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Hollis Brookline Middle School



From the Administration

We have almost reached the half way mark with **second quarter grades** closing **Wednesday, Feb. 1**. Students have been reminded of the importance to stay focused and re-establish goals for the remaining quarters. Seventh grade students have essential skills to master in preparation for 8th grade, while grade 8 students will soon be choosing high school classes.

Plans are being finalized for the **2011-12 trip to Washington, DC**. Two hundred students have committed to the trip. We will depart March 20th and return on the 23rd. ***Parents are reminded that there are two meetings scheduled; March 12th and 14th, 6:30 pm in the middle school gym. Attendance at one meeting, for each student and a parent, is mandatory. Also, parents must plan to bring all prescription medications to that meeting. Mrs. Mandragouras will be in attendance.***

Since 1992 Hollis/Brookline Middle School has sponsored and coordinated some form of what we now know as **Generations**. *Generations* is a full day of informative workshops, keynote speakers and a lot of fun! It is an opportunity for **parents** and **students** to attend workshops facilitated by members of the local community. In an effort to include all topics of contemporary importance, *Generations* includes a wide range of issues as well as positive activities to promote a healthy lifestyle for one's physical, psychological and social health and simply expand knowledge and understanding of topics not found in a typical school day. In the past some of these topics have included Henna, Healthy Relationships, Team Building, Origami, and Nutrition.

This year we are seeking some new workshop topics/presenters! If you or someone you know may be interested in presenting to students and/or

Calendar Of Events

February 9th—Early Release
February 27th—March 2nd—Mid-Winter Vacation
March 13—Early Release
March 20-23—8th Grade Washington, DC Trip

parents please contact Miss Erin White at erin.white@sau41.org Workshops are flexible but are typically for twenty students and run for one hour. It is exciting for students to see community members showing off their talents/interests. We look forward to hearing what you, the Hollis Brookline community, have to offer!


Please make a note on your calendar for our next assembly. The winter Recognition Assembly will be held on Monday, February 20th. Students who have achieved Honor Roll status during the second quarter will be recognized along with athletes who have participated in basketball and wrestling. The assembly will begin at 7:30 am. We hope you are able to join us.

In advance, thanks for your time and attention to the details of this message.

Patricia Lewis Goyette, Principal
Stephen R. Secor, Assistant Principal

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Edmodo is a free and secure learning network for teachers and students. It is a safe way to connect, share content, participate in discussions, and review content outside of the classroom. Many teachers at HBMS are excited to integrate this new resource into their classroom activities. Edmodo is compatible with the guidelines of the SAU 41 acceptable use policy. Teachers will closely monitor student activities when using this online resource. Parents can monitor their child's Edmodo activity by e-mailing their child's teacher directly for a parent code and then registering at edmodo.com. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mr. Gruce at joseph.gruce@sau41.org.



Volunteers – we value you!

In our continued efforts to reduce paper usage we are adopting the on-line system used by Hollis. Thanks to Denise Pustizzi we should be able to expedite your input and share with staff. Please take a moment to log on, many wonderful opportunities are available! We look forward to your involvement at HBMS.

There are several ways to get involved. Some require a regular time commitment, while others can be one time only or seasonal. Simply follow the instructions below:

<http://signupgenius.com/>

1. Click "My Account Tab"
2. Key in your "Sign up" info
3. Put in nematwo@charter.net
4. Click on any title that you are interested in (green print) 5. Password "HBMS"

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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