



The Grape Vine



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You are cordially invited to the first annual "Meet & Greet"

A collaborative effort of representatives from various groups in our schools and community; this is sure to be an enjoyable evening.

**TONIGHT...Thursday, September 22, 2011
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Memorial School Cafeteria

Come meet the people who enrich our children's lives from K through 8th grade and beyond. Gather information, or just stop by to say "Hi"

Parent Teacher Organization

*N.H. Education Foundation, N.H. Board of Education
Teacher Association, N.H. Recreation Department
N.H. School Administration, and D.A.R.E. Officers*



8th Grade Class of 2012 KidStuff Fundraiser

If you do not want to purchase the KidStuff Coupon Book sent home with your child on the first day of school, please return it to school. If you wish to purchase it, keep the book and send \$25 into school with your child. If you wish to order additional books, please complete order form and send it into school, with payment. **All books, orders and payments are due back to school Friday, September 23rd.**

If you have any questions, contact Patti Morreale 973-423-2188 or Wendy Purcell 973-238-0258.

PTO Family Directory

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In the meantime, YOUR information is needed for the directory. Whether you want to be in the directory or not, please complete the form following the Grape Vine, email addresses are essential, and return it to school by **Thursday, September 29th.**

PTO Chair Volunteers Needed

The NHPTO is still in need of volunteers to Chair the following committees: Career Day - a very informative day for the HMS students, various Tricky Tray sub-committees, and Parents' Night Out. **Don't do it alone, co-chair with a friend!** If you are interested please contact Karen Nurminen at nurminen@optonline.net.

1st PTO Meeting of the Year

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The first PTO meeting of the school year is **Monday, October 3rd**, 7:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room at High Mountain School.

Become A PTO Member

If you haven't done so already, become a member of the PTO and be a part of all we do for our children. All you have to do is complete the membership form and send it into school with fee of \$5 per member, or deliver it personally at our first meeting. Forms were sent home, but can also be found following the Grape Vine.

Committee Chairs, Class

Captains and Class Parent Tea

PTO Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, along with Class Captains/Parents are invited to a **Tea Party...**

when: **Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

where: **High Mountain School
all-purpose room**

time: **7:00 p.m.**



At this time you will receive class and/or committee information. If you cannot attend please contact Karen Nurminen via email nurminen@optonline.net or cell 201-317-9863. See Committee Chairperson list on pages following the Grape Vine.

NORTH HALEDON PTO



Fall Fundraiser

We have extended our sale!

Fall Fundraiser orders are now due October 7th!

Please help the PTO fund many of our ongoing projects! No order is too small! The catalog has great gift ideas and beautiful gift wrap! Why not get a head start on your holiday shopping and support our schools as well!

Return the top three copies of the order form along with your checks made payable to "North Haledon PTO" **by Friday, October 7th**. Your items will be delivered approximately four weeks after we submit the order. Please contact Nadyne Averso at 973-427-3257 with any questions.

Thanks for your support!

Attention Parents

Help Needed in HMS Library

Mrs. Nordyk is looking for a few parents who are willing and able to volunteer their time in the High Mountain School Library.

Help is needed checking books in, as well as shelving, covering, and processing books and magazines. No experience required (but it would help!), and any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Various time slots are available. To contact Mrs. Nordyk, please call the office 973-427-1220 or send an email lnordyk@nhschools.net. *Thank you!*

Bowling Registration

If you are interested in NH Rec. Bowling, registration for the Fall season 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 Lauren 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.



School Picture Retakes

If your child(ren) missed having his/her school picture taken on 9/21, a retake date has been tentatively scheduled for **Friday, November 4th**. A reminder will go out as the date gets closer.

8th Grade Corner

Fundraising has begun for the Class of 2012. KidStuff books are still available. 50/50 tickets are now on sale. Each ticket is \$1.00 or a book of 5 for \$5.00. Our Yankee Candle launch will be at the beginning of October. Your support is very much appreciated.

Parent contribution letters are being sent home this week. Please look for this very important document in your child's backpack.

If you would like to help in the planning of all the 8th grade activities, please join us at our next 8th grade parent meeting Monday, October 24th, 7:30 p.m. in the all purpose room at HMS. We hope to see you there!

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

Helpful Resources from the HMS Librarian



Dear High Mountain School Parents,

As we start the school year I wanted to let you know about some great places to find information.

Through a generous grant from The North Haledon Education Foundation you can access World Book, a wonderful resource to do research from home or school;

*Log on to: <http://www.worldbookonline.com>
login: northhaledon
password: nhschools*

To use EBSCO Databases made available from the North Jersey Library Consortium;

*Log on to: <http://search.ebscohost.com>
ID: highmountain
password: password*

To talk to a "live" librarian (available 24/7):

*Log on to: <http://qandanj.org/>
(Provided by the NJ State Library)*

Also, as many teachers include useful links on their web pages, go to <http://www.nhschools.net> and link to the North Haledon School website!

*Have a great year!
Mrs. Nordyk
HMS Librarian*

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 201-873-4758 or nhptograpevine@yahoo.com.



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



NORTH HALEDON PTO

Michele Manning, President
Karen Nurminen, Vice President
Jacki Roscio, Treasurer
Gini Panzera, Recording Secretary
Kim Checinski, Corresponding Secretary
Loredana Jimenez, 8th Grade Treasurer

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the North Haledon PTO, I want to personally invite you to become a member of our organization for the 2011-2012 school year.

We hope that you are as excited as we are about the changes that lie ahead in the new school year and that you will decide to not only join the PTO, but become an active, vital member. As a member, you can attend monthly meetings, participate in open discussions, vote on important decisions/issues, and get involved in the various events the PTO sponsors. 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.

Membership is open to everyone at a cost of \$5.00 per adult.

Sincerely,

Michele Verrone Manning

North Haledon PTO President

Please fill out and return the bottom portion of this form by September 23rd including the yearly membership dues of \$5.00 per adult. Checks can be made payable to NHPTO. Please address the envelope "Attn: PTO Membership."

**North Haledon PTO Membership
2011-2012**

Member Name _____ Ph # _____

Member Name _____ Ph # _____

Please list all students in Memorial and High Mountain School:

Name _____ Grade & Teacher _____

Name _____ Grade & Teacher _____

Name _____ Grade & Teacher _____

Name _____ Grade & Teacher _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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North Haledon PTO Family Directory 2011-2012

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Thank you,

Cindy Aukamp

PTO Family Directory Chairperson
201-873-4758 or cindywa89@yahoo.com

Return to school, PTO DIRECTORY - Cindy Aukamp, by Thursday, September 29th

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

- YES**, include my family in the directory
- NO**, do not include my family in the directory (please provide student name(s), sign and date)

Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



North Haledon PTO 2011-2012 Committee Chairperson List

Committee Name	Chairperson/Co-chairs
4th Grade Move Up -	Sue Andres - Janelle Feather, Pam Rajkowski
5th Grade D.A.R.E program -	Laurie Harding and Carol White
5th Grade Ice Cream Social -	Laurie Harding and Carol White
8th Grade Activities	Jeanine Fondacaro, Gina Stanziale, Alma Zollo Treasurer - Loredana Jimenez
Board of Education Meetings	Michelle Melone
Book Fair -	Lauren Primavera and Michelle Melone
Career Day - <i>May 2012 TBD</i>	
Copy Team	Lilian Valentine
End of Year Ice Cream Party -	Pam Rajkowski
Fall Fundraiser - <i>9/9/11-9/29/11</i>	Nadyne Averso
Family Fun Night/Faculty Volleyball - <i>Jan. 2012 TBD</i>	Alma Zollo
Family Fun Night/Ice Skating - <i>April 2012 TBD</i>	Jennifer Puskas
Field Day/Memorial School -	Vicki Conklin and Beth DeVries
Field Day/High Mountain School - <i>June 2012 TBD</i>	HMS Faculty
Fingerprinting (<i>Spring 2012</i>)	Cathie Havlin and Amie Espie
Gold Buying Fundraiser -	Phyllis Gelin
Grape Vine Newsletter	Cindy Aukamp
Halloween Party/Trunk or Treat -	Kim Checinski
Holiday Guessing Contests (<i>December & April</i>)	Carol Ajami and Beth Farrow
Holiday Shop -	Elizabeth House - Jessica Tomasi, Maree Padula
Hospitality	Elizabeth House
Kindergarten Screening/Orientation	Nadyne Averso
Kindergarten Carnival -	Wendy Sutton - Class Captains and Class Moms
Lip Sync/High Mountain School -	Sue Andres, Peggy Holbritter, Alma Zollo
Membership	Jackie Roscio
Parents' Night Out - <i>date and event TBD</i>	
Playground for Memorial	Tina Rowe
Safety Town - <i>one week in August 2012</i>	Mrs. Dougherty
School Coordinator HMS	Alma Zollo
School Coordinator MS	Cathie Havlin
School Directory	Cindy Aukamp
School Photos	Gini Panzera
School "Spirit Wear"	School website... www.nhschools.net
Sign Committee	Tawyna Stojakovic
Sunshine	Kathy Spinnler and Sue Andres
squawBrook Concert	
Talent Show/Memorial School -	Sue Andres
Teacher Appreciation Week -	Peggy Holbritter and Barbara VanderWiele
Tricky Tray Team -	Jessica Tomasi various subcommittee chairs
Walk-a-thon/Memorial School -	Sue Andres

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 Tomasi**

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.

