

❖ Knightly News ❖

October 11, 2013

Hollis Brookline Middle School

From the Administration

Hello Parents,

We hope this note finds you all well. Autumn is upon us and we hope you are enjoying the season.

NECAP testing is nearing completion. This is the last time the state of NH will be administering NECAP in the areas of Reading, Mathematics and Writing. This assessment will be phased out as the state moves toward a new assessment in Winter of 2015. For now, NECAP will continue to be administered to our 8th graders in the area of Science each spring.

Our first Athletic Recognition Night will be held on October 29th at 6:30. This evening celebrates our fall athletes. We hope you will join us.

We also hope you'll join us Friday, November 8th for our annual Veteran's Day Assembly which will begin at 9:40 AM in the gymnasium.

The PTSA meets every third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 A.M. at the Middle School. We continue to welcome new members and hope you will take an opportunity to join us.

Speaking of PTSA, Scrip is back! Scrip is a fund-raising program at HBMS which helps toward funding your student's trip to Washington, DC. It's also a great way to get some of those holiday gifts out of the way. Order forms can be found by logging onto hollisbrooklinems.org then click on the HBMS PTSA link on the left. From there highlight PTSA then move over to Forms and there you are. We hope you will take advantage of this money-saving program. Seventh grade parents can start now to earn even more toward the eight grade trip in 2015! For more information on Scrip contact Kathleen Moynihan at kathmoynihan@charter.net.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all parents who contributed to the raffle baskets for Jordan's Walk. The baskets this year were amazing and we appreciate your willingness to contribute to a cause that has special meaning for us here at HBMS.

Take care,

Bob Thompson and Patti Flynn

Calendar Of Events

Oct. 14—Columbus Day—No School
Oct. 25—School Dance
Nov. 5—Teacher Workshop Day
Nov. 8—Veteran's Day Assembly 9:40 AM
Nov. 11—Veteran's Day—No School
Nov. 27—Teacher Workshop Day
Nov. 28-29—Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 11—Early Release
Dec. 23—Jan. 1—Holiday Recess
Jan. 16—Early Release
Jan. 20—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School

SKI PROGRAM SET TO GO

This year the Ski Club will be going to Pat's Peak. It will be held on Friday evenings beginning February 20, 2014. February 27 will be skipped as it's during mid-winter vacation. It will pick up again on March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

For more information contact Mary Lou McCoy at marylou_mccoy@mac.com at or Beth Sulin at Elizabeth.sulin@sau41.org.



LEARN WITH THE TEACHERS

On October 22 and 23 several HBMS staff members will be attending a two-day workshop entitled, "**How to Assess and Grade in an Optimum Learning Rich Environment.**" This workshop could also be helpful to any parent who wants to better understand some of the best practices and research around on how teachers grade. Any parent who would like additional information about the conference or would like to register to attend can do so by going to:
http://www.nelms.org/pages/conferences/learn_teach/di.html