offers of help! However, for some programs to continue, more support is needed. Please consider volunteering your time and talents.

Chess Club: This is a popular group and no chess knowledge is expected of the supervisor, just a willingness to keep the kids organized! It will be starting soon!

Grade Level Articipate Articipate is a locally written and published Visual Thinking Strategy art appreciation program. As a volunteer you will come into your child’s classroom for 45-60 minutes and deliver a presentation (script and visual materials provided) and lead a guided discussion about the topic shown in the pictures. No experience or special knowledge is required and all materials are provided. Support is available from the School Articipate Coordinator, and you will liaise with the class teacher to set up a mutually convenient time to do the session. **Kids love Articipate** and once you have done one session you will want to do it again!

To sign up for these important areas please contact volunteer coordinator Tamar Greenwell, tamargreenwell@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

Lunchroom sub: If you are available on an as needed basis to sub in the HH lunchroom 11:00-1:15, please contact the school office, 746-0500. This is a paid position and the pay is \$11.54 per hour.

Homecoming Parade & Tailgate – The 2nd Annual WLSEF Homecoming Parade will be on Friday, 9/11, 6:45 p.m. Tailgate 6:30-7:30 before the varsity football game (WestSide Vs. Delphi) in the stadium parking lot. There will be many activities & much fun! Hope to see you there!

Walk to School Day: Volunteers are needed! Join the students on Oct. 7, at 7am outside Burtsfield School as they gather with the mayor, local athletes, high school students and teachers for the walk down to Happy Hollow. You will be walking with the kids, making sure they walk nicely along the sidewalk and cross safely at junctions. This is a fun event and gets the day off to an exciting start! If you’d like to volunteer for this great day, please contact Shireen Hafeez, hafeezl@msn.com.

Parent Council: The Happy Hollow Parent Council (HHPC) is a vital part of our school. To help keep you informed of their activities and projects you should receive a Parent Council Newsletter in addition to the School Parent Newsletters. The next Parent Council meeting & welcome coffee is September 9, 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Parent Council Communication: If you want to receive information & notices from the Happy Hollow Parent Council, through the opt-in email, <http://goo.gl/tRGFUU> or join the HHPC closed group Facebook page. Search for the Happy Hollow Parent Council and click “join group” then the site administrator will add you.

Labels for Education: Collect Campbell’s Soup and other product labels and send in to the red box in the lobby. The school receives items for the number of labels collected. More info at labelsforeducation.com.

Box Tops: Save your General Mills “Box Tops for Education.” Classrooms receive money for materials from the number of box tops collected. Please label with the teachers name for proper credit. Drop box is by the office.

Calendar:

September

- 3 HHPC Mum sale, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at the front of HH
- 3 Beginning Band/First Lesson Night, students & parents/HS Band Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Labor Day-No School
- 9 Parent Council General meeting & Welcome coffee, 9:00 a.m., HH Cafeteria
- 23 Spell Bowl Call-out, 2:30-4:00; HH LGI/ Word List/ <http://www.iasp.org/pdf/spellelemwordlist.pdf>
- 29 School Pictures
- 29 4th Gr Orchestra Demonstration Concert

October

- 7 Walk to School Day
- 14 Parent Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Cafeteria
- 13 End of 9 weeks grading period
- 26 Red Ribbon week
- 29/30 Fall Break

November

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| 1 | Daylight Savings time/clocks back 1 hour | 19 | Spell Bowl, 5:00 p.m. HH Gym |
| 11 | Veteran’s Day Program | 25-27 | Thanksgiving Holiday/No School |
| 17 | Picture Retake Day | | |
| 18 | HHPC Meeting, 9:00 a.m. HH Cafeteria | | |
| 18 | 6 th Gr Musical, 7:00 p.m. HS Auditorium | | |

See traffic map on page 4

