



The Grape Vine



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The North Haledon PTO would like to welcome our students, faculty, staff and their families back to school. Also, a big WELCOME to those students, faculty and staff new to our district! We are looking forward to working together toward a great 2011-2012 school year!



5th Grade Ice Cream Social

On Friday, September 9th, the 5th grade students attended the PTO's Annual "5th Grade Ice Cream Social." It was a fun event and a great way to welcome the new 5th grade class to High Mountain School. Many thanks to Lauren Tumminia, Beth DeVries, Cathie Havlin, Kathy Gleason, Lauren Primavera, Tina Targia, Maureen Kurzynski, Kristen McAlevey, Sue Inturrisi, Jodi Fitzsimons, Patti Furst, Maria Letizia, Rosa Tandurella and Barb VanderWiele who helped during this event. The kids were treated to vanilla and chocolate ice cream, sprinkles, syrup and whipped cream.

The keepsake banner from this event, which was signed by the 5th grade students, will be displayed in the 5th Grade wing of the school.

Because many of the 5th grade students did not attend the event, a second ice cream social will be held on **Friday, September 16th** after school in the cafeteria. All 5th grade students are invited to attend.

*Carol White & Laurie Harding
5th Grade Ice Cream Social Chairpersons*

PTO Chair Volunteers Needed

The NHPTO is still in need of volunteers to Chair the following committees: Teacher Appreciation Week, Spring Fundraiser, and Career Day. **Don't do it alone, co-chair with a friend!** If you are interested please contact Karen Nurminen at nurminen@optonline.net

The Grape Vine, a North Haledon PTO publication, is posted weekly on the school website, and is a great way to get the word out to parents on PTO, school and community news that pertains directly to our children. Submissions MUST be in writing and submitted via email to **NHPTOgrapevine@yahoo.com** by midnight each Tuesday for that week's Thursday edition OR submit hard copy articles to your school office before 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday. Content is at the discretion of the Editor and the PTO President. Contact Cindy Aukamp, Editor at **nhtptograpevine@yahoo.com** or 201-873-4758.

Picture Day is Wednesday

Students at both Memorial School and High Mountain School will have their pictures taken on **Wednesday, September 21st**. Picture order forms were sent home last week with your child.

Class Captains/Class Parents

Following the Grape Vine you will find the 2011-2012 Class Captains/Class Parents for grades Pre-K through 8th. The PTO would like to thank all those who volunteered.

The annual Class Parent/Committee Chair Tea will be held in early October after the first PTO meeting. Please look for your invitation soon.

If you have any questions, please contact the respective School Coordinator.

Memorial School: *Cathie Havlin*
High Mountain School: *Alma Zollo*

PTO Meeting Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Following is a list of the North Haledon PTO meeting dates for the 2011-2012 school year, which will be held in the all purpose room at HMS at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Monday, October 3, 2011

Monday, November 7, 2011

Monday, December 5, 2011 *at Memorial School*

Monday, January 9, 2012 *(snow date 1/16/12)*

Monday, February 6, 2012 *at Memorial School
(snow date 2/13/12)*

Monday, March 5, 2012 *(snow date 3/12/12)*

Monday, April 2, 2012

Monday, May 7, 2012

Monday June 4, 2012

NORTH HALEDON PTO



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



8th Grade Class of 2012 KidStuff Fundraiser

The valuable, family-friendly KidStuff Coupon Books, sent home last week, are being sold through **September 23rd**. The cost of the book is only \$25 and the eighth grade earns \$12.50 - a 50% return on each book sold! Also, your family can earn one FREE book for every 5 books you sell!

Use just a few coupons and save more than the cost of the book! You will enjoy great savings from Shop Rite, Kohl's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Payless ShoeSource, Modell's, Barns & Noble and more.

KidStuff Coupon Books make great gifts too!

Please return payment and orders by Friday, September 23rd. You can contact Patti Morreale 973-423-2188 or Wendy Purcell 973-238-0258 with any questions.

Memorial School Playground



The Memorial School Playground had its official opening day on Monday, September 12th.

More than 60 members of the community came out on Saturday, August 13th to make "the build" a huge success; some of those volunteers staying for 12 hours! We'd like to thank everyone for their support. Maybe you spent your entire day in the sun building our playground from the ground up. Perhaps you baked cookies or passed out Italian ices. Or maybe you couldn't be there, but you sent a loved one or donated something to help those who were there. Either way, we just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped, both behind the scenes and right in the forefront. Certainly, this could not have happened without a tremendous strength in school and community! What a wonderful example to show our children that great things happen when teamwork is involved. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on a date to be announced.

Tina Rowe and Karen Nurminen



Safety Town, sponsored by the PTO and run by Mrs. Stacey Dougherty, took place the week of August 15th. An

estimated 50 incoming kindergarteners attended. Representatives from the NH police, NH fire department and the Passaic County K-9 unit helped the children learn about fire safety, pedestrian safety, stranger safety, and what to do in case of an emergency. The students also learned about bus safety while taking a short trip around North Haledon; and were visited by Lickerish the clown.

Thanks so much to Mrs. Dougherty for organizing this very worthwhile program for our kindergarteners, to all the representatives from the various local departments, and to all the volunteers who helped make this such a positive learning experience for the children.

8th Grade Corner

Important Note: Picture Day is September 21st. Please be aware, that whether or not you plan on purchasing photos, your child's picture will be taken and the picture will be used as his/her yearbook photo. Have your son/daughter keep this in mind when they are getting reading for school that morning, and to dress accordingly.

Take a look at the "8th Grade Corner" weekly for important updates on 8th Grade Activities.

*The 8th Grade Activities Committee
Jeanine Fondacaro, Gina Stanziale, Alma Zollo*

Bowling Registration



If you are interested in NH Rec. Bowling, registration for this year will be held on

Friday, September 23rd 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 24th 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, October 1st 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

Registration fee is \$25 and is open to North Haledon children Kindergarten through 8th grade. For more information contact Laureen Vespoli at 973-304-0575.

To be sure you receive information regarding our Fall bowling season, sign-up to be on our mailing list by sending an email to NHBowling@hotmail.com.



VERY REMINDERS

6th GRADE STUDENTS

There are **2 Immunizations REQUIRED** to enter Grade 6. The 2 Immunizations are: Tdap & Meningococcal.

Tdap: For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. A Child does not need a Tdap dose until FIVE years after the last DTP/DTap or TD dose.

Meningococcal: For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. ****Please note: This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age.**

5th GRADE STUDENTS

Current physical form must be completed for GRADE 5 (school form was sent home with your child in June; your doctor's universal form will also be accepted). You may mail or have your child bring the physical form to the HMS health office.

Your cooperation regarding these reminders is greatly appreciated!!

Lori Romeo, RN, CSN.

North Haledon Library

Following *The Grape Vine* is the North Haledon Free Public Library's September Newsletter listing all the great programs available to you and your children at the library. Take a look.



A Message from the PTO President

September 2011

Welcome Back!

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Michele Verrone Manning and I have lived in this town almost my entire life. I have gone through both Memorial and High Mountain Schools and feel very privileged to be the new President of the PTO for the 2011-2012 school year. I have always believed in the community of North Haledon. I played NH Rec Sports while growing up and was a referee for NH soccer for ten years. I have been a Class Mom, a Class Captain, Coach and also participate on the Board of Recreation. I love this town and all the people that make it a great community. I guess that's why many of my fellow classmates came back to raise their own children here as well.

For me personally, this is a year of new beginnings. We have a new Principal at Memorial School, a new Vice Principal at High Mountain, a new playground, a new PTO Board and hopefully a renewed sense of community for ALL.

I hope that you are as excited as I am about the changes that lie ahead in the new school year and that you will decide to not only to join the PTO, but become an active, vital member. Together, with our teaching staff and administration, we will strive to accomplish great things for our school, always putting the interests of our children first.

Some important dates I would like to share with you are Thursday, September 22nd at Memorial School we will be hosting our first "Meet and Greet" from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This started out as something that we wanted to gear towards the new kindergarten class and new parents to the district and then I thought to myself that I would bet my right arm that many of you do not know all the people who touch our children's lives from kindergarten through 8th grade...this is your opportunity! I promise NO speeches and you can come and go as you please but I strongly encourage you to make an appearance. Representatives from the following groups will be there:

*The NHPTO Board • NH Board of education
North Haledon Education Foundation • Our School Administration
D.A.R.E • Board of Recreation • The Teachers Association*

Lastly, our first PTO Meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd at HMS at 7:00 pm. I look forward to meeting many new families! I hope to see YOU there.

Sincerely,

Michele Verrone Manning
North Haledon PTO President

Memorial School and High Mountain School 2011-2012 CLASS CAPTAINS and CLASS PARENTS List

Miss Kocevski's Captain **Sandi Pelar**

Mrs. Scully's Captain **Susan Gorga**

Preschool Classes **Vicki Conklin**

Mrs. Ahlstrom AM and PM

Kindergarten Captain **Giselle Micchio**

Miss Cirello..... Mia Rizvani and Jennifer Puskas

Mrs. Doll Michelle Melone and Mona Cacciola

Mrs. Peschel..... Tracey Merlino and Felicia Parks

Ms. Van Horn Debbie Liga and Nancy Spalt

1st Grade Captain: **Jessica Tomassi**

Miss Reily Marie Padula and Barbara Porcelli

Mrs. Bradford..... Maureen Kurzynski and Nadyne Averso

Mrs. DeStaso..... Tina Rowe and Diana Mecionis

2nd Grade Captain: **Michele Dockray**

Miss Blasford..... Kim Checinski and Lisa Antropow

Mrs. Cioletti Gini Panzera and Tina Targia

Mrs. Weinstein..... Lilian Valentine and Maria Letizia

3rd Grade Captain: **Jackie Roscio**

Mrs. Rough..... Vicki Conklin and Tanya Moore

Mrs. Dougherty..... Rosa Maria Nativo and Rosa Tandurella

Mrs. Caruso..... Cyndi Cavagnaro and Gina Graziano

4th Grade Captain: **Pam Rajkowski**

Mrs. Jones..... Christina Carrozza and Janelle Feather

Mrs. Coscia Lisa Lombardo and Carmelina Tirri-Haramis

Mrs. Tinari Sue Andres and Danielle Mete

Mrs. Metzler..... Kathy Behnke and Cathy Federico

5th Grade Captain: **Lauren Primavera**

Ms. Lyon..... Kathy Gleason and Kristen McAlevy

Ms. Pagano Patty Furst and Lauren Tumminia

Ms. Zisa..... Sue Inturrisi and Carol White

6th Grade Captain: **Jeanne Fondacaro**

Ms. Depetro..... Patty Chmiel and Melissa Markham

Ms. McLaughlin AimeEspie and Peggy Holbritter

Mr. Onove..... Elizabeth Buck and Francesca Leonetti

Ms. Talarico..... Sheryl Cupo and Kathy Spinnler

7th Grade Captain: **Cathie Havlin**

Ms. Del Vecchio Carol Ajami and Donna Napolitano

Ms. Dooner..... Kim Hewitt and Maria Sole

Ms. VandeVeire..... Marcela Dooley and Debbie Fitzsimmons

8th Grade Captain: **Alma Zollo**

Ms. Ash Maria Gretkowski and Nancy McElrone

Ms. Gorga..... Claire Kiel and Wendy Purcell

Mr. Lurie Nancy Kough and Patty Lozito

School Coordinators:

Memorial School – Cathie Havlin 973-427-9107 cbhavlin@aol.com

High Mountain School – Alma Zollo 973-427-0456 almaz@optonline.net.

NORTH HALEDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Programs and Activities in September 2011



Registration for the following programs and activities is underway.

The **Friends of the Library Executive Board** will meet Tuesday, September 20th at 1:30 p.m. All members of Friends are welcome to attend.



The **Readers Kaffeeklatsch** book club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. *Someone Knows My Name* by Lawrence Hill will be discussed at the September 21st meeting.



Crafty Ladies Nite Out will be held Thursday, September 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to come and make a craft to celebrate the arrival of Fall. Sponsored by Friends, this workshop is free to members. Registration fee for non-members is \$5.00.



The Friends of the Library hosts a **Socrates Café** discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. The next meeting will be held on September 27th.

Fall Story Time for borough children will be held on Wednesdays beginning September 28th. Two-year olds (and a caregiver) are invited to participate in the 10:15-11:00 a.m. session; three to five-year olds are invited to attend the 1:15-2:00 p.m. session. In-person registration for Story Time begins September 7th. *Proof of residency is required!*



Fall Computer Workshops for adults will be held on Thursdays beginning September 29th at 7:30 p.m. Workshops are free for members of Friends of the Library. The fee for non-members is \$20.00 per workshop. Ask for the schedule!

Family Night at the Library, a series of evening programs for borough families with children, will resume on October 5th. Steve Woyce will present *Magic, Myth & Monsters*, a fun-filled, exciting (but not scary) Halloween themed magic show at 7:00 p.m. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is recommended for families with children in grades K & up.



For more information, call 973-427-6213, ext. 4.

