
✦ Knightly News ✦

MAY 2012

Hollis Brookline Middle School



From the Administration

From the bottom of my heart, thank you! The landscaping alone is extraordinary and the bench leaves me speechless! I am humbled and honored. I sincerely appreciate your kindness, generosity and time. I have played Monday, April 30th over and over in my mind! I assure you, the memory of the morning will always remain with me.

In this newsletter we **formally welcome our 6th grade parents**. Although this Knightly News contains information primarily for 7th and 8th grade parents, we thought you may like a preview.

This is the time of year that students begin the count down and we as administrators would like time to *stop* in order to accomplish the varied tasks needed to bring closure to the year. This year is particularly challenging with the transition to two new administrators. Many of you have already met **Mr. Robert Thompson**, the **new HBMS principal**. He has attended many spring events and has begun the process of interviewing for a new assistant principal.

The **Science NECAP** was administered to 8th grade students on May 15 and 16. Attendance was terrific resulting in very few make up sessions. School and individual results will be publicized in the fall.

The 2012-2013 placements have been completed. **Students in the 6th grade will visit the middle school by Teams on May 23rd**. During the **early release day on May 24th** teachers will create their blocks.

We are all looking forward to our chorus performing at the **Fisher Cats game on May 23rd**. Obviously we are hoping for a beautiful spring evening!

The **7th and 8th grade band** will perform **Tuesday evening, June 5th** at 7:00 pm at the Hollis Brookline Middle School gymnasium. The **7th and 8th grade chorus** performance is scheduled for the next evening, **June 6th, 7:00 pm** at the HBMS gymnasium.

The **Spring Recognition Assembly** will be held on **Thursday, June 7th at 7:30 am**. Track and field, drama, baseball, softball and 3rd quarter Honor Roll will be recognized.

Calendar Of Events

May 24—Early Release May 28—Memorial Day

Notices for library and cafeteria fines have been issued to students. All fines **need to be cleared prior to attending any field trip**.

Team Hypatia and **Team Prescott** students will be on a field trip on **Friday, June 15th** to Cannon Mountain and the Flume Gorge. Students will leave Hollis Brookline Middle School at 7:30 a.m. and will return at 4:00 pm. Reminder, students need a bag lunch and **pick-up is at 4:00**.

Tuesday evening, June 19th, from **7:00-9:00 pm**, the parents are sponsoring an **Eighth Grade Celebration**. All 8th grade students are welcome to attend at no cost.

Our **Final Awards Ceremony** will be held on **Thursday, June 21st at 7:30 am**. We will work diligently to phone a parent/guardian of any student receiving recognition.

All grade eight students who have met criteria for end of year activities (including clearing all fines and returning books) will depart from Hollis Brookline Middle School for **Canobie Lake Park following the awards ceremony** and will **return at 5:00 pm**.

A significant part of the criteria for participation in any or all activities is behavioral. Mr. Secor and I will meet with all grade eight students to review expectations:

- Manage yourself; spoken words and physical actions
- Cooperate; to class on time, prepared, following directions
- Respect property, personal belongings, lunchroom, lockers, peers, adults
- Act in a Healthy, Legal Manner; good decisions

Students are reminded of the five weeks remaining. It is important to stay focused and productive. Your support of this message is appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding any aspect of this letter please feel free to phone.

Sincerely,

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

Welcome to Hollis Brookline Middle School

I have listed the physical exam and immunizations requirements necessary for students to enter the 7th grade in August 2012. Please review these requirements and contact me at sheila.mandragouras@sau41.org or by calling HBMS at 465-2223 with any questions.

Physical Examinations

All 7th grade students, per school board policy, must have a current physical on file in the nurse's office by August 15, 2012 to attend school. A current physical is one that was done on or after August 15th, 2011. If your student has an appointment for a physical after August 15, 2011, and prior to the first day of school, please contact me with the appointment date. This physical will cover your student for the 2 years that s/he is at HBMS, including sports try-outs. No student will be allowed to try out for sports without a physical on file. There are no exceptions to this rule. If you have any issue with this requirement, please call me so we may discuss it.

Immunizations

For the 2012/13 school year, students entering seventh grade will be required to have received two valid doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, or have documentation of immunity due to history of the disease, by a health care provider or parents.

Children 11 years of age or older, and for whom it has been 5 years since the last tetanus toxoid containing vaccine, will need a one-time dose of a Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

Up-to-date Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B and vaccines are also required. Most students are compliant with these vaccines unless your present school nurse has informed you otherwise.

For a complete list of Immunization Requirements please go to the following website <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm> or for questions call the N.H. Immunization Program at 1-800-852-3345 x 4482.

Snacks

Each Team has a snack time, which is usually around 9:45. Seventh grade lunch isn't until 12:30, so please consider having your child bring a healthy snack to school. We don't allow nut products in the classroom and suggest cheese sticks, and fruits and vegetables for snack.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting your students.

Sheila Mandragouras R.N. B.S.N.
Hollis Brookline Middle School Nurse

ATTENTION PARENTS OF UP-COMING 9TH 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 (ie., prior to 7th, 9th and 11th 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 or Cathy Burbee, RN, HBHS at cathy.burbee@sau41.org.