



# HPES NEWSFLASH



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## From the Principal

### 7<sup>TH</sup> Annual Grandparents Thanksgiving Luncheon, Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our traditional Thanksgiving dinner for Grandparents is on the menu at HPES for Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you do not have a grandparent in the area, and your child has a member of the community that they regard as a “grandparent”, they are a welcome substitute. It has also become tradition for students to share grandparents on this occasion.

Please understand that we are focusing this lunch as a special opportunity for grandparents to interact with the students and be in their school. All students benefit from having grandparents visit. This school event is limited to “grandparents” as we have limited capacity for seating, cooking and serving food. We offer other opportunities throughout the year for friends and family to join the students at lunches and dinners; please look for these events. In addition, we encourage families to eat lunch in our school with students at our special family table any other time.

**Please look for the Grandparents’ Thanksgiving Lunch sign up form in your child’s Friday folder. It is imperative to get the form back to us as soon as possible; at the latest Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Only Guests should be signed up on this form. All students will sign up for “Hot Lunch” on the day of the event as if it is a regular school day. We would like all students to participate, so if paying for the luncheon for your student is a challenge, please contact Diane Reilly at 521-5494. Leave a message, please.**

## PE News

We are closing in on getting a fitbit on every student in the building pre K-6 for an entire school day. Although we have been working through various technical difficulties, the overall experience has been great. Students at the younger levels have reported wanting to move and keep moving! Students at the older levels have

noted the surprise in how much they sit all day!! Both realizations are great, because awareness of our wellness is the first step to enhancing one's healthy lifestyle.

Also, our first Fitness Challenge is still going strong. Currently, I've got close to eighty names in the hat ranging from k-6; many are repeat testers. Once a student successfully completes her/his grade level requirements for the plank challenge, a full minute is added to the time for that student to get their name in the hat again!

At this point I have a student that has successfully completed the 10 minute plank and several that are either 8 or 9 minute plankers!! Amazing! Keep moving and planking HPES:)

## Basketball News

One more week to get all forms filled out, signed, and returned to HPES! There will be NO extensions past the **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** deadline.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bottle Drive

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be having a Bottle Drive on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>! They will take your bottles and cans at HPES from 10-3, rain or shine. Drop them off at the school, or students will also be out collecting bottles and/or cans. Call Andrea Bourdeau if you would like to arrange a pick up at 730-2858. The students are hoping to raise \$2,000 to go toward their end of year trip! Please help them reach this goal.

## From the Hawks Nest Café

From Donna Ferland - I have been receiving many emails and fielding calls about the new lunch bills. I am sorry for the confusion! To help clear it up - if your letter says a “balance” that means your student has that positive amount on their accounts and you owe nothing. If it says “owes” then that is a negative balance and your student will need money added to their lunch accounts. Again, sorry for the confusion. Please call or email anytime - 521-5412, [dferland@hpes.org](mailto:dferland@hpes.org). Thank you.

## LUHS Musical

Lamoille Union Theater will present the fall musical *Newsies* on November 7, 8, and 9 at LUHS auditorium in Hyde Park.

Set at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, *Newsies* is based on the New York City newsboys' strike of 1899 in which over 5,000 newsboys and girls forced New York's most powerful newspaper moguls to compromise on wages. While most of the individual characters are fictitious, the strike was a game-changing, real historical event.

Hyde Park is well represented by Tara Blueter, who has the leading role of Katherine Plummer - a female journalist ahead of her time. Owen Privee is featured as newspaper mogul Joseph Pulitzer. Olive Grove-Griffith, Sophia Giard, Bian Leon, Tyler Swenson, and Carson Ring sing and dance as featured newsies. Jenna-Liv Elliott, Tanya Schaaf, Kaitlyn Griffin, and Nico Lopez have ensemble roles. The onstage cast of 58 is well-managed by stage manager Chloe Koch, assisted by her sister Thea and a multi-talented technical crew. A live pit band with Calvin Kontos on drums helps bring the story to life. Kenny Grenier co-directs with dance teacher Nichole Lefaire-Damon.

Disney's *Newsies* is rated PG, and is suitable for children, teens, parents, and grandparents. There is plenty of singing, dancing, and energy to keep everyone entertained.

Show times are 7 PM on November 7, 8 & 9; there is also a 2 PM matinee on Saturday, November 9. Tickets are \$9 for adults; \$7 for students and seniors. Advance tickets will be sold in the high school and middle school offices during school hours. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## From the Nurse

This is a friendly reminder for all regarding medications at school. If your child needs medication while at school, even if only for a few days, please speak directly with the school nurse. Each medication requires signed permission from a parent or guardian, and any prescription medication requires a signed form from the physician. Communication is key in making sure that medications are given correctly and that we are doing all that we need to do to support your child. Thank you in advance!

## Hyde Park Button Up

**Ready to Stop Burning Money? Don't Heat the Outdoors this Winter.**

Join the Hyde Park Energy Committee and Efficiency Vermont on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at the Hyde Park Municipal Office.

Weatherizing your home is often one of the best financial investments you can make. This workshop - led by Dave Keefe, an Energy Consultant for Efficiency Vermont - will provide guidance and answer questions about weatherization. Learn about the financial incentives EV offers.

Questions? [elisaclancy@gmail.com](mailto:elisaclancy@gmail.com)



Thank you to all who donated candy and non-candy items to this year's Halloween collection. The collection bin was about to overflow with all of your support. The Hyde Park Village homes get about 300 trick or treaters every Halloween, so these donations helped a lot! - Partners In Education (PIE)

Partners in Education (PIE) has a new website! <https://sites.google.com/hpes.org/partnersineducation/home>. Be sure to check it out and stay updated with PIE!

## Upcoming Events

**NO SCHOOL**

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

**School Picture Makeup/Retake Day**

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**Grandparents' Thanksgiving Lunch**

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

**NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**

November 27-29

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