

News and Notes

9/05 - 9/20

HELLO HBMS FAMILIES

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you had a great summer and are enjoying a smooth transition into the school routine.

Stay Connected

Middle school kids may be ready for more independence, but parents need to stay connected to their children's education and school experience. PTSA can help keep that connection open and effective. We hope you'll become a PTSA member and participate in some of the many activities we support throughout the year.

A Great Start

Dr. John Moody, interim Superintendent, will attend our first meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 8:30a.m. After a prepared Q&A interview with Dr. Moody, the meeting will be opened to parents' questions and comments. Light refreshments and coffee will be served.

Dr. Moody comes to us with an exceptional reputation after forty years' experience as superintendent and educator in several New Hampshire districts and as an educator of teachers and superintendents at Rivier College. He's looking forward to talking with HB parents, and you're sure to enjoy his light-hearted nature, frank approach, and depth of knowledge. Please join us for this informative exchange.

Your Homework

Go to www.hbmsptsa.org to reach our website. You'll find:

- our Membership form - click PTSA, then Forms
- our calendar, including HBMS and SAU41 events
- links to school and PTSA volunteer sign-ups, ranging from library assistance to end-of-year celebrations
- link to HBMS daily announcements
- numerous SAU and community links
- links to services for special-needs families
- links to volunteer opportunities throughout the year (um, yes, we know we've mentioned this already...)

Your Calendar

PTSA meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., at HBMS. We urge you to become a member and welcome your participation in planning events and discussing school concerns. Great schools depend on parent commitment. We're looking forward to seeing you this year!

Important PTSA and SAU dates:

Tues 9/17 - PTSA meeting, 8:30am, parents welcome

Wed 9/18 - HB Co-op Board meeting, HBMS MPR, 6 pm

Important school dates:

Tue 9/10 - Gr 7 Open House, 6:30pm (parents only)

Thu 9/12 - Gr 8 Open House, 6:30pm (parents only)

2013-14 HBMS PTSA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HBMS and PTSA offer many ways to invest in your child's school experience. Some activities require a regular time commitment; others are one-time-only or seasonal. Check off your interests below and return this form to the HBMS office – or, go to the school website at hollisbrooklinems.org and click the PTSA link for more information and online sign-up. Click *Contact Us* if you have questions or suggestions. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to a great year working together!

- Old Home Days (September)
- Jordan's Walk basket preparation (September)
- Volunteer Coordinator (all year)
- Membership/Directory (fall)
- Bulletin Boards
- Box Tops for Education (2-3 times a year)
- SpiritWear Fundraising (3-4 times a year)
- Library Volunteer (all year)
- Front Office Support (all year; lunchtime sub)
- Administrative assistance for school nurse (all year; no medical experience needed)
- Hearing and vision testing (assist nurse; fall; no medical experience needed)
- Scrip Gift Card Fundraising
- CPR certification (assist Health teacher; fall)
- School Dance Chaperone Coordinator – *filled for this year*
- School Dance Chaperone (all year)
- Staff Appreciation committee (fall, winter, spring)
- Baking/Hospitality (all year)
- Computer Lab (supervision only, no experience necessary)
- Ski Club Coordinator
- Ski Club Chaperone
- Drama Club (Costumes and/or Technical Crew and/or Cast Party/Dinner)
- Arts Night (May)
- Nominating Committee (spring)
- 7th Grade Barbeque Coordinator (last week of school)
- 7th Grade Barbeque (last week of school)
- 8th Grade Celebration Coordinator (last week of school) : *filled for this year*
- 8th Grade Celebration (last week of school)

Are there other talents or areas of expertise you are willing to share? We value all contributions!

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email/phone: _____

Student's Name/grade: _____

Thank you for participating. The more parents are involved in our schools the richer our community's rewards.

STAY CONNECTED

2013-14 HBMS PTSA MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY

DIRECTORY Please provide the contact information you would like included for yourself and your child in the HBMS student directory. All students will be included unless indicated otherwise below:

Parent(s): _____
 Student Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell(s): _____
 Email(s): _____

___ **Do Not** include me or my child in the student directory.

MEMBERSHIP *Please become a member:* The HBMS PTSA provides a wide variety of programs that support, enrich, and enhance the middle school experience for all of our students and families. Your involvement and financial support are essential to the successful operation of our organization. Our budget goals are achieved through fundraising and generous donations.

PTSA Member Name: _____
 Additional Member(s): _____
 Address (including town): _____
 Phone: _____
 Student's Name/Grade: _____
 Parent Email: _____

PAYMENTS

	Number	Rate	Total \$
Number of memberships		@ \$10.00	
Number of directories		@ \$7.00	
Additional donation (tax deductible)			\$
Total amount enclosed			\$

STAY CONNECTED: Please indicate if you would like to receive PTSA email communications. "News and Notes" and "Quick Updates" are brief announcements of school and PTSA activities including team schedules, dances, performances, special programs, volunteer events, etc. plus useful SAU-wide contact links.

___ **Do Not** include my email in the PTSA email distribution list
 ___ **Yes - Please** include my email in the PTSA email distribution list.

Email: _____

HBMS PTSA will not share, lend or sell your contact information, or use your information for any purpose other than communicating with you about school-related subjects.

HBMS PTSA SPIRITWEAR

Name:			Rock:			
Phone/e-mail:			Grade:			
You can VIEW ONLY the items on the following website: www.localprosports.com click on team stores, select HBMS PTSA Size charts will also be available.						
ITEM	QTY	SIZE	COLOR(circle)	PERSONALIZATION	PRICE	TOTAL
Short Sleeve T-shirt HB left chest Hollis Brookline Full back			Royal or Black or White or Gray	N/A	\$15	
Long Sleeve T-shirt HB left chest Hollis Brookline Full back			Royal or Black or White or Gray	N/A	\$15	
NEW ITEM Mens Flannel 'Jammie' Pants			Royal/White Plaid	Hollis Brookline down left leg	\$25	
NEW ITEM Ladies Flannel 'Jammie'			Royal/White Plaid	Hollis Brookline down left leg	\$25	
Open Bottom/flare Sweatpant			Ash Gray Only	Hollis Brookline down left leg	\$25	
Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt HB on left chest Hollis/Brookline on back			Royal or Black or Ash Grey		\$25	
				Personalization Embroidery Cost	\$5	
Crew Neck Sweatshirt HB on left chest Hollis/Brookline on back			Royal or Black or Ash Grey		\$25	
				Personalization Embroidery Cost	\$5	
Hooded Full Zip Sweatshirt HB on left chest Hollis/Brookline on back			Royal or Black or Ash Grey		\$25	
				Personalization Embroidery Cost	\$5	
NEW ITEM Collared Button w/Short Sleeve 2 Tone Wicking Polo			Royal with white	Embroidered HB Left Chest	\$30	
				Personalization Embroidery Cost	\$5	
NEW ITEM Ladies Collared V-neck w/short sleeve 2 Tone Wicking Polo			Royal with white	Embroidered HB Left Chest	\$30	
				Personalization Embroidery Cost	\$5	
1/4 Zip Fleece Jacket HB on left Chest			Royal Only		\$45	
				Personalization Embroidery Cost	\$5	
Full Zip Fleece Jacket HB on Left Chest			Royal Only		\$45	
				Personalization Embroidery Cost	\$5	
NEW ITEM Polyester Performance Hoodie HB left chest Hollis Brookline on Back			Royal		\$40	
				Personalization Embroidery Cost	\$5	
BPA-free, Stainless Steel HB on bottle			Royal/Silver Only		\$10	
				NA		
Car decal- HB oval			Royal/white		\$5	
				NA		
Order Deadline: September 20, 2013						

What's happening in the Library Media Center

Welcome Back!

This year the preferred method for checking out library materials will be to use your student ID. You may check out materials without your ID, but please try and bring it in with you. Please take time to visit the HBMS Library Media Center web page which is linked to the HBMS home page. There is lots of information located there, but for now, I would like to introduce two things to you.

I am excited to be offering some new databases to our school community. These databases are vital to our school community in that they will foster some of the 21st century skills that we are all using and practicing through our lessons and Common Core Initiatives and they will also provide students with resources 24/7. Students will have reliable sources of information at their fingertips and be able to work at school and at home using these resources.

If you look under the Databases tab, you will see that HBMS has subscribed to 5 new databases for student and staff use this year. We will be using EBSCO (offered through the state of NH), Junior Reference Collection, American History Online, Country Reports, EasyBib School Premium, and four online encyclopedias offered by Grolier Online. They are The New Book of Knowledge, Lands and Peoples, The Popular Book of Science, and The Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia.

All of these need usernames and/or passwords, so please ask a teacher or the librarian for a copy if you would like to obtain them. Also, feel free to email me at susan.kinney@sau41.org if you would like them emailed to you and/or your child.

We now have 5 Nooks that may be checked out through the library. There are currently 14 books on the Nooks. You can see the titles on the e-books tab of the LMC web page. Before checking out a Nook, students must read and sign a Nook Form (which can be found at the bottom of the e-book page and printed out) along with a parent or guardian and return it to Mrs. Kinney in the library or a ROCK teacher.

Lastly, there will be a new NOOK/BOOK club starting soon for students. There will be one for 7th graders and another for 8th graders. The groups will meet one Thursday a month during their respective lunch periods. Listen to announcements at school in the future for details I encourage any and all parents that would like to volunteer in the school to consider spending time in the library. There is much to do and we always have fun!

If you have questions about anything library related, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Kinney during school hours.

Happy Reading!