



Parent Newsletter December, 2017

Happy December, everyone! There is much going on this month, so please mark your family calendars. Please check your child's classroom newsletters and our website/web calendar-for updates and changes.

- **Hawks Basketball:** Our Boys' and Girls' 4th and 5th grade teams are preparing for their upcoming games. The game schedules and additional practice schedule are now posted on our website. The web **CALENDAR** will be updated as we find out about changes. Coaches' communications may be more up-to-date, and should be attended to carefully.
 - Please join us for games and help cheer on the Hawks! There is no admission charge; 50-50 raffle tickets will be sold to help support the basketball program.
 - The boys' first home game is **Monday, 12/4 @ 6:00.**
 - The girls' first home game is **Wednesday, 12/6 @ 6:00.**
- **City Year:**
 - **Literacy Night:** Come on out for a fun night on **Thursday, 12/7 from 6:00-7:30** for some great stations led by our CY Corp Members and some of their colleagues!
 - **First Jr. Lego League:** Hallsville CY, in conjunction with the MSD, is the recipient of grant funds to implement a Jr. Lego League team at our school. The club is run by the Corp members and is held after-school. Watch for more information in the coming months.
 - **PTG Events:**
 - **Monday, 12/4 @ 5:30 p.m.** - Monthly meeting in the Library.
 - Friday, 12/8 - Holiday Fair set up.
 - **Saturday, 12/9 - Holiday Fair 10:00-2:00** in the gym
 - If you can help out with these events, please email hallsvilleptg@gmail.com or find them on FaceBook.
 - See you there!
- **Field Trips:**
 - **Recent:**
 - Grade 4 - SEE Science Center - October
 - Grade 4 - Water Safety (part 1) @ YMCA 12/1
 - Grade 3 - Palace Theatre 12/1
 - **Upcoming:**
 - Grade 1 - Beaver Brook, Hollis, NH 12/12
 - Grade 4 - Water Safety (part 2) @ YMCA
 - Grades K & 2 - Senior Center - 12/21

- Grade 4 - NH State House - 1/18
 - **Important field trip reminders:**
 - According to BOSC policy, all students must have a signed permission slip presented to the school prior to the day of the trip. The BOSC approved permission slip only must be used. It is the one that will be sent home by the teachers.
 - Also, if your child has a medical condition that may require medication be given while on the field trip:
 - you must have the doctor's note on file with the nurse, and
 - the medication must be at the school so it can be sent with staff while on the trip.
 - BOSC policy does not allow children to attend field trips without these two items in place.
 - Any questions? Please contact Mary Johnson, our school nurse.
- **Library Makerspaces:**
 - Thank you to Ms. Damon for implementing Makerspace activities in our Library. Many of these activities are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) related, and are certainly enjoyed by the children! Makerspace time is supplemental to the children's regular library time. Ask your child about these super fun activities!
- **Grade 4 - Lego Program:**
 - Thank you to Mrs. Schiebout for facilitating our Grade 4 Lego program. Watch for more information in the Spring about a Lego exhibition at Hallsville.
- **The Leader in Me:**
 - Monthly grade level assemblies are planned to reinforce the 7 Habits of Happy Kids: Be Proactive, Begin with the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the Saw.
 - Classroom learning on each of the habits is also part of this leadership-building process.
 - Leadership jobs have been posted, interviews held, and jobs assigned. Check out our Leadership Job board in the back foyer.
- **Report cards:**
 - First trimester reports will be sent home on Wednesday, December 20th in the red folder.
 - If you have not already met with your child's teacher, please contact him/her so you can review your child's progress together.
 - Kindergarten and Grade 1 will have assessment results sent home with report cards. (Grades 2-5 reports were sent earlier.)
- **Annual Hallsville Holiday Sing-Along:** Thursday, December 21st @ 2:00 p.m. Doors will open at 1:50. Please join us!
 - If you do not want your child to participate in this assembly, please let your child's teacher know in writing, and we will arrange for a meaningful alternative activity.
- **Holiday Break:**
 - **December 22nd: Early dismissal for elementary @ 11:15 a.m.** Please be on time to pick up your child. There will be no after-school program that day.

- December 25th - January 1st: Holiday break
- January 2nd - school resumes
- **Hawk Awards Ceremony:**
 - The first trimester awards ceremony will be held on **Monday, January 8th @ 1:30 p.m.** Awards will be given for attendance, leadership, and for Grades 4 & 5, academics. Watch for more information after the holiday break. If your child will be receiving an award, you will receive a notice the first week of January.

Important Community Information/Reminders:

- **Thanksgiving donations:** A huge thank-you to everyone who donated! It is very much appreciated!
- **Snow Days:** Sources for getting information on closings or delays: WMUR.com; WMUR TV channel; <http://mansd.org>; or local radio stations, or sign up for text message alerts at <http://www.nixle.com/>.
- **School breakfasts** are served starting @ 8:15.
 - Remind your students to come in at that time if they are going to have breakfast.
 - Breakfast plays an important role in being ready to learn each day.
 - Please consider our breakfast program as an option going forward!
- **Box Tops for Education:** Please continue to send in your boxtops! The school receives funds for these to help pay for school activities. Thank you!
- **Drop off/Pick-up: Please park in a legal spot and walk your child to/from the yard, or have them cross at the corner of Jewett and Hayward with the crossing guard.** There is also a guard at Valley and Jewett Streets. Thank you to those who have been diligently following these safety rules.
- Our **school yard is public property**, and children are permitted to play on the property after school hours. **However, whenever on the property, they are not permitted to do these things**, all of which have happened this fall.
 - Climb on the Apparel Impact clothing bin;
 - Climb on the roof of the portable;
 - Climb to the roof on Hayward Street side;
 - Write on the building with chalk or anything else;
 - Deface the playground equipment;
 - Enter into the building during an evening event for which they are not involved;
 - Walk, run, bike, play, or interact with an after-school program that is taking place outside.

For safety reasons, the MPD will be called if necessary. **Please talk to your children about these boundaries.** Thank you for your support!

Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!!