



The Grape Vine



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Back By Popular Demand



The PTO is selling **smencils**. You'll find a huge selection, including Halloween scents, on sale at Monday's PTO meeting.

First Annual "Meet & Greet"

Last week the First Annual "Meet & Greet" took place at Memorial School. The evening provided parents with an opportunity to find out more about the various school and community groups that work on behalf of our children.

Whether you are a new parent to the school district, or a parent who has been around a while, this was a great time to meet representatives from North Haledon's PTO, Board of Education, Education Foundation Teacher Association, Recreation Department, School Administration, as well as officers from the D.A.R.E. program in a casual setting to ask questions and get information about the various programs and events each group organizes throughout the year for our children; or just enjoy a cup of coffee, a snack and good conversation.

While the turn out of representatives and assortment of baked goods was spectacular; unfortunately, the number of parents in attendance was low. This was most likely due to the fact that parents had already been to one or both schools prior to this evening for back-to-school night. However, being one of the parents who did attend, I have to say it was worth the trip. I had an opportunity to speak to a couple of my child's teachers in a relaxed atmosphere which was very enjoyable. Also, I spoke to a few N.H. officers and got more detailed information about the D.A.R.E. program, and I chit chat with members of the NH PTO and the Education Foundation. I have sent one child through the school system and I have one still here, but there is always something new to learn about these wonderful organizations and the people who spend hours of their time making the environment our children learn in a happy and positive one. This is definitely an evening worth organizing annually in one form or another; possibly in cooperation with Back To School Night.

Thanks to all those who made this evening happen and to the representatives on-hand who came out to share their information.

C. Aukamp

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.

Please join us and learn more about **Operation Goody Bag**, listen to the presentation on **Bullying**, learn about our proposed initiative to be a **"Paperless PTO"** and proposed changes to the PTO by-laws (current by-laws can be found on school website under PTO).

Take a look at the meeting agenda following the Grape Vine. There is a lot going on and we'd like YOU to be a part of it!

NOTE: *Childcare is provided at each PTO meeting at a cost of \$1 per child.*

Class Captain/Parent, Committee Chair Tea

Invitations for the Class Captain/Parent, Committee Tea have been sent out.

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
HMS all-purpose room



At this time captains and committee chairs will receive all forms/materials needed for the year.

As we will be breaking into grade level meetings, we ask that you locate your respective grade level table when you arrive.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening, hope to see you there.

*School Coordinators
Cathie Havlin/MS and Alma Zollo/HMS*

Become A PTO Member

Be a voice, a vote and part of all we do for our children... **Become a Member of the PTO.** Complete the membership form and send it into school with fee of \$5 per member, or deliver it personally at one of our PTO meetings. Forms can also be found following the Grape Vine.

NORTH HALEDON PTO



Fall Fundraiser

Fall Fundraiser orders are due Friday, October 7th!

Please help the PTO fund the many events we organize for the benefit of the children! No order is too small! The catalog has great gift ideas and beautiful gift wrap! 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.

Tally Night is Thursday, October 13th!

Volunteers are needed to tally up the Fall Fundraiser orders. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 13th at High Mountain School. ...bring a calculator and pen(s). If you plan on coming to help out please contact Nadyne Averso nadyneaverso@optimum.net or 973-427-3257.

Your help and support is appreciated!

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.



Calling All Girls!

Daisy to Juniors, ages 5 to 11

The first step in a lifetime adventure, Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place!

We need to form new Girl Scout troops in North Haledon. Adults are also needed for leadership positions. Training is provided.

For more information on becoming a Girl Scout Daisy and/or Girl Scout Leader; email Sandy DiFilippo at dsms26@optonline.net. Please include your name, child's name/school/grade and contact/email information.



Please pass the attached flier along to a friend(s).

8th Grade Corner

Our Kid Stuff fundraiser has come to an end. Please be sure to return all money and/or books to your child's respective school as soon as possible.

Please be sure to return your parent contribution forms to Loredana Jimenez as soon as possible.

Our 50/50 sale is underway. Tickets will be available at all school and recreation functions. Cost is \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 per book. Help us meet our goal of selling 8000 tickets!! If you would like to purchase tickets or help sell tickets, please contact Claire Kiel.

Our Yankee Candle sale will kick off on Monday, October 10th. Please look for the brochures in your child's backpack. Enjoy the great new scents and take advantage of early holiday shopping. For more info, please contact Alma Zollo.

Our first committee meeting of the new school year is Monday, October 24th, 7:30 p.m. in the all purpose room at HMS. Please mark your calendars and join us.

As always, we thank you for your support.

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

Bowling Registration

NH Rec. Bowling registration for the Fall season will be held on



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

Registration is \$25 and is open to North Haledon children K 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.

Fishing Derby



North Haledon children grades K-8th (accompanied by an adult) are invited to participate in BSA Club Pack 70's Annual Fishing Derby:

Saturday, October 8th - 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

High Mountain Road Reservoir

The cost is \$5 per child. See registration form, following the Grape Vine, for more details.

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

Call to Order
Flag Salute
PTO President Welcome
Mrs. Tait & Mr. Giancaspro: **Operation Goody Bag**
Mrs. Biederman : **Anti-Bullying Policy**
Michael Kerin: **Paperless PTO**
Minutes of June 6, 2011 Meeting
PTO Treasurer's Report
8th Grade Treasurer's Report
Superintendent's Report
Correspondence Report
Board of Education Meeting Recap
NHEF Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Playground: Karen Nurminen & Tina Rowe
2. PTO Audit: Jackie Roscio
3. Kindergarten Screening/Orientation: Lisa Antropow
4. Membership: Jackie Roscio
5. Safety Town: Mrs. Dougherty
6. School Coordinators: Alma Zollo/HMS and Cathie Havlin/Memorial
7. 5th Grade Ice Cream Social : Laurie Harding & Carol White
8. Fall Fundraiser: Nadyne Averso
9. Halloween Trunk or Treat: Kim Checinski
10. 8th Grade Activities: Alma Zollo
11. Newsletter Grapevine: Cindy Aukamp
12. Sunshine: Kathy Spinnler & Sue Andres
13. Hospitality: Elisabeth House
14. School Directory: Cindy Aukamp
15. Tricky Tray: Jessica Tomasi
16. Sign Committee: Tawyna Stojakovic

- SURPRISE GIVEAWAY DRAWING -

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2011-2012 PTO Budget
2. PTO By-Laws
3. PTO Guidelines
4. Paperless PTO
5. PTO Board Position- Web Coordinator for Paperless PTO (*if approved*)
6. Holiday/End of Year Teacher Gifts
- 7.

QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

NEXT PTO MEETING: Monday, November 7, 2011 at High Mountain School

NORTH HALEDON PTO



2011-2012 PTO Executive Committee

The NH PTO goals include volunteerism of parents, encouragement of teachers and students, community involvement, and welfare of students and families.

Michele Verrone Manning PTO President.....cmmanning@optonline.net
Karen Nurminen..... PTO Vice President.....Nurminen@optonline.net
Jacki Roscio..... PTO Treasurerrjroscio@optonline.net
Loredana Jimenez 8th Grade TreasurerLJimenez@Kirkerent.com
Gini Panzera Recording Secretary.....bve22@aol.com
Kim Checinski Corresponding Secretarychecinski@optonline.net

North Haledon PTO Meeting Dates for the 2011-2012 School Year

PTO meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, in the all-purpose room at HMS unless other noted. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, October 3, 2011
- Monday, November 7, 2011
- Monday, December 5 at Memorial School
- Monday, January 9, 2012 (*snow date Monday, January 16, 2012*)
- Monday, February 6, 2012 at Memorial School (*snow date February 13, 2012*)
- Monday, March 5, 2012 (*snow date March 12, 2012*)
- Monday, April 2, 2012
- Monday, May 7, 2012
- Monday June 4, 2012

NOTE: *Childcare is provided at each PTO meeting at a cost of \$1 per child.*



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 _____

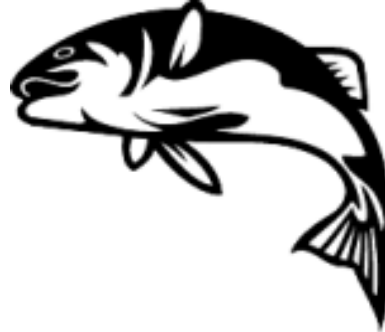
Name _____ Grade & Teacher _____

Name _____ Grade & Teacher _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

North Haledon Annual Fishing Derby

Saturday, October 8, 2011



Check in Time: 7:00 am - 7:15 am

Tournament: 7:15 am - 10:00 am

Place: High Mountain Road Reservoir

Participants: North Haledon Children Grades K-8*

Cost: \$5.00 per child (cash or check payable to BSA Cub Pack 70)

6 PRIZES

Group 1: K - 4th Grade

1. First child to catch a fish
2. Biggest fish
3. Most fish caught

Group 2: 5th - 8th Grade

1. First child to catch a fish
2. Biggest fish
3. Most fish caught

* All registrants MUST be accompanied by an adult.

All participants must bring their own fishing gear (rod, reel, hooks, etc.).

1 Fishing pole per person.

Please complete and return permission slip to the BOROUGH HALL, no later than **Monday, October 3rd**.

I give permission for my child to participate in the North Haledon Fishing Derby sponsored by North Haledon Cub Scout Pack 70.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Paid: _____



See your daughter blossom as a Girl Scout Daisy



The first step in a lifetime adventure...
Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Daisies meet in groups in a nurturing, inclusive environment. They go on trips, learn about nature and science, and explore the arts and their communities.

Calling all girls!
Daisy to Juniors, Ages 5 to 11
We need to form new troops for North Haledon girls



Adults are needed for leadership positions. Training is provided.

For more information on becoming a Girl Scout Daisy and/or Girl Scout Leader:

Email Sandy DiFilippo: dsms26@optonline.net

Please include your name, child's name/school/grade, and email address.



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 - <i>September 9, 2011</i>	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 - <i>December 5-9, 2011</i>	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 - <i>October 30, 2011</i>	Kim Checinski
Holiday Guessing Contests - <i>December & April</i>	Carol Ajami and Beth Farrow
Holiday Shop - <i>November 14-18, 2011</i>	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	Tawnya Stojakovic
Sunshine	Kathy Spinnler and Sue Andres
squawBrook Concert	
Talent Show/Memorial School -	Sue Andres
Teacher Appreciation Week - <i>May 7-11, 2012</i>	Peggy Holbritter and Barbara VanderWiele
Tricky Tray Team - <i>April 30, 2012</i>	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 Blashford..... 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 Carozza 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.

