

Hampden Meadows Weekly Family Newsletter

Week ending March 31, 2023



Important Dates to Remember

April 7- April 16 No School

Autism Acceptance Spirit Week (see calendar below)

April 25 - 7PM Body Development Night (Male)

April 26 - 7PM Body Development Night (Female)

District Peace Poster Party - Thursday, April 27, 6-8 PM, BHS Cafeteria

April 28 - A Day Without Hate - WEAR WHITE!

SAVE THE DATE- DISTRICT HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR - MAY 13, 2023

SAVE THE DATE- TOUGH TIGER - MAY 21, 2023

A Letter from our Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

My name is Elisabeth (Lisa) Ridder, and I am so happy and honored to be the new Assistant Principal of Hampden Meadows School. Over the past few weeks I have come to learn that HMS is a very special place, and I couldn't be happier to be joining this wonderful school community! I'm looking forward to getting to know your children and supporting them during their days at school. I truly believe in the power of a positive home / school connection, and I look forward to being a support to you as well. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.



Latest RICAS News

We have some fun surprises in store to get the students excited about RICAS this year! Just as a reminder that attendance is extremely important when it comes to academic success, both daily and on standardized tests. Also, teachers have told the students that there is no gum or candy allowed during testing, please remind your child of this. This may be different for students who were in third grade last year, but at Hampden Meadows it is not allowed unless it is part of an individual's accommodation plan.



We would like to invite you to join us for the annual Rhode Island Best Buddies Friendship Walk! It will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Providence College. We will be participating in the walk together as the HMS Best Buddies chapter, along with Barrington Middle School, and many other communities around the state. If you would like to participate in the walk, please find the registration link here:

www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/rhodeisland.

Click "Register" --> Complete Personal Information --> "Join a Team" -> Select "Barrington HMS Best Buddies"

This is a fun event to support inclusivity and to meet other members of the Best Buddies community! All are welcome to join - other students, family, friends, caretakers, etc.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL RI
BEST BUDDIES FRIENDSHIP WALK!**

***HMS Best Buddies will be joining fellow
Rhode Island Best Buddies chapters to
support inclusion of all people.***

****All are welcome to attend!***



Schedule

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Check-in: 10:00 AM
Opening Ceremonies: 10:30 AM
Walk: 11:00 AM
Celebrate Until: 12:30 PM

Location

Providence College
Providence, RI, 02918



Our registration is LIVE for the Tough Tiger, May 21st, please sign up!
Sign up here <https://runsignup.com/Race/RI/Barrington/ToughTiger> or use the bar code



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, April 3rd - Thursday, April 6th



**MAGIC
MONDAY:**

*Show us what lights you up!
Dress up to show off your
special interest or enthusiasm
(a super hero, video
game/movie character, etc.)*

**NEURODIVERSITY
TUESDAY:**

*Celebrate the spectrum of
the mind by wearing
rainbow or tie-dye!*

**WHAT FEELS GOOD
WEDNESDAY:**

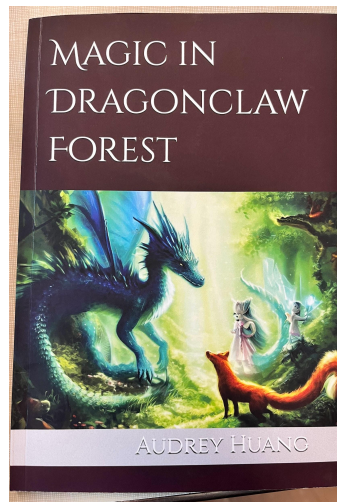
*Wear your coziest,
comfiest attire!*

**THINKING
THURSDAY:**

*Celebrate the amazing
brain by wearing a fun
hat or crazy hair.*



World Autism Acceptance Day: April 2nd



Congratulations to 4th grader Audrey Huang for having “Magic in Dragonclaw Forrest” published. We are so proud of you!

Composting Update

If you have any shredded paper you can place in a brown bag and give to us, it will really help our process. We are almost ready to “harvest” some of this rich soil!

If YOU have an interest in recycling and composting, we are looking for volunteers to help now and in the Fall.

We can also use more supplies for our Makerspace!

The latest Hampden Meadows Student Council fundraiser will be a canned food drive April **3rd-30th**. All proceeds will benefit the RI Community Food Bank. Please help us help others! Send all donations to your child’s **homeroom**.

Requested items: Peanut butter, tuna, tomato sauce, pasta, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generous contributions!

It's March... It's Madness... It's HMS Battle of the Books

Check out the link to learn all about it

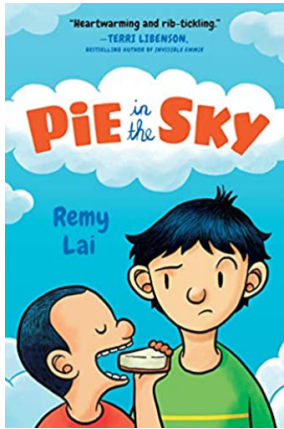
[☐ Parent Info. Battle of the Books](#)

A Day Without Hate

District-wide Peace Poster Party - Thursday, April 27, 6-8 PM,
BHS Cafeteria to either hang up at BHS or bring back to HMS.

HMS Family Book Club and Picnic

April 24 @ 6:00 PM in the HMS Library



When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he's landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn't speak English, and he's often stuck looking after his (extremely irritating) little brother, Yanghao.

To distract himself from the loneliness, Jingwen daydreams about making all the cakes on the menu of Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he unexpectedly passed away. The only problem is his mother has laid down one *major* rule: the brothers are not to use the oven while she's at work. As Jingwen and Yanghao bake elaborate cakes, they'll have to cook up elaborate excuses to keep the cake making a secret from Mama.

Pie in the Sky

Remy Lai

You are invited to attend a family book club meeting! This is a great opportunity for you and your child to be exposed to literature and open a wonderful dialogue. Even if you are unable to attend the meeting, sharing a book is a great way to connect with your child.

What you need to know:

You are responsible for securing a copy of the book, but we can help if you need it, just ask.

The purpose of this club is to have a shared experience with your child.

This could mean reading the book with or to your child, or individually. Either way the most important aspect is the discussion that it will generate. **Both the adult and child are expected to read the book, attend, and participate equally during the meeting.** Remember, this is a shared experience. The adult can be a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, anyone!

If you are planning on attending the **Hampden Meadows Family Book Club** meeting in the HMS library Monday, April 24 @ 6:00 pm, please fill this out:

[Family Book Club Registration Form](#)

Yearbooks are now officially on sale!

Yearbook Orders:

Website: www.coffeepond.com

Password: **hms2023**

Yearbooks are on sale for **\$28 until the end of the day on April 7th**. After that they **will go up to \$30** and remain on sale until **May 2nd**. See the flier at the end of the newsletter for more information



[Tough Tiger Slideshow](#) - Please watch and consider volunteering, we **NEED** you!

PTO Presentations

Here are the last two presentations shared at the PTO meeting

Deeper Learning Presentation and RULER Presentation

More videos can be found by visiting our website

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

[Updated 2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[April 2023 Lunch Menu](#)

You can find ALL our previous newsletters by clicking [HERE](#)

MORE BELOW



HOMEWORK HELP



FOR GRADES K-8
THURSDAYS 6 - 7 PM
Beginning March 16

Drop in for homework help from Barrington High School!
This is a FREE service led by volunteer Troy Tian
and his fellow BHS classmates.
Registration not required

Spring 2023 Conference

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Parenting Matters

RHODE ISLAND'S PREMIER EVENT FOR THOSE WHO RAISE OR WORK WITH CHILDREN



From "Loser" to Legend A Talk about the Effects of Bullying

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Presented by
Patricia Stahl

Barrington High School or Zoom

Register Today!

www.lifespan.org/parentingmatters



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Come join the Nayatt Community on April 1st for our annual 5K Race and 1 Mile Family Fun Run

1 Mile Run starts @ 9:00AM
Kids 50 Yard Dash @ 9:35AM
5K Run/Walk @ 10:00AM

This is a USATF sanctioned course with electronic timing through RaceWire. Sign up before **March 10th** to secure your complimentary race shirt!

Use the QR Code to Register -->



5k Race - \$40*
5k Race + 1Mile - \$45*
1 Mile Race - \$30*

*Discount offered for Families (up to 6 household members)

Because there is only one yearbook...



There is no doubt that this will be a time to remember! Your school's yearbook will be a wonderful tribute to what a unique year this has been.

Coffee Pond Photography & Yearbooks has established an **online ordering system** to make sure nobody misses out on this year's book. Ordering online is **easy, safe, and secure**.



Easy online ordering:

1. Go to www.coffeepond.com.
2. Click on the **Order Yearbooks** button.
3. Enter the password **hms2023** and select **online order** and **continue**.
4. Enter the child's name & grade and the book quantity.
5. Enter your email under **contact** and select **add to cart**.
6. If you have another child to order for, please select **order for another child**. If not, you can finish checking out.



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