



The Grape Vine



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Visit the PTO's website at www.nhpto.org for PTO updates, school and community news, and more!

NH PTO Meeting

Monday, February 6th - 7:00 p.m.
In the cafeteria at Memorial School
(snow date is February 13th)



PTO's FAMILY FUN NIGHT Annual Faculty vs. Faculty Volleyball Game

Come join the fun Friday, February 3rd
High Mountain School gymnasium
Admission is \$6/pp (children under 5 are free).
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Games begin at 7:00 p.m.
All children/students must be accompanied by
an adult...no drop offs please!



February Fundraisers

Sponsored by: HMS Student Council
Advisors: Mrs. Van de Veire and Ms. Talarico in
collaboration with Mrs. Romeo, RN



Friday, February 10th: Milk & Cookies Sale
Cost: \$3.50 donation
Where: HMS Café during school hours

Tuesday, February 14th: BAKE SALE
Memorial parents & students are welcome!!
Time: 2:49 p.m.
Where: HMS main hallway



Parent volunteers are needed to make this event a success!! If you are willing to donate baked goods for the sale and/or able volunteer your time that day to help sell, please complete form that follows The Grape Vine and send it back to school with your student.



Thursday, February 16th: Comfy Cozy Day
Wear PJs to school.
Cost: \$5.00 donation per student along
with signed permission slip.

Month of February: Red Hair Extensions
Visit Little Joe's Haircutters in February; make a \$10 donation and get a red hair extension in support of children with cancer. No appointment needed.

Attention Parents: Online donations can be made directly to HMS's online donation page. Please visit www.schoolandyouth.org/nj search for HMS. It is that simple and your child will get credit for it. Mrs. Romeo will be notified every time a donation of \$50 or more is made. Your child's name will be put into a drawing with other NJ students to win an Xbox 360 with Kinect!!

Thanks for your support!!!



Coffee & Conversation Tuesday, February 7th - 9:00 a.m. HMS all-purpose room

Come chat with our administration and a member of our Board of Education. Bring your questions, suggestions, and stories! Small children are welcome (please provide something quiet for them to do).

Student Council News

Souper Bowl of Caring

We are pleased to announce that the Student Council will be presenting a check to Eva's Kitchen in the amount of \$160.00. Thanks to all who so generously continue to help out and donate.

Congratulations to Grade 5 for having the largest contribution and winning the pizza party. Great job!

Teens For Jeans

Did you know that one in three homeless people in the United States is under the age of eighteen? Please join us, along with Aeropostale, and donate your "gently worn" jeans, or a new pair of jeans to help fight teen homelessness. Just send in your jeans to High Mountain School by Thursday, February 9, 2012. Thank you in advance for your support.

Ms. Talarico and Mrs. VanDeVeire
Student Council advisors

NORTH HALEDON PTO





OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 9th

NURSERY SCHOOL 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The North Haledon Cooperative Nursery School will hold an Open House for prospective families on Thursday February 9th from 9:30-11:30 am. Families are invited to stop in to tour the school, visit the classrooms, meet the director and learn about the available programs. Children are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

The Co-op offers preschool programs for 2-5 year olds, Enrichment classes, Explorers Club, Let's Move fitness classes, an extended day option called Stay-n-Play, Tot-Time (for 18-36 months) and in the summer Camp Co-op. Come visit to see all that the Co-op has to offer in a fun educational environment. Celebrating its 45 school year, the non-profit school features competitive tuition rates, full and partial participation options, and sibling discounts! Caring, experienced and CPR trained teachers are state certified educators. The bright spacious classrooms with small class size are in a safe, state approved facility. The school has a large indoor gym and a new outdoor playground. Music, Spanish, field trips and family events happen throughout the school year. Potty training not required.

The school is located at 200 Squaw Brook Road, North Haledon. To register your child or arrange a tour stop by, call 973-427-8709, email nhcoop@optonline.net or check out the website: www.northhaledoncoop.com

DON'T FORGET!

To Visit The Health Stop at

575 High Mountain Road - 973-949-4330

Visit "The Health Stop *now through February 28th* and 5% of your purchase will be donated to the NHPTO... simply tell them that your child attends High Mountain or Memorial School.

Visitor to Memorial School



The NJEA has selected Memorial Elementary School to receive a visit from *The Cat in the Hat*, this is due to the efforts of Stephanie Macalle, our media specialist.

The Cat in the Hat will be here on **Wednesday, February 29th at 2:00 p.m.**

8th Grade Corner

Attention 8th Grade Parents

The next **8th grade parent meeting** is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2012, 7:30 p.m. in the library at HMS.

Don't forget your **parent contribution**. Send them into school attn: Loredana Jimenez or bring them to the December meeting. Last installment is due Thursday, February 9, 2012.

Keep selling those **50/50 raffles**. If you are able to sell additional tickets, please contact Claire Kiel.

Save the date - Saturday, March 31, 2012 - A special **family fundraiser** at *Holiday Bowl* in Oakland exclusively for 8th graders and their families. Look for further details in the new year.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

North Haledon Education Foundation

UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

Look for Tickets on sale soon.

"squawBrook" Kids Rock Concert

Friday, March 9th - Memorial School

NHEF Annual 50/50

50/50 s will be sold up until our Annual Art Auction in March, when the winner will be announced.

NHEF Annual Art Auction

Friday, March 30th - Mary Help of Christian Academy

NHEF Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 7th - High Mountain School

"Box Tops For Education"

Friday, April 27th - Deadline for students in both schools to submit "box tops" to win a pizza party for their class.

(We collect "box tops" all year long.)

Co-Sponsoring with NHPTO

Rock & Run for Education 5K Run / Walk

Sunday, May 6th - High Mountain School

For more information, send email to:
susangorga@hotmail.com

Send submissions for The Grape Vine via email to: nhptograpevine@yahoo.com

www.nhpto.org: Forms, flyers and other information for all PTO events, as well as events sponsored by the HMS Student Council, NHEF and others, can be found on the PTO website.

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.

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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 FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Programs and Activities in February 2012



Registration for the following programs and activities is underway.

Family Night at the Library resumes on February 1st. Award-winning singer-songwriter Patricia Shih will present **Magical Musical Winter Wonderland** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Children will “ice skate” around an imaginary lake, have a fun “snowball fight,” play a book game and sing songs in praise of winter. Sponsored by the Friends, this program is recommended for families with children in grades K & up. Registration is limited to borough residents.

Board Game Day for our middle school students resumes on February 3rd. We’ve got some brand new games AND refreshments too! The “games” begin at 3:45 p.m. Pre-registration is advised but walk-ins are welcome.

Craft ‘n’ Go, an after-school program for borough children in grades K & up is held the second Friday of each month at 3:45 p.m. A Valentine Craft ‘n’ Go program will be on February 10th.

The **Readers Kaffeeklatsch** book club meets the third Wednesday each month at 1:30 p.m. On February 15th, Anaita Hidayat, a local resident, will discuss her life in Afghanistan prior to fleeing the country in 2001. Recommended reading: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

The **Computer Clubhouse** is open for supervised game playing the third Friday of each month at 3:45 p.m. Borough students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate. The Computer Clubhouse will next be open February 17th.

The **Socrates Café** discussion group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is February 28th. Mayor Randy George will be on-hand to give us some insight into local government. Newcomers are welcome!

Pre-School Story Time is held on Wednesdays. The three to five-year old class is full but there are still openings in the 10:15 class for two-year olds.

Computer Workshops for adults are held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Stop by to pick up the schedule of classes; or e-mail serico@northhaledonlibrary.org and a copy will be sent to you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...for our trip to see **Jersey Boys** on March 8th.
Call 973-427-6213, ext. 4 for details!

Special note: To receive our newsletter via e-mail,
send an e-mail to serico@northhaledonlibrary.org.
Type ‘Newsletter’ in subject line.



Winter Computer Workshops



Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

- January 26 Downloading eBooks to Your eReader
Learn how to download eBooks from the Library's website to your eReader. Bring your eReader, a laptop (if you have one) & your library card.
- February 2 Basic Digital Photography
Learn how to get your photos off the camera & onto your PC; then upload them to sites like Snapfish
- February 9 Advanced Digital Photography
Learn how to use Picasa, a free downloadable photo-editing software. Remove those red-eyes, crop pictures and turn color into black & white.
- February 16 Navigating the Internet: Google & Beyond
Learn how to find information on-line.
- February 23 Social Networking: Facebook
Learn the "in's & out's" of this popular social networking website.
- March 1 Downloading eBooks to Your eReader
If you missed the January class, here's a second chance to learn how to download eBooks from the Library's website!

Cost:

Members of Friends of the Library: Free with a Family Membership

Non-members: \$20.00 per workshop

Call 973-427-6213, ext. 4 or stop by the library to register!