



# Hawk Happenings

The Newsletter of the Hollis Elementary PTA

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## Thank You for Making The Hollis Elementary School PTA “Legacy of Learning” Auction an Overwhelming Success!!!

Thanks to tremendous **community spirit** and involvement by numerous sponsors, donors and buyers the First Annual “Legacy of Learning” Auction & Tapas Night was enormously successful. The event was held to support excellence in our elementary schools through enrichment opportunities provided to our children all year long.

The auction was the primary fundraising activity of the year for the PTA with a goal of raising \$30,000. We are thrilled to report that because of so many people’s efforts and generosity, we have significantly surpassed our goal! While we have not yet completed the process of distributing auction items to lucky winners and collecting proceeds for those items, we anticipate the total fundraising proceeds to exceed \$50,000! This includes almost \$7,700 from the Fund a Need effort, which represents money donated by bidders specifically to purchase Sound Enhancement Systems for our classrooms!

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We are thankful to so many! Our generous sponsors in the community were such a key ingredient to the overall success. They underwrote the entire event which allows the PTA to put every donated dollar directly to work for our children.



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**Next PTA General Membership Meeting ...**  
**May 13 at 7 p.m.**  
**HUES Loft**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

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# Notes from school ...

## Administrative Notes

*Gail Paludi & Carol Thibaudeau – Principals*

*Deb Trotter & Candi Fowler – Ass't Principals*

Dear Families,

Spring is here at last! As the world around us blossoms and comes alive, our students are doing the same. The students have learned a great deal since September and they are focusing on many culminating activities during the next few months.

**Portfolio Days** are scheduled for Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at HUES and Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at HPS.

You child's classroom teacher will be sending home information regarding the specific time of the event. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to view the work that your child has collected throughout the year. These work samples demonstrate some of what your child knows and is able to do. Standardized test results are considered a "snapshot" of what your child knows based on one particular moment in time. In contrast, the portfolios represent a picture of your child's developing skill and progress over time. By viewing student performance from many different perspectives, we can better determine your child's achievement so that areas of focus can be targeted.

**First Grade Parent Information Forum** at Hollis Primary School is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Parents of our current Kindergarten students as well as newly registered students who will be entering Grade One in the fall are encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents learn about our program. Our goal is to insure a smooth transition into Grade One for you child.

Congratulations to our four Hollis teams- 22 students who will be representing us at the global finals of Destination ImagiNation in Knoxville, Tenn. this May. Great Job!

On Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> we will have an early release day. Teachers and para-educators will have the opportunity to participate in professional development activities specific to initiatives and goals of the Hollis School District.

Enjoy Earth Day with your families on April 22!

Sincerely,

Gail, Carol, Deb & Candi

## News from the Health Office

Warm weather is right around the corner (I hope!!)

Please remember the following:

- Use Bug/Tick Repellent and check for ticks on children and pets
- Sunscreen (Especially when going south for vacations!!)
- Appropriate clothing for the weather and dressing in layers for those cold mornings that warm up during the day.
- **Flip flops** are not allowed at school, they are a safety hazard on the stairs and when the children are running around during recess and choice times.

*Gail Ansaldo, RN, School Nurse HUES*

- Shoes with heels that are high are just as treacherous for these young girls and are not appropriate footwear for school with the exception of a special event.

### **CPR and First Aid class**

For any interested Parents, Volunteers, or Staff

Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> at HUES

From 8:30am to 2:30pm

To sign up, please contact Gail Ansaldo  
@ HUES 465-9182 or at  
ansaldog@sau41.k12.nh.us.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp- Yahoo!!**

Soon your child will be bringing home paperwork for camp.

**Please fill it all out and send it back in as soon as possible.**

I need time to go through the paperwork thoroughly so your child's camp experience goes smoothly. I need time to answer your questions and concerns; time to share information with the teachers, camp nurse, the Food Service Director, and with the Camp Director as needed to make sure each student's needs will be met. All of this needs to be done in time for me to send all of the paperwork to the camp's nurse a week before the students get there.

### **Physical Exams for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

HBMS School Policy:

**Physical Exams** are required **within 6 months**

**prior to entering HBMS, in other words, between March and September of the year they will enter.** By complying with this District Policy, all students are covered for both years at that school.

1. Your child has been given a blue form for you to fill out. This Form asks when your child's physical exam is scheduled. Please fill it out and send it back to me ASAP.
2. If your child won't be having a physical until after school starts, and your child had a physical between September 07 and February 08, please send me a copy of that exam. Your quick response is very important. This information is needed for your child to be enrolled into 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. Students need to be "conditionally enrolled" to attend school for physical appointments that are after the start of school. That just means the State of NH will allow them to attend school until the date of their physical exam as long as the paperwork comes into school with them the next day.

Thank you very much for your help with this.

## Maple Sugaring at HUES

Mr. Rubin, 4th Grade teacher

The days have finally become a bit longer and the snow banks have begun to shrink. This can only mean one thing for Mr. Rubin's Fourth Grade Class, and that is the maple sugaring season has come and gone.

Last month, Mr. Rubin's and Mrs. Miller's classes teamed up to experience the whole process of what it takes to turn sap into maple syrup in a month long unit of study.

The process was divided into jobs in four categories, which were rotated amongst the tap groups. First was a collector, whose job was to collect sap from the collection bucket on the tree. The collector would then dump the collection bucket into the transportation bucket, which was handled by the transporter.

It was the transporter's responsibility to bring the bucket of sap from the tree and hand it off to the measurer. The measurer would calculate how much sap was collected from their tap. The final step was to record the amount of sap. The recorder could graph the cups collected on a large graph in the fourth grade wing that was being shared by the two classes.

The final step was to boil the sap down into maple syrup, which families of the two classrooms offered their time to come in and help with.

## Ping Pong Anyone?

The P. E. program at H.U.E.S. is interested in starting a Ping Pong Unit. It would be especially nice for those times of inclement or unsuitable weather for the scheduled sport.

The table would have to be a portable one (wheels on the frame) so as to store it in the appropriate storage area. Any accessories that you may have would certainly be appreciated.

If you have one to donate or any ideas on where to get one, preferably donated, please let me know either by e-mail or phone. Thank you.

Sherry Van Oss 883-4674 [leave a message] or svanoss@verizon.net



***Students were eager to express their favorite part of being outdoors and having the job responsibilities. ...***

"My favorite part was probably collecting the sap because everyday you look forward to seeing how much sap was collected," said ***Katherine Farquhar***.

"I enjoyed going out to the tap and being able to transport the sap back to my group," said ***Ryan Hyde***.

Though there was excitement with this unit of study, there were times of disappointment and surprise.

"I'm not sure why Tap A didn't get a lot of sap when others did. Some of the trees were different like Tap D. They didn't get a lot of sap at first but then the tree started giving them a ton!" exclaimed ***Gabe Friedin***.

"I think I still had fun, even though our group didn't collect a lot of sap because it is all going into the same bucket," replied ***Derek Wider***.

Overall, students enjoyed learning together and having another classroom to work with.

"I think we really depend on each other to measure, record, and hang the bucket on the tree correctly," said ***Katie Machon***.

"I thought it was awesome! Our tap was depending on one another to put the bucket back on the spout and not to spill the sap on the way back to measure," ***James Santos*** said.

## Contributions from the Curriculum Corner

Karen Kelley and Linda Walsh

### *Literacy Day*

The Granite State Reading Council, along with Governor Lynch, is sponsoring the First NH Literacy Day on Saturday, April 12, 2008. This is a free event for families and children of all ages at Southwick School in Northfield, NH from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The theme for the day is *Clowning Around with Literacy* and there will be a circus of literacy activities in which to participate. Representatives from Squam Science Center, Audubon, NH Fish and Game, NHPTV, NH Reads and the Children's Museum of Portsmouth will provide information and activities during the morning. Other topics include: sled dogs, Kid Pop, music and literacy, books with puppets, crafts for kids and origami. Meet Elmo at the free admission table, receive a free book from Streganona, enjoy free exhibits with the Cat in the Hat and eat free healthy snacks with Big Bird. For directions visit: [www.granitestatecouncil.org](http://www.granitestatecouncil.org) and select calendar. Enjoy the day!

### *Two for One Sale*

*May 7th to May 19th*

### *Scholastic Book Fair at HUES*

*Flyer with examples of the books will be sent home May 5th and 6th*

*See you there.*



# Happenings ...

## Destination Imagination Going Global

Anat Eshed, Lori Bonnette and Marybeth Carroll, DI Coordinators

Hollis Elementary Schools Destination Imagination teams had record participation this year in all tournaments! Thirteen (13) elementary teams represented Hollis at the Nashua Regional tournament on March 15<sup>th</sup>, five (5) advanced to the State tournament at Timberlane High School in Plaistow on March 29<sup>th</sup> and three (3) teams will go on to Global Finals, which will be held in May in Knoxville, TN.

The following 5 teams participated in the DI state tournament:

### **Switch** - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Ian Anderson  
Bryn Carroll  
Ellie Caswell  
Becky Ford  
Killian Pfeiffer  
Leah Cummings



### **Hit or Myth** - 4<sup>th</sup> place – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Matthew Bonnette  
Sydney Brackett  
Gabe Friedin  
Shaye Jefferies  
Brinton MacDonald  
Tyler O'Brien  
Peter Traver



The following 3 teams will be going to Global Competition in Knoxville, TN.

### **Switch** - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Amit Eshed  
Jack MacLeod  
Abby Rogers  
Jenna Swabowicz  
Patrick Whalen



### **DI've Got A Secret** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Noam Eshed  
Mandy Graves  
Sydney MacLeod  
Lily Steiner  
Shea Whalen



### **Hit or Myth** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Alex Baryiames  
Mandy Kabel  
Charlotte Lang  
Evan Moloney  
Constance Moore  
Tyler Pepin  
Nathan Rogers



This is an outstanding achievement! *No other school system in NH is sending such a high number of teams to Global Finals this year.* We have twenty two (22) students from HPS, HUES and HBMS going Globals! This is like sending a whole classroom! One of the reasons for such strong participation is the desire to bring high quality enrichment activities to the students. Teams from all 50 states and over 20 countries will be participating in Global Finals this year.

Getting to go to Global Finals puts a new challenge in front of any team: raising funds. This year, registration alone for each team is \$4,000. This does not include any transport of props, costumes and scenery, or any travel and accommodation expenses.

In true DI teamwork spirit, all Hollis Global DI parents are working together as a team to coordinate fund raising efforts to achieve the goal of meeting the total \$16,000 required to register our four teams (including the middle school team).

Here are some ways you can help our teams represent the schools:

1. Buy the green “notes to school” now! Write your check for \$5 per notepad to Hollis PTA attn: DI
2. Make a direct donation: make your check to Hollis PTA attn: DI and send it to HPS or HUES in an envelope marked Hollis PTA/DI
3. Look for Hollis DI kids in their blue tie-die shirts around town, at Dunkin Donuts on April 12<sup>th</sup>, at the transfer station selling raffle tickets on April 12<sup>th</sup>, more activities will be announced as plans develop
4. We are also looking for corporate sponsorship. Please contact Anat Eshed (465-9046) or Krista Whalen (465-6827) for details.

Some DI participants will be helping at a ‘Try DI’ event at HUES, where students will have the opportunity during lunch recess to experience an Instant Challenge. Please have your child listen during morning announcements for the days/times for their grade level.

Destination Imagination is a program based on creative problem solving and teamwork. The program is open to all students. There are no tryouts for DI – participation is only limited by the number of adult volunteers available to manage a team. Students learn group problem solving strategies, goal setting and achievement and public speaking. Many challenges offer opportunities for research in the areas of science and engineering as well. There are very few extra curricular opportunities at an elementary & middle school level that provide a forum for the development of these types of life skills.

We want are thankful for all of the support of the students, parents, teachers, administration and members of the community who make the DI program possible.

## MATHCOUNTS at HUES

Vani Thilagar

**MATHCOUNTS®** ([www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org)) is a national math enrichment, coaching & competition program that promotes middle school (Gr 6- 8) mathematics achievement in every U.S. state & territory. Top students advance to the state, & ultimately national level. MATHCOUNTS challenges students’ math skills, develops their self-confidence & rewards them for their achievements.

Ten 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from HUES participated in MATHCOUNTS this year. They were **Lindsey Beauregard, Reagan Burns, Emily Choate, Alex Claire, Noam Eshed, Ryan LeCours, Christian Parenteau, Anish Thilagar, Jack Tyler and Evin Ugur.**

Practices were intense during the month of January, when they met for an average of 5 hours a week on Thursdays and Saturdays at HUES as well as at the Hollis Social Library. The coaching sessions were conducted with the help of **Lasya Thilagar** who represented the state of NH in MATHCOUNTS last year.

The mathletes first competed in the Chapter competition that was held at Bedford High School on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team was **placed 8<sup>th</sup>** among the 13 schools. Noting that they competed against 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the area – this was a major achievement. **Anish Thilagar placed 5<sup>th</sup>** in the written round and was selected to move onto the State competition in March. The next highest scorers **Ryan LeCours, Emily Choate and Noam Eshed** were invited to participate as alternates at the State contest.

The State competitions were held in Plymouth State University on March 29<sup>th</sup>. **Anish Thilagar placed 11<sup>th</sup>** in the written rounds and was selected to participate in the oral countdown round. In this part of the contest Anish was **placed 4<sup>th</sup>** and awarded a trophy.

As Middle School level Math competitions go – MATHCOUNTS is of the longest duration. The **Sprint Round** (40 minutes) consists of 30 problems. This round tests accuracy, with time being such that only the most capable students will complete all of the problems. **Calculators are not permitted.**

The **Target Round** (approximately 30 minutes) consists of eight problems presented to competitors in four pairs (6 minutes per pair). This round features multi-step problems that engage Mathletes in mathematical reasoning and problem-solving processes. **Problems assume the use of calculators.**

The **Team Round** (20 minutes) consists of 10 problems that team members work together to solve. Team member interaction is permitted and encouraged. **Problems assume the use of calculators.**

The **Countdown Round** is a fast-paced, oral competition for top-scoring individuals (based on scores in the Sprint and Target Rounds). In this round, pairs of Mathletes compete against each other and the clock to solve problems. **Calculators are not permitted.**

All the 10 students have to be commended heartily for taking on this very challenging contest and participating as a team. Their enthusiasm was contagious and the energy and thirst for knowledge was immeasurable. Way to go Mathletes!!! We are all very proud of you and we are confident this will help you get ahead in Middle School.

### Volunteers Needed

*The PTA is currently seeking 5-6 volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the Executive Board for the 2008-2009 school year. If you are interested in serving on this committee or obtaining more information about it, please contact ...*

*Deanne Martin at 465-6129 or [deannem@charter.net](mailto:deannem@charter.net)*

# Math Olympiad News

Anat Eshed

Hollis Mastermind Math Olympiad team has completed all five international contests. Congratulations to the 60 students who participated in the program this year!

Top scorers for the 5<sup>th</sup> contest, held on March 13<sup>th</sup> are:

4<sup>th</sup> grade

*Nick Prunier, Farhat Adin* – 2 points

5<sup>th</sup> grade

*Samantha Couture* – 5 points

*Matt Falcone, Stephanie Guineau* – 4 points

6<sup>th</sup> grade

*Noam Eshed, Anish Thilagar* – 5 points

*Emma Newton, Emily Choate, Reagan Burns* – 4 points

## Try at home the problems from contest 5

1. A total of 20 marbles are placed into 5 cups. Each cup has a different number of marbles. No cup has exactly 4 marbles, and no cup is empty. What is the greatest number of marbles that any one cup can have?
2. Aidan writes the counting numbers in order. In row 1, he writes the first number. In row 2 he writes the next two numbers, and so on as shown below. What is the thirteenth number in Row 16?

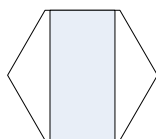
Row 1:           1  
Row 2:           2  3  
Row 3:           4  5  6                   ..... *and so on*

**Challenge:** can you solve it without writing all the numbers in all rows?

Hint: Find a pattern!

3. Joshua has more than 250 toy soldiers. When he tries to arrange them in rows of 3, there are 2 left over. When he tries to arrange them in rows of 5, there are 2 left over. When he tries to arrange them in rows of 7, there are 2 left over. What is the least number of toy soldiers Joshua may have?
4. The figure shows a regular hexagon: all 6 sides are congruent to each other. The area of the shaded rectangular region is 60 sq cm. What is the area of the hexagon, in sq cm?

Hint: Draw the diagonals



5. In the sequence below, we add any two consecutive entries to get the very next entry. The last two entries are 37 and 60 in that order. The first entry is 4. How many entries are in this sequence in all?

4, .....,    , 37, 60

*Math Olympiad will conclude this year with an end of year award ceremony on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend with your Olympians.*

*\*\*\*Information about next year's Math Olympiad will be published at a later date.\*\*\**

## *Year End Results...*

After completing all 5 international contests, with 25 points possible, we have our overall winners for this year's Math Olympiad:

### *Grade 4*

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Jack Barbour, 12 points

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Matthew Bonnette, 10 points

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Cameron Jackson and Jack Kearns, 9 points

### *Grade 5*

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Samantha Couture, 17 points

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Matt Falcone, 16 points

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Mandy Kabel, 14 points

### *Grade 6*

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Anish Thilagar, 23 points

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Noam Eshed, 22 points

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Emma Newton, 20 points

Official awards, such as team's awards, international placement individual awards and statistics of problems solved, will be published later on this year by Math Olympiad.

## **Hollis-Brookline Community Night with the Nashua Pride**

***June 21, 2008 at 7:05pm!***

We have organized a community night with the Nashua Pride that all of the Hollis and Brookline schools will be participating in. This will be a great opportunity for your entire family to enjoy a local professional baseball game in the company of family, friends and neighbors! Watch for ticket order forms to be sent home at the end of the month. A portion of proceeds from each ticket will be provided to Destination Imagination to help defray the expenses of going to Globals.

***Save the Date:***

***June 21, 2008!***



## **Pizza Night is May 20th – Save the Date !!!**

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Pizza Night is a tradition the children of Hollis look forward to all year long and this year is no exception! Plans are underway to make this year's event a fun-filled community celebration.

Volunteers are working hard to bring new ideas to Pizza Night such as structured activities for the children during the event. We want everyone to have a safe, fun and enjoyable evening!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and bring your whole family to Alpine Grove for one of the two seatings: 4:45 – 6:00pm or 6:30 – 7:45pm.

Please contact Stacie DeJoie at 465-2065 or stacie.dejoie@hp.com if you would like to help with event preparation or serving at one of the seatings.

## **Thank You to All PTA Volunteers!**

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National Volunteer Week begins its celebration on April 27, 2008. The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers, including all parents and teachers, who have given so generously of their time and energy to support our children in such significant ways. Our school community is truly fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals committed to volunteerism!

## **Save your HOOD lids**

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Collect caps from Hood® LightBlock Milk Bottles® and help our school earn some extra cash. Just drop off your CLEANED Hood milk lids at school through October 2008.

Need more incentive ... The school with the most caps wins a visit from a Boston Red Sox Player!

## **Staff Appreciation Committee**

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Plans are underway to recognize all the great efforts of the entire Hollis Primary School and Hollis Upper Elementary Schools Staff and we need more help! If you would like to be involved on the committee to support and recognized Teachers, Administrators and the entire staff, please contact Marybeth Carroll at mbc Carroll@charter.net or 465-3016

## **PTA Wishlist ...**

### ***Baskets Wanted***

Are you looking for ways to use your old baskets?? Consider donating them to the PTA. We are currently looking for baskets of all sizes to fill for raffle prizes. If you have any baskets that you would like to see recycled please drop them off at either HPS or HUES in the designated boxes at the front offices.

***Next PTA General Membership Meeting ...***

***May 13 at 7 p.m.***

***HUES Loft***

***Everyone is Welcome!***

## **Feel a little better about the money you spend on groceries**

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***Save your Shaw's receipts, and send them in to the schools in an envelope marked "PTA - Shaw's receipts". The PTA receives 1% of all qualifying purchases.***



## **A Great Year at HPS For the Jump Rope for Heart**

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*Mr. Olszewski, Physical Education Teacher*

### ***A Special Thank You to our HPS Second and Third Grades!***

During the week of March 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> Hollis Primary School second and third graders participated in our Annual American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart. Every student engaged in exercise, by jumping rope in Physical Education class. In the past this event has involved third graders at HPS. In the past third grade students have participated in this fundraiser. This year marked the first time that second grade joined them in this fundraiser, and it really showed in our fundraising results. We shattered our old record of \$3600 by raising \$6200 for the American Heart Association with over 90 students involved in fundraising! In addition to this, HPS receives free physical education equipment from the US Games Corporation! Thank you to the parents and students for all their generosity and hard work.

# *Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you*

Thank you to our generous family sponsors.

**Gold** sponsor, Stephen and Jill Berry & Family. **Silver** sponsors, Frank and Gudrun Pfeiffer & Family, Mark and Ellen Hyde. **Bronze** sponsors, Chuck and Susan Benz, Franco and Gina Castagliuolo & Family, The Segnstaken/Snow Family, Brian and Deb Leclerc & Family, Taylor and Susan Caswell & Family, Stephen and Laurel Lang & Family, The McCaffery Family, Will and Linda Mack & Family, Christopher and Christine McQuilkin & Family, James and Patricia Hillsgrove & Family, Nora Miller's Family, and The White Family. **Supporters**, Jon and Lisa Scott & Family, Xiuhua Zhang, William and Jennifer Farquhar & Family, Sean and Tracy Moore & Family, Stephen and Lisa Schmalz & Family, Bryan and Kara Tulley & Family, Michael and Deborah Tighe & Family, The Great Team – DI and Craig and Kelly Weimer & Family.

The list of business and families who supported the effort through fabulous donations was absolutely incredible. Thanks to each and every one of you.

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Elizabeth & Pat DeGroot  
Extra Innings - Nashua  
Fifth Grade Teachers  
First Grade Teachers  
Fischelli, Beach and Brar  
Foodees  
Forrest Family  
Fourth Grade Teachers  
Frederick's Pastries  
Fresh Ideas for your Home  
Fresh Start Designs  
Giorgio's Italian Eatery  
Gold's Gym  
Golf USA  
Goodale's Bike Shop  
Governor John H. Lynch  
Green Stuff, Inc.  
GreeNHouse Naturopathic Medicine, LLC  
Gurney's Automotive  
Hampshire Hills Sports & Fitness Club  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON USA  
Harvest Market  
HBHS Boys Varsity Tennis Team  
HBHS Girls Varsity Volley Ball Team  
HBHS Varsity Spirit Squad  
HBHS Varsity Girls Soccer Team  
Heather Nelson  
Hobbytown USA Nashua  
Holiday Inn Washington-Capital  
Hollis Auto  
Hollis Elementary 3 year old Preschool class  
Hollis Elementary 4 year old Preschool class  
Hollis Grain and Hardware  
Hollis Hair Design  
Hollis Landscape Materials  
Hollis Police / Hollis Chief Russell Ux  
Hollis School Administrators  
Hollis Upper Elementary School  
Hollis Veterinary Hospital  
Hollis Woman's Club  
Hollis Yoga  
Home Depot  
Houle Family  
Ikebana Flowers  
In The Net Soccer Academy  
Innovations Salon and Spa  
J. Beaners  
J. Bella Salon

# *Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you*

Jessica Bladd Palmer  
Jo-Anne Naugbler  
Joey's Diner  
John A. Watson  
John Lehoullier/ReMax Properties  
Judy Schibanoff  
Jump On In  
Junz of Nashua  
Kalil and Kress  
Karen Cerato, Reiki Master  
Kathleen Farwell Massage  
Ken Jones Ski Mart  
Kirsi Mazzola- Hollis Photographer  
Leda's Light House  
Leslie Russell - Art  
Lillian Babcock  
Longhorn Steak House  
Loon Mountain, Gravity's Playground  
Lorden Oil Company  
Loving Volvo of Nashua  
Loves  
Lunar Rocket & Rover Company  
Lynda Howard  
Mack Hill Riding Academy  
Mad Science  
Mahfuz and Son's Rug Gallery, Inc.  
Maison De L'Art  
Manchester Monarchs Hockey Club  
Margaritas Mexican Restaurant  
Margie Rowe  
Marie Bristol  
Mark Lawrence Studio Photography  
Mary Hayward Gillis and Family  
Masiello Realty - Stella Demetri  
Megan Tighe  
Michael and Lori Bonnette  
Michael and Sarah Buckley  
Michael Palmer  
Midas Auto Services Experts  
Mikata Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar  
Mike and Christine Simco  
Mike and Lisa Webb  
Mike and Karen Cerato  
Mile Away Restaurant  
Molly's Music Studio  
Moloney Family  
Monument Square Market  
Monument Square Studios LLC  
Morin's Landscaping  
Moura Family  
Mr. Olszewski  
Mrs. Gott Hart  
Mrs. Naber  
Mrs. Priscilla Levasseur

Mrs. Z  
Ms. Martel  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
Myoptic  
Nancy McHugh  
Nashua Country Club  
Nashua Pride Baseball Club  
Neil Stone Karate Academy  
New England Workplace Therapies  
New Hampshire Fisher Cats  
NH Tapestry & Framing  
Nicole Kabel  
Northern Bass Supply  
Oasis Hot Tub & Sauna  
Old Sturbridge Village  
Palace Theater  
Panera Bread  
Parker's Maple Barn  
Patricia Hillsgrove  
Pats Peak  
Paul, Jennifer & Julie Fellows  
Perry Hill Farm – Uptown Ponies  
Peter Precourt  
Peter's Auto Center  
PianiDesigns.  
Pixel Perfect Photography  
Plimoth Plantation  
Ponemah Farms  
Preschool & Kindergarten Teachers  
Pure Energy Gymnastics  
Purity Spring Resort  
Pustizzi Family  
Radford, Joel and Robin  
Ragged Mountain  
Repp, Joe and Michelle  
Richard Critz and Kristina Isakovich  
Richard Pike  
Riveria Hotel & Casino  
Sajini Shetty, DMD  
Salon Apryl  
Scontos Fine Jewelry and Home Décor  
Seasonal Specialty Stores  
Second Grade Teachers  
Senator Judd Gregg  
Senora Lindquist  
Shelly Gillis - Edward Jones Investments  
Silvia Harper  
Sir Lawnsalot  
Six Flags New England  
SKB Designs  
Ski New Hampshire  
Sled Ventures, LLC  
Sophia LaJeunesse  
Sparkle Sensations Jewelry

Staples  
Stone, Alan and Carol  
Starbucks Coffee Company  
Stevens Advanced Driver Training  
Strawbery Banke Museum  
Susan and Jeff Wider  
Tae Kwon Do Karate Club  
Tall Ship Formidable  
Terry McClellan  
Texas Roadhouse  
The Art Junction  
The Casey/Petralia & Burke Families  
The Casual Cat  
The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art  
The Hollis Elementary Kindergarten Kids  
The Law Offices of Maura Loftus, Esq.  
The Long Hill Road Women's Book Club  
The MacDonald Family  
The Mary Baker Eddy Library  
The Matt Light Foundation  
The Mixed Border  
The Shoe Box  
The Nashua Bank  
The Stocked Fridge  
The Toadstool Bookshops  
The Westin Grand Hotel, Washington, D.C.  
Third Grade Teachers  
Tim & Megan Cardin  
Time to Clay  
Todd and Beth Zingales  
Tramack Family  
Traver Family  
Turn The Tables, LLC  
Twice as Nice Consignment  
Tyngsboro Sports Center  
Uno Chicago Grill  
Vermont Teddy Bear Company  
Wachusett Mountain  
Walgreens  
Wick-It Cool Candles  
Wildcat Mountain  
Winchendon Furniture Co. Inc.  
WMUR-TV  
Wonder Blink Photography  
You You Japanese Bistro  
Zorvino Vineyards

*... and to all our generous  
bidders too!*

# Community News

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## Hollis Old Home Days

September 12 & 13 2008

### *“Keeping Traditions Alive”*

We're back, and we're "Keeping Traditions Alive". Hollis is known for its many traditions and the Old Home Days event is just one of them. Last year as you know we did not have this event, and it was missed by many. This year we are bringing back this family event but we need your help. Traditions are important to our way of life, whether it is a family tradition or the historic traditions of a town, they are a way of keeping an important aspect of our heritage alive. This two-day event brings our town together through displays celebrating our local heritage, talented artists, local organizations, and fun family entertainment. As always we will have some new events and entertainment planned for this year along with past favorites of booths, hot air balloon rides, amusements, entertainment, the parade, and our delicious chicken barbecue, and we will top off the day with an incredible fireworks display.

This year the Old Home Day Committee has brought back the popular Hollis Cookbook. This cookbook is packed with favorite recipes from the residents of Hollis. Many new dishes have been added to the traditional favorites of past cookbooks to bring you a resource for preparing meals, soups, and desserts that will surely please everyone in your family. They will be available at these local merchants, the Hollis Pharmacy, Dave's Dry Cleaners, Brookdale Farm and Lull Farm, and by emailing HollisOHD@charter.net or by calling Kat McGhee at 465-2311

If you would like to participate in the parade, please call Mark Piekarski at 465-7020.

We are looking for items for our Silent Auction. If you have an item, a service or gift certificate you would like to donate, please call Mary Anne Smith at 465-2610.

The funding for Old Home Days is from our local Hollis community. This year the Old Home Days Committee has been asked to fund the cost of the fireworks through our own budget. In past years the Town of Hollis has paid for this spectacular display. Help us keep this tradition of the event alive by sending your donation to the address below

We appreciate your financial support and thank you for any donation to help fund this local tradition. We hope to see you and your family at our celebration. If you have, any questions regarding any OHD event call David Sullivan at 465-6854 or email at HollisOHD@charter.net

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*Please detach and return to Hollis Old Home Day – P.O. Box 744 – Hollis, NH 03049*

We would like to make a financial donation to Old Home Days \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to purchase \_\_\_ BBQ tickets @ \$10 (1/2 chicken) each adults and children 12 +.

We would like to purchase \_\_\_ BBQ tickets @ \$7 (1/2 chicken) each for seniors 65+

We would like to purchase \_\_\_ BBQ tickets @ \$7 (1/4 chicken) children under 12

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to: Town of Hollis OHD*

***Hollis Old Home Days -- September 12 & 13***  
***Keeping Traditions Alive***

# News from NHPTA

## PTA Applauds Education Secretary's Pilot Program

*Submitted by Maura Loftus, Legislation & Advocacy Chair*

### ***Parent Involvement Critical to Program's Success***

National PTA applauds Secretary Spellings' creation of a differentiated accountability system pilot program under the No Child Left Behind law. The Secretary noted that not all struggling schools are alike and many states have identified a wide range of schools in need of improvement. A tiered system will allow states to target resources based on the type of interventions a school needs.

PTA appreciates the Secretary's inclusion of "timely and transparent" information to the public as one of the eligibility requirements for the pilot program. PTA believes it is imperative that parents know exactly why their child's school is failing, what the state is doing about it, and the options available to parents—presented in a very clear and understandable format and a timely manner.

Increased, meaningful and substantive engagement of parents and families is critical to the success of any school intervention. Studies have documented that regardless of the economic, ethnic, or cultural background of the family, parent and family involvement in a child's education is a major factor in determining achievement in school. Successful parent and family involvement strategies vary from region to region, school to school and this flexibility needs to be supported by the law.

PTA asks Secretary Spellings to require all interventions approved under the differentiated accountability pilot program to provide opportunities for parents to be a part of decisions affecting school improvements. Whether that involves being an integral part of developing a school's parental involvement plan or evaluating proposed changes in curriculum, parents provide an invaluable perspective and need to be included in making these decisions.

Furthermore, schools must be an essential part of a community, working cooperatively to build partnerships within the community in order for the school to be more successful. Businesses and community groups need to be engaged and gain a renewed stake in every child's education.

Adequate funding must be provided so all schools may carry out the provisions of ESEA-NCLB. Moreover, we must ensure that the focus on mathematics, reading, and, eventually, science does not cause a narrowing of the curriculum. It is important that art, music, and history not be sacrificed in the name of academic achievement in areas more amenable to standardized testing.

*Excerpt from [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)*

### **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Day**

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Day will occur on May 10th, 9 am - 3 pm at the Congregational Church next to the Hollis Social Library, down stairs. It is for girls in Kindergarten through 3rd grade who do Girl Scouts or are thinking about joining. Stay the whole day or just an hour. The girls will earn try-its, sing songs and have a teddy bear picnic with the Junior Girls Scout Group #807. For the picnic, please bring a teddy bear and a lunch from home.

***Don't miss it.***

### **Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day**

In a continuing effort to promote literacy, PTA proudly supports ***Drop Everything and Read Day***.

April 12, the birthday of beloved children's book author Beverly Cleary, has been declared National Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day! Participating in D.E.A.R. Day is a wonderful way to encourage children to read more.

Here are a few celebration suggestions for your family:

- At home, read to your children or have your children read to you. Invite family and friends to join you.
- Visit a local library, bookstore, or community center for a storytelling or poetry event.
- Donate books to a book drive, child-care center, community center, or hospital.

*Quoted from the National PTA website at [www.pta.org/local\\_leadership\\_subprogram\\_1194367984484.html](http://www.pta.org/local_leadership_subprogram_1194367984484.html)*

***Are you thinking about getting more involved at school next year?***

***PTA has many open volunteer positions. You can help as little or as much as you like.***

***Contact volunteer coordinators, Michelle Repp or Deanne Martin for more information.***

# ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Lynne Dougherty, Artist in Residence Coordinator

## Coming May 12th -16th

The guest Artist for the PTA's Artist in Residence Program for 2008 will be Textile Artist Nancy Bell. Past President of the Hannah Dustin Quilters Guild in Hudson, Mrs. Bell is recognized as an award winning quilter whose works have been exhibited locally and nationally. Her quilts have also appeared in international quilting magazines. Mrs. Bell is a trained and experienced classroom teacher and has taught quilting to both children and adults for 26 years. For the past 4 years, Mrs. Bell has also conducted workshops for the students of Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA.

Mrs. Bell will work with 5th grade students at HUES to produce 4-5 community quilts. Students will learn about color, design, recycling, tradition and the history of quilt making in New England. One of the quilts will be retained by HUES. The remaining quilts will be completed and donated to the national "Quilts of Valor" project that aims to gift a quilt to every US soldier who has been wounded in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. To date, over 4000 quilts have been made throughout the USA and donated to this project.

Parents and community members are invited and encouraged to participate in this project.

### NEEDS:

7 sewing machines and volunteers to assist with their operation during the week of May 12th -16th.

Volunteers to help with precutting fabric with rotary cutters and boards

Fabric - 100% cotton only.

Volunteer to help produce a "Power Point" presentation.

Photographer to record the process during the artist's "workshop"

For more information contact Lynne Dougherty [Ldougherty@charter.net](mailto:Ldougherty@charter.net)  
Ph: 603 465 2723

## Enjoy Great Musical Theater Locally

The Actorsingers of Nashua will be presenting the Broadway musical *Beauty and the Beast* on May 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10 at Keefe Auditorium in Nashua, NH (117 Elm Street).

This Family Musical is for people of all ages who love Broadway Musicals!

Tickets are \$12 - \$18 and are available on-line at [www.actorsingers.org](http://www.actorsingers.org) or call 320-1870 for more information.

Actorsingers is a non-profit community theater group that has been presenting award-winning musical theater in Nashua for over 50 years.



Save the Date  
for  
Pizza Night

May 20



## Newsletter Submissions

Any information/article of educational, community or special interest to the Hollis-Brookline Schools may be included within the newsletter. Requests for personal fundraisers or items for sale cannot be included. All items will be reviewed and approved by the SAU office and the administrative teams of the schools prior to publication.

**To submit an article for the newsletter, e-mail it to Silvia Harper at [silvia@sharperbooks.com](mailto:silvia@sharperbooks.com)** by the first Friday of each month. Non-school or PTA items will be included as space allows. PLEASE NO ATTACHMENTS.

Stand alone items (former attachments) must be approved by the SAU office and must be distributed using the regular Backpack Mail procedures, available at the SAU office.

Newsletters will be sent home on the second Friday of each month.

**Next deadline: May 2**

**Next newsletter: May 9**

## Mark Your Calendar ...

4/11	School Spirit Day	5/7	1st Grade Info Meeting
4/17	Early Release	5/7-19	HUES Book Fair
4/25	School Spirit Day	5/13	General PTA Meeting
4/28-5/4	Vacation - NO SCHOOL	5/20	Pizza Night
5/5	Back to School		