

✦ Knightly News ✦

August 2006

Hollis Brookline Middle School

From the Administration

What a difference one year makes! August 2005 found us still working out of the portables and concerned about readiness for the opening of school. As of August 2006 the floors sparkle, fresh paint has been applied and many teachers have already prepared their classroom.



As you are aware we have structured back to **four teams** due to the budget not passing in March. Each Team has begun to embrace the changes and create a new identity.

Grade 7 (1) Team McAuliffe
(2) Team Jordan
Grade 8 (3) Team Hypatia
(4) Team Prescott

Our specialists have worked diligently for two years to create a meaningful mission statement allowing for both the individuality of each content area and a connection to one another with focused strategies. Please see the **Life Skills** article included in this Knightly News.

In June we celebrated the remarkable careers of 5 staff members who announced **retirement**; Louise Rankins, Jeanne Cleveland, Dr. Pat Hecht, Eileen Ball and Happy Beale. They have all left an eternal mark on Hollis Brookline Middle School.

We warmly welcome the following **new staff** (and current staff to new positions):

Mrs. Karen Mendola English—Team Jordan
Ms. Laura Lawler Social Studies—Team Hypatia
Mrs. Sue Connelly Social Studies—Team McAuliffe
Mrs. June Cloutier French
Mrs. Carolyn Jahns Library/Media Specialist (transfer)
Mr. Dean Jahns Math Specialist
Mrs. Carolyn Cicciu ICT Coordinator
Mrs. Allison Ferrell Paraprofessional
Mrs. Kelley Howard Coop School Psychologist
Officer Tracy Dunne Coop School Resource Officer

In addition, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Kimberly Rizzo Saunders from maternity leave. Mom, Dad and son, Parker, are doing well!

This **August Knightly Newsletter** will be the only one **mailed** to your home. Subsequent newsletters will be available on our **website** or in **hard copy at our front desk**. It will also be available **by email**. To receive the newsletter by email, please be certain to clearly write your email address on the **Emergency Form** included in this mailing. Our goal is to conserve paper, thus reducing those costs, and to better utilize our technology. Many thanks to those of you who completed the email form at our last assembly.

Calendar Of Events

August 23 New Student Orientation - 9-10:30 am
(summer registrations)
August 30 Grade 7 Opening Day
August 31 All Students
September 4 Labor Day – No School
September 6 Volunteer Orientation, Library - 9:00 am
September 12 Back to School Night (grade 7)
September 22 PTSA Meeting - 8-9:00 am
September 19 Back to School Night (grade 8)
September 20 School Pictures
Magazine Fund Raiser Kick Off
September 26 Health/Wellness Open House

Again this year we have chosen to reprint our **Dress Code** in this mailing. Although there are no changes we felt it would be advantageous to review with your child prior to 'back to school' shopping. Also, a reminder that camera phones are not permitted in school.

Mr. Dean Jahns will continue to assume responsibility for the **HBMS website** (www.hbms.k12.nh.us). The Knightly News is routinely posted as well as the daily announcements your child receives, reminders of upcoming events, sports cancellations, homework by 4:00 pm each day, and much more. We hope you will access our site routinely. We welcome your feedback.

Please read carefully the **Calendar of Events**. This fall will be extremely busy beginning with our Open Houses planned for September 12th (grade 7) and September 19th (grade 8). A third evening, **Health/Wellness Open House**, is scheduled for September 26th at which time Ms. White, Ms. Christy and Mr. Melillo will outline the 2 year Health Curriculum for the seventh and eighth grade.

And lastly, please take this moment to sit and complete the enclosed **paperwork** for the **PTSA** and the **Emergency Form** for general use. Your time and attention to this is greatly appreciated!

Enjoy the remaining summer days. We look forward to welcoming our seventh grade students Wednesday, August 30th and then the entire student body on August 31st.

Respectfully,

Patricia Lewis Goyette, Principal
Kimberly Rizzo Saunders, Assistant Principal

Food Service Information

Ms. Liz Murray is our Head Cook at Hollis Brookline Middle School. Mrs. Amy Cassidy is the Food Service Director for the Hollis Brookline Cooperative District.

We are always looking for substitutes for the food service program. If interested, please contact Mrs. Cassidy at 465-2269 ext. 245.

Please make a note that lunches are priced at \$2.00. Checks



should be made out to HBMS Hot Lunch and given directly to Ms. Murray, Food Service. As we begin the 2006-2007 school year, please be reminded that **students may not charge lunches.**

Lunch times are as follows:

11:42—12:10 (Grade 8)

12:30—12:58 (Grade 7)

Bus Safety



There are a number of expectations of students which should assure the safety of all persons while the school bus program is in operation. Please take a few moments to review the following with your child.

Students should:

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| <p>1) remain at a safe distance from roadways at bus pick-up points. If necessary to cross a road, always walk in front of the bus.</p> <p>2) remain quiet and orderly while riding the bus.</p> <p>3) remain in their seats until destinations are reached, keeping aisles clear for possible emergency exiting.</p> <p>4) keep hands and objects inside the windows at all times.</p> <p>5) HBMS students may choose seats within the first half of the bus.</p> <p>6) Students may not eat or drink on the bus.</p> <p>7) Alternate buses will only be allowed when maximum seating has</p> | <p>not been reached. A note from home that is also signed by administration must be presented to the bus driver.</p> <p>8) Students may not board nor get off their bus at the high school.</p> <p>9) Students must board buses at their home stop. A parent should accompany a student in all other cases.</p> <p>10) Students are required to arrive at their home stop five minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time.</p> <p>Failure to comply with the safety rules and regulations may lead to suspension of riding privileges.</p> <p>In advance, thank you for your attention to these expectations. Safety is our primary concern.</p> |
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Athletic Spotlight

Interscholastic Sports

All students trying out or participating in a fall sport **MUST** have the *Pupil Data/Emergency Form* and a *current physical on file at HBMS* prior to their participation. **Their will be no exceptions!** Practices are held every day there is school, and students representing HBMS are expected to be at all practices and contests.

Field Hockey (Coach - Mrs. Smith) Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 31st

from 2:30-4:15. All girls interested **must bring** shin guards, a colored mouth guard covering all teeth, ASTM F803-03 approved eye protection, cleats, water bottle and a change of clothes. All girls should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 4:15.



Girls Soccer (Coach - Mr. Gray) Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 31st from 2:30-4:15. All girls interested **must bring** shin guards, a colored mouth guard covering all teeth, cleats, a water bottle and a change of clothes. All girls should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 4:15.



Boys Soccer (Coach - Mr. Lyle) Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 31st from 2:30-4:15. All boys interested **must bring** shin guards, a colored mouth guard covering all teeth, cleats, a water bottle and a change of clothes. All boys should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 4:15.

Girls Volleyball (Coach - Ms. Dunbar) Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 31st from 2:30-4:15. All girls interested **must bring** knee pads, sneakers, a water bottle and a change of clothes. All girls should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 4:15.



Boys and Girls Cross Country (Coaches - Mr. Johnston, Mr. Picariello) Practices will begin on Thursday, August 31st from 2:30-3:30. All students interested in distance running (meet courses are approximately 2 miles) should bring running shoes, a water bottle and a change of clothes. Any student that does not make the above teams may join the cross country team at that time. All students should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 3:30.



REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING 7TH GRADE

The Health Office would like to remind you of State guidelines for entrance to 7th grade. All entering 7th graders must have a second **MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) immunization record on file in their school health record. Students born after 1/1/93 must also have **3 doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine**. Students also need to have had the **Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine** or have a history of disease as reported by the parent or health care provider. It is possible that your child may have had these immunizations and the school does not have a record. In order to facilitate entry to school in the fall, parents of students who did not have these immunizations on record were contacted this spring. If your child received these immunizations during the summer, documentation should be forwarded to the Middle School as soon as it is received.

Tetanus immunizations are required every 10 years for State compliance. Please check your child's last dose at your next physician's visit. For most students, this will be due during 8th or 9th grade.

The Hollis Brookline School Board has a policy requiring a recent physical for all entering 7th grade students. If this physical was received after March 1, 2006, it will meet requirements for all activities during the two years of Middle School. There will be some students who have had a physical within the past year, but not since March 2006. These students should provide a copy of their physical to the school. They will also need to provide a copy of their next annual physical as well.

HBMS Library Media Center—By C. Jahns

The Library Media Center will be busy with many activities this fall. New books will be on display throughout September and student orientations will be scheduled the first two weeks. Parents are invited to visit the media center on Sept. 12th during our seventh grade Open House night.

With so many sports and other activities for middle school students, it can be challenging to find the time to pursue reading at home. One way to encourage reading is to talk about books; what makes a good book? What makes an interesting character? A great list of "Best Books for Young Adults" is available at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/06/bbya.htm>

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA), sponsors an annual Teens' Top Ten (TTT) where books have been chosen by students nationally. October is "Teen Read Month" and we are planning that students will be nominating books for an HBMS Top Ten list; watch the school web site for news on this and other student involvement in the media center!

PEANUT FREE AREA IN CAFETERIA TO BE ESTABLISHED



As a larger population of students begins to have allergies to peanuts, we are looking at procedures that will help protect students while at school. We ask that parents consider carefully ingredients that may be included in any food events for school activities.

Due to this increasing need we plan to establish a peanut free area in the cafeteria for the 2006-2007 school year. There will be two tables designated as peanut free. These tables will be clearly marked.

If you have any questions, please contact DeeDee Adams, School Nurse at 465-2223.

Save The Date . . . September 9, 2006

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In Memory of Jordan D. Coffey

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

PLEASE CONTACT ANNE PRICE AT: ahpumass@charter.net

LIFE SKILLS MISSION STATEMENT

Hollis Brookline Middle School promotes the development of life skills through: music, physical education, art, computer, family and consumer science, guidance, industrial arts, library media and technology, and wellness. As an integral part of a student's academic and social well being, a Life Skills curriculum fosters a well-rounded student who can realize and fulfill his/her potential to be a productive member of society. Life skills develop strategies for our students to appreciate and confront real-life experiences. We strive to present a variety of formats to teach our students:

- ◆ *Critical thinking skills* to solve problems in different situations ◆ How to appreciate, recognize, and demonstrate different levels
- ◆ *Effective communication* in a variety of settings ◆ *of craftsmanship*
- ◆ To think and *express* themselves *creatively* ◆ *Time management* and wise use of resources
- ◆ *Self-awareness* physically, mentally, emotionally and socially ◆ The connection between school and *career opportunities*
- ◆ How to recognize and accept social, physical and *cultural differences* ◆ How to make safe, *healthy decisions*

Physical education is a requirement for all students. Students are required to wear sneakers and change into appropriate clothing for every class. A combination locker is assigned to each student for their clothing and valuables. It is a **year long** class that meets every other day. In seventh grade students will have **Ms. Bottcher** and complete units in tchoukball, field hockey, volleyball, personal fitness, team handball, basketball, pickleball, badminton, sport stacking, track and field, archery and adventure education. In eighth grade they will have **Mr. Johnston** and participate in frisbee, soccer, volleyball, adventure education (including the climbing wall), fitness, basketball, lacrosse, and golf.

Music education is also a requirement for all students. It is a **year long** class that meets every other day. Music classes include band, chorus, and general music. There are two teachers involved in the music program. **Mrs. Spencer** teaches chorus and general music. **Mr. Depine** teaches band and general music.

The other Life Skills teachers rotate through the four teams. **All students** will take **all** of the Life Skills classes; however, will have **one at a time** for one quarter of the year.

Mrs. Papadeas is the **art** teacher. **Team Three** will start with art. The art program at HBMS encourages students to be creative and to use their imagination in problem solving activities. From their own personal expression of life and through applied learning, students experience age appropriate drawing, painting and 3-D assignments. All of the art supplies will be provided for the students, but it is required the students have pencils for drawing. At the end of the art rotation students can keep and share with you their art portfolio.

Mrs. Sarvaiya teaches **family and consumer science**. Students on **Team One** will begin the year in family and consumer science. Students need the following:

- Hand sewing needles-in a variety of sizes • A half yard of the fabric of your choice
- Straight pins • Sewing box/empty shoe box
- 12 different colors of felt fabrics • Matching thread
- Colored pencils, eraser and a ruler • Stuffing for pillow

Industrial arts is taught by **Mr. Picariello**. Mr. Picariello will start the year with **Team Two**. There are no specific materials needed for the first day of industrial arts class.

Ms. White is the **wellness** teacher. **Team Four** will start the year with Ms. White. Topics will include eating disorders, alcohol awareness, HIV awareness and CPR/First Aid. All eighth grade students will have the opportunity to become certified in Adult, Child and Infant CPR/First Aid. All wellness students should be sure to have a small folder with two pockets and 3 ring prongs to insert handouts. They should also keep a supply of white lined paper. As part of the wellness curriculum **Mr. Melillo**, the guidance counselor, will be working with students on career development.

The computer technology education program, managed by **Mr. Gruce**, is changed for the 2006 – 2007 school year. To better support the new **Information and Communication Technologies Literacy Standards** (www.nheon.org/oet/standards/ICTLiteracy.htm) passed last year by the New Hampshire State Legislator, Computer Technology Instruction will be integrated directly into the content areas. This team teaching approach will show students that computers are becoming more integrated beyond the classroom. It will also allow students to demonstrate and build on their skills.

At the end of their Eighth Grade year here at the Hollis Brookline Middle School, an **electronic portfolio** of work will be evaluated by a group of teachers. The evaluation will determine whether or not a student has adequately demonstrated proficiency in using these technology tools to access, manage, integrate, evaluate, and create information within the following areas:

- Reading • Science
- Mathematics • Social Studies
- English/Language Arts • Art

Mr. Gruce is excited at the prospect of working with colleagues in this new way. The teachers here at the Hollis Brookline Middle School have many projects and activities that challenge the students, as well as support the new standards.

Life Skills teachers genuinely look forward to beginning the school year. We welcome those who are new to the Hollis Brookline Middle School community and are eager to see those who are returning. See you soon!

FIRST DAY JITTERS



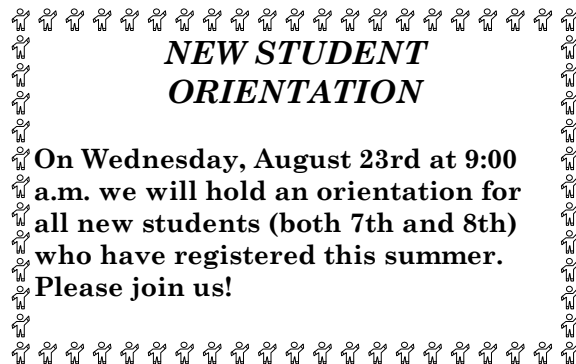
Please help with your child's first day jitters by reviewing with him/her the following information.

Grade 7 students will arrive on Wednesday, August 30th. They will be greeted by staff on the north side of the building. (The same procedure will be followed for grade 8 students on Thursday, August 31st.

ROCK lists will be posted on the side wall for easy viewing. Teachers and students will congregate in the general areas of their lists. When signaled, teachers will escort their group into the building.

Our first day will include orientation time. Administration will be present during all lunches to answer student questions.

Should you have a specific question regarding our opening day, please feel free to call us at 465-2223.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, August 23rd at 9:00 a.m. we will hold an orientation for all new students (both 7th and 8th) who have registered this summer. Please join us!

Bus Routes

Complete bus routes will be posted on the front doors of the Hollis Brookline Middle School, on Thursday, August 24th. Routes will also be publicized in all the local newspapers.



MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

? - Does every student have a locker?

✓Yes, this year all students will have their own locker with a combination. Lockers are large, therefore may accommodate sports gear, coats, books and backpacks.

? - Do I need to call the office when my child is absent?

✓Yes please! We do follow up on all student absences with phone calls unless we have heard from you.

? - When should I write the school a note?

✓Please send a note, via your child, when he/she will be dismissed early or when requesting permission to ride a different bus.

? - Is there a specific spot to drop off my child in the morning?

✓Yes. Use the drive to the left of Farley and proceed to the front of the building for drop off. (Busses will use the drive to the right of Farley and travel behind the building for drop off.)

? - What time does school start?

✓Our day begins promptly at 7:15 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:15 p.m.

? - How will my child know which bus to take?

✓Bus routes will be posted on the front doors of HBMS on August 24th. They will also be published in the local newspapers.

? - How do I know if there are any changes to afterschool sports/activities?

✓Please check the Sports and Activities alert on our website.



Hollis Brookline Middle School

Expectations!

- Manage Yourself
- Cooperate with Others
- Respect Personal and Public Property
- Act in a Healthy and Legal Manner

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Two years is a small slice of your child's development, yet early adolescence is such an important time. Join us during your student's seventh and eighth grade years! Participate in any way you are able. All involvement has positive affects.

An early orientation is planned for September 6th, at 9:00 a.m. at HBMS library. We look forward to meeting you.



APPEARANCE AND DRESS

The matter of dress and appearance is, for the most part, a matter of individual taste. Students must, however, respect the learning environment. Any appearance or dress which would cause a distraction from the learning process, infringe upon the rights of other students or dress that is unsafe will not be tolerated.

1. Dress and grooming should be clean.
2. Immodest clothing will not be tolerated.
3. Students may wear shorts however, shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh lengths.
4. Students may not go barefoot at any time.
5. Students must wear a shirt at all times inside and outside school buildings.
6. Abbreviated tops such as halters, tube or thin strapped tank tops are not permitted.
7. Shirts advertising illegal substances, violence or vulgarities should not be worn.
8. Students may not wear hats at any time (including bandanas and visors).



WASHINGTON, DC March 20 — March 23, 2007

Attention Grade 8 students and parents! Our eighth grade Washington, DC trip has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 through Friday, March 23, 2007.

A parent information evening has been set for September 28th at the HBHS auditorium, 6:30 p.m.



ROCK TESTIMONIALS

On the last day of school grade 7 students were surveyed for facts, feelings and questions regarding their year in ROCK. Over 75% of the students answered, "Yes, ROCK has helped me." Direct quotes follow:

- "It's helped with organization. If we never cleaned lockers, I'd always be late for class."
- "Helped me meet new people on a different team."
- "I was able to talk about real events and have time to read."
- "It gave me an opportunity to relax and get organized."
- "It helps me get ready for the day. I wouldn't like going to another class first. ROCK makes me aware of what's happening on the news. It helps my reading skills."
- "ROCK has given me a chance to ask questions, get used to things, organize and plan for the day. It gives me a chance to get collected in the morning."
- "ROCK has helped me everyday to figure out my schedule."

EMERGENCY FORMS

Dear Parents and Students,

In order to facilitate a smooth entrance to school this year, we are requesting that an *emergency form* and a *current physical* be on file prior to the start of school year. All 7th grade students are required to have a current physical on file in the Health Office. (Please note, we have no standard physical form. Whatever your doctor provides you with is acceptable.) ***Pupil Data/Emergency Forms*** need to have current information annually. We are enclosing an emergency form to be completed and returned to HBMS before the start of the school year.

Students who plan to try out for a fall sport will have met the initial contract requirements, once the above described paperwork has been completed and returned. School tryouts for fall sports are scheduled to begin August 31, 2006.

If you have any questions, please call the HBMS office at 465-2223.

Sincerely,

Patricia Goyette, Principal Gayle Bottcher, Athletic Director
Deirdre Adams, Nurse



PTSA HIGHLIGHTS

I hope you will join me in warmly welcoming our 2006-2007 PTSA Co-Presidents: Sue Holroyd and Ruth Kabel. We have met to begin planning our year. Please place **September 22nd**, 8:30-10:00 on your calendar for the **first PTSA meeting** of the year. (Please note, monthly meetings will be held the third Friday of each month, September is an exception.)

As principal of Hollis Brookline Middle School I need to compliment and **applaud the work of PTSA**. On average 30 parents and community members meet monthly to discuss upcoming events, plan parent evenings, problem solve areas of need and give feedback to me. Rather than bringing 'private agenda issues' parents focus on what is best for all of our emerging adolescents. Meetings are positive and productive! Please plan to get involved.

The fall **Magazine Drive** is our main fundraiser. Mrs. Bower and Mrs. Carrus will coordinate the drive this year. The kick off date is Wednesday, September 20th. If anyone is interested in supporting this initiative please phone Mrs. Bower at 465- 7753. We also will continue to participate in the **Box Tops 4 Education**. Girl Scout Troop 226 will again take the lead. Save those box tops and bring them to the main office!

Our **Volunteer Orientation** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 6th**, 9-10 in the HBMS library. Please plan to attend to hear of the many ways you can become involved. We view you as an integral part of our learning community.

Please take a moment to complete the enclosed PTSA paperwork. This is your PTSA and you as the many volunteers make the difference! I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Patricia Lewis Goyette, Principal

FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDENTS

¡Hola a todos! Bonjour tout le monde! We hope you are enjoying your summer with your family. Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cloutier and I are looking forward to meeting our new 7th grade students and catching up with our returning students. We have a couple of things we'd like you to know for your return to school.



First, 8th grade students, please remember to bring in your 7th grade class notes. We ask that students return to 8th grade with these notes.

Second, we ask that students entering **8th grade purchase a dictionary**. Foreign language dictionaries can be found in many stores including WalMart and Kmart. Any edition or publisher is fine. We recommend that you avoid "elementary" dictionaries.

Additional supplies needed are:

- **1" binder (may be combined with another class), - 5 dividers filled with 100 sheets of lined paper and pencil pouch.**
- **Colored pencils or markers**
- **One package of 3"x5" index cards - Box of tissues (optional)**

Thank you for your help with this. Enjoy the remainder of your summer! Hasta las vista, Au revoir!

Sincerely,

Janet Lash, Claudia Banks, June Cloutier



ATHLETIC FEE

Parents and students, participation on an interscholastic team will require a **\$25.00** fee with a family limit of **\$100.00**. All monies will support championship banners, coaches awards and replacement uniforms.