

Hampden Meadows Weekly Family Newsletter

Week ending October 28, 2022



Important Dates to Remember

November 7 - Movie Night at HMS (Rain Date Nov 9)

November 8 - No School - Election Day

November 11 - No School - Veterans Day

November 16 - PTO meeting 7PM (New Date)

November 23-25 - No School

December 7 - Picture Retakes



Congratulations to our BEST BUDDIES club for a great kick off event! Lots of smiles, fun, and teamwork all around!

This past week at Hampden Meadows was one of the busiest but also one of the best. Although we've often used the phrase that "things are more back to normal like before the pandemic" (I have been guilty of that), I would like to challenge that notion. A lot has been happening at HMS that makes me want to say, "We are building a NEW normal that is even better than before the pandemic." This week alone we had a Best Buddies event, Arts Alive practices, Girls on the Run, an activity with the Barrington Garden Club, Math Club, Field Trips, and our monthly School Community Celebration. The adults were busy too as we had our School Improvement Team and Special Education Task Force Meetings as well. I just want to recognize all the individuals that make all of this possible, including teachers, staff, parents, community members, and of course, our AMAZING fourth and fifth graders. Have a great weekend everyone!

HAMPDEN MEADOWS PTO PRESENTS:

Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

NOV 7TH - APPROX 5PM

BRING A BLANKET, DINNER, SNACKS AND ENJOY A
MOVIE ON THE FRONT LAWN AT HMS!!
THERE WILL BE POPCORN FOR PURCHASE

BRING AN ITEM FOR THE MAKER SPACE!
HAVE OLD CRAFTING SUPPLIES,
BRING EM' FOR THE MAKER SPACE!



[HTTP://PTOHMS.ORG](http://ptohms.org)

The MAKERSPACE is back and being used, so...

If you would like to donate items/supplies for the Makerspace, please drop them off at the Movie Night on November 7th. There is no need to purchase anything, we will accept items that might be lying around your house such as toothpicks, popsicle sticks, fabric scraps, string, paper towel tubes, styrofoam, bubble wrap, tape, glue... really anything that is clean and safe!

BRING THEM TO MOVIE NIGHT!

Fun Fridays at Hampden Meadows

Fun Fridays are here! Let's have some fun and show our school spirit by joining our classmates, schoolmates and teachers on Fun Fridays! Every Friday will have a new theme. Let your Student Council representatives know if you have any suggestions!

Here is November's Fun Friday Schedule:

November 4th: Silly Socks Friday!

Let's kick off November by wearing your favorite silly/crazy Socks!

November 10th: Camo Thursday!

Pay tribute to our military veterans by wearing Camouflage or Red, White and Blue.

November 18th: Giving Friday!

Give someone the gift of your time, give a gift to Tap-In, give someone a compliment.

PTO Meeting Date Change

November 16 at 7:00pm followed by a RULER presentation



Any questions please feel free to reach out to the PTO at:

hampdenmeadowspboard@gmail.com

Unwrap the Waves Update

HMS continues to collect candy wrappers for the 7th annual Unwrap the Waves Initiative in part with the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach, Florida. This initiative helps to bring awareness to the plastic pollution problem facing our oceans and the effects on sealife, especially sea turtles. Each homeroom will have a bag or box ready to collect and count candy wrappers. Wrappers that cannot be collected are chip bags, large plastic bags, and granola bar wrappers. Collections will be accepted until November 10th. So far we have close to **3,000 wrappers!**



Join the PTO! Join the PTO!

**CHECK OUT THE NEW PTO WEBSITE AND BECOME A PTO
MEMBER BY CLICKING [HERE!](#)**

If you need to contact me for any reason, do not reply to this newsletter,
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IMPORTANT LINKS:

[Updated 2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[2022 Lunch Menu](#)

Please call or email the office staff at
HMSattendance@barringtonschools.org to alert us of an early
dismissal, changes in dismissal, or regarding an absence.

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2022-2023 GRAND LODGE AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

CHALLENGING YOUNG, INQUISITIVE MINDS TO EXPLORE AMERICAN VALUES!

"What is your American Dream?"

New features in this year's contest are:

- 1) Four separate divisions for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.
- 2) Awards for Each Grade Level — ✓\$1,000 for 1st; ✓\$500 for 2nd; ✓\$250 for 3rd.

I am pleased to announce that the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee has selected the **theme**, **"What is your American Dream?"** for the 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. The contest starts with the Local Lodges, progresses through District and State levels, and ends with the naming of our National Winners at the Grand Lodge Session in Minneapolis, MN in July 2023. This contest gives students in four separate grade levels, grades 5-8, the opportunity to thoughtfully, evaluate and express their views on the selected annual theme.

Nationally, first-place, second-place and third-place authors in each division will receive monetary awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 respectfully. Many Lodges, Districts and State Associations also provide various forms of recognition to their respective winners, and the Fraternal Committee appreciates and encourages their extraordinary efforts in support of the contest.

Contest materials including the "annual contest theme" are published on-line on May 1. Lodges are encouraged to communicate with school officials in a timely fashion to facilitate annual curriculum planning. Contest materials and a fillable Certificate of Participation for Lodge completion are located at: <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm>.

This contest is vitally important to Elks as it promotes Americanism in our local communities. It encourages 10-13 year old students to thoughtfully consider American values and appreciate the blessings and responsibilities of citizenship.

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is committed to assisting you in promoting Americanism. Please let us know what we can do to be more helpful!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. J. Lindsey".

William J. Lindsey, *Chairman*
Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

[CONTEST INFORMATION](#)



A few weeks ago the PTO organized a conversation around cell phones and social media and the impact on youngsters. You can view the [slides](#) or the entire presentation [HERE](#).