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APRIL 2012

Hollis Brookline Middle School

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## *From the Administration*

Although April is a shorter month due to our spring break it also holds many **important events**. Please take a moment to read and record on your personal calendars specific dates that apply or interest you.

We have begun the **placement process** for our students entering, moving to the next grade and exiting HBMS. As you know, the HS guidance counselors met with students last week to describe the course selection process. Some students had difficulties registering for a level I foreign language. That problem has been corrected. The **open window for course selection is March 28 – April 4**. Students DO NOT need to solicit teacher signatures. Course selection sheets should be printed, signed by a parent and returned to the HBMS main office by April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Parent Input Sheets** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade placement are due **April 4<sup>th</sup>**. All input received on or before that date will be considered for placement. Please remember that significant work goes into placement. Team changes will not be made once determined.

**HS 101** for Team Hypatia students will conclude April 11<sup>th</sup>. Students have been provided ample time and support to complete their **ICT portfolio**. In past years, students needed to complete their portfolio during skills time. This year time was provided in the lab with Mr. Gruce. During the quarter, guidance has also worked with the students and I will conclude the last few classes with a focus on bullying, and the transition to HBHS.

One core block will be held at the high school. **April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** I will be walking Team Hypatia students to the HS to meet with guidance and high school students. This will provide an additional time for questions and answers. Team

## Calendar Of Events

April 11—Early Release  
April 23-27—Spring Vacation  
May 24—Early Release

Prescott students will travel to the HS on **April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** during a core block.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> is an early release day.** Students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm.

Mr. Robert Thompson, the newly appointed HBMS principal for 2012-2013 has begun a comprehensive transition. Bob will spend two full days with students and staff: April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. **Parents and community members are cordially invited to a reception April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:00 in the HBMS library.** Bob will be present to meet and greet parents and community members. To aid in our preparation we ask that you please call the office (465-2223) to indicate that you will attend.

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

## FOOD SERVICE SURVEY

Please take a moment to help us in our continuing efforts to improve our food service program! Log onto the link below to fill out a short survey about our food service program. We greatly appreciate the responses!

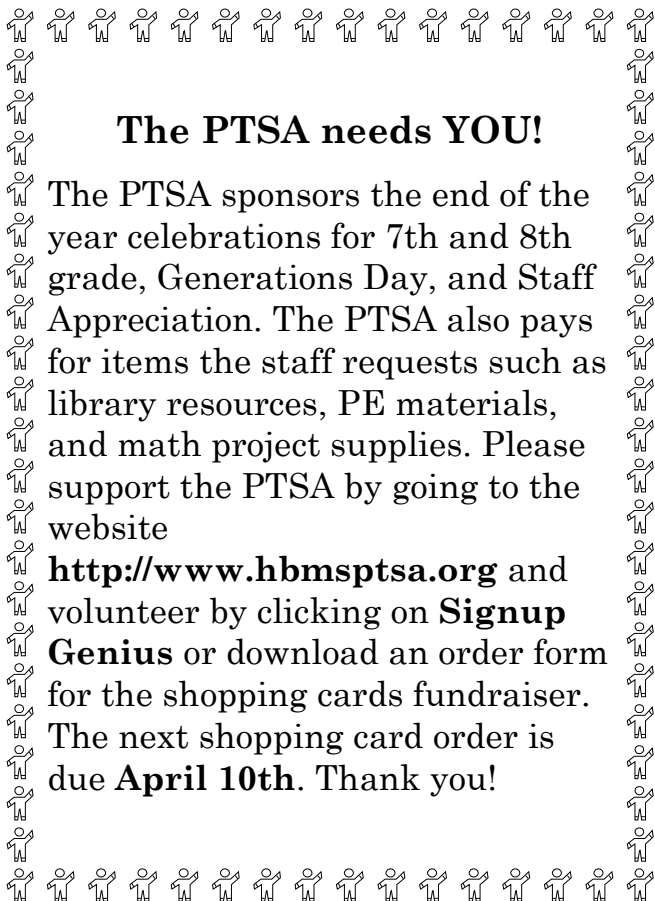
Thank you!  
Amy Cassidy RD, LD  
Food Service Director

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3DR7VQS>

## HBHS PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT

**Attention parents of up-coming 9<sup>th</sup> graders.** It is the policy of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board that in accordance with RSA 200:32 and RSA 200:33 that all children initially entering the Hollis Brookline Cooperative schools **will** have received a complete physical examination within the last twelve (12) months prior to attendance **and every two years thereafter (i.e., prior to 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades).** **Parents of students who do not have insurance that covers yearly physical exams must contact the school nurse for alternate physical exam tracking.**

Please forward a copy of your child’s physical that has been done **after** August 1st, 2011 to Cathy Burbee, RN, Hollis Brookline High School. If you have given a copy to the nurse at HBMS, that copy will go with your child’s records to HBHS. If you have any questions or want to check if your child has a current physical on file, please contact Sheila Mandragouras, RN, HBMS at [sheila.mandragouras@sau41.org](mailto:sheila.mandragouras@sau41.org) or Cathy Burbee, RN, HBHS at [cathy.burbee@sau41.org](mailto:cathy.burbee@sau41.org).



**The PTSA needs YOU!**

The PTSA sponsors the end of the year celebrations for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Generations Day, and Staff Appreciation. The PTSA also pays for items the staff requests such as library resources, PE materials, and math project supplies. Please support the PTSA by going to the website <http://www.hbmsptsa.org> and volunteer by clicking on **Signup Genius** or download an order form for the shopping cards fundraiser. The next shopping card order is due **April 10th**. Thank you!

## PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO BE REPLACED

SAU41 will be replacing its current parent notification system, Alert Now, with Power Announcement. Power Announcement was developed by BLI Messaging who has partnered with Pearson.

The new system, like Alert Now, allows Administrators to send voice, email, and text messages to parents.

Parent call management will be integrated into the parent portal on the PowerSchool web site which eliminates extra username and password management.

## **NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE**

**April 28, 2012  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

Americans that participated in the DEA's third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 29, 2011, turned in more than 377,086 pounds (188.5 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,327 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. territories. When the results of the three prior Take-Back Days are combined, the DEA, and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed 995,185 pounds (498.5 tons) of medication from circulation in the past 13 months.

"The amount of prescription drugs turned in by the American public during the past three Take-Back Day events speaks volumes about the need to develop a convenient way to rid homes of unwanted or expired prescription drugs," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. "DEA remains hard at work to establish just such a drug disposal process, and will continue to offer take-back opportunities until the proper regulations are in place."

"With the continued support and hard work of our more than 3,945 state, local, and tribal law enforcement and community partners, these three events have dramatically reduced the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse, and increased awareness of this critical public health issue," said Leonhart.

### **Collection Site Locator:**

Find a collection site near you. Check back frequently as collection sites are continuously being added.

### **Law Enforcement Agencies Only:**

For law enforcement agencies that wish to host a collection site please call the POC in your area.

### **Take-Back Day Partnership Toolbox:**

Here you will find a list of files that you can download to use for your own purposes.

### **General Public Inquiries:**

Inquiries can be made at 1-800-882-9539.