

Hampden Meadows Weekly Family Newsletter

Week ending September 1, 2023

Important Dates to Remember

September 4 & 5 - NO SCHOOL

Bike Safety Program Gr 5 Sept 11- Sept 22 (more information below)

Open House September 26 (Grade 5 @ 6:00 PM Grade 4 @ 7:15 PM)

September 18 PTO Meeting 7:00 PM

October 4 - HMS Picture Day

Greetings HMS Community!

Thank you for a great start to the new year. We are so excited to be back to school and are looking forward to great things this year. As we get started, it is important to learn new routines and procedures, not to mention all the names and faces! This week's newsletter will have a lot of information that can serve as resources throughout the year. Please reach out if you have any questions.



RIDOT Youth Bike Safety Program

For the past 5 years, Hampden Meadows has partnered with the RIDOT to offer a 4 part bike safety training for our **5th grade students**. The lessons will take place during PE and Health classes by trained instructors the weeks of Sept 11 and Sept 18. Topics covered include: understanding the rules of the road for cyclists; the importance of wearing helmets; how to safely navigate intersections; understanding street signage; how to avoid hazards; understanding how bikes work and ensuring it is safe to ride.

Students will practice on our hardtop with bikes provided by the DOT.

Helmets are also gifted to the students but they can use their own during the sessions.



If you would like to **OPT YOUR CHILD OUT** of this program, please fill out [this form](#)

Here are the outdoor recess and cafeteria expectations that were shared with our students this week:

Outdoor Recess Expectations

- ✓ Play fairly and safely.
- ✓ Be kind and include others.
- ✓ Stay within the recess play areas.
- ✓ Share equipment and use it properly.
- ✓ Return equipment when done.
- ✓ Learn and follow game rules and etiquette.



Cafeteria Expectations

- ✓ Enter and exit slowly and quietly.
- ✓ Buy and eat your own food and snacks.
- ✓ Practice good table manners and keep your voice at an acceptable volume.
- ✓ Stay seated until your table is called to throw away trash or to line up.
- ✓ Raise your hand when you have a question.
- ✓ Clean up your table and floor space when you're done eating.
- ✓ Recycle and compost.

Please Consider

School Improvement Team and HMS Special Education Task Force Applications Now Available

*Here is your chance to get involved and make a real difference at HMS. There are two very important Hampden Meadows teams that need parent representation. The **School Improvement Team** and the **Special Education Task Force**. Both meet approximately once per month on Zoom. These are wonderful opportunities to help Hampden Meadows reach new heights!*

[Application](#)

Note for 5th Grade Band Students



Our vendor, Rick's Musical Instruments in Cumberland RI, will open their satellite store (Bravo Music) at 492 Winthrop St. in Rehoboth, MA. on **Wednesday, September 20th from 3:30-6:30 PM** for instrument rentals. For more information about renting (including pricing), please call 401-658-3404.

Coming Soon...Catch the Wave

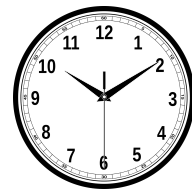
Start saving those plastic wrappers from candy and snacks!

Why?

You will find out soon, or ask a 5th grader, they will know!

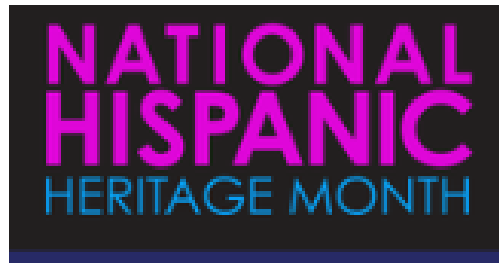


Students must be in their homerooms by **7:45 a.m.**; any student not in their homeroom by this time is considered tardy to school. Students arriving at school after 7:45 a.m. are to report directly to the office. Please see the chart on page 8 of our handbook for what is considered an excused or unexcused tardy.



THANK YOU PTO FOR HOSTING OUR MEET AND GREET LAST FRIDAY!!

SEPTEMBER



DID YOU KNOW...

Parents/Guardians can update their own information in Aspen now. [instructions](#):
If you are experiencing any issues you can email x2help@barringtonschools.org

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

We are bringing back Lunch and Learn to HMS! If you would like to sign up to be a presenter, submit this [FORM](#). We will provide much more information about this in the coming weeks.

KEEP GOING... THERE'S MORE!





BARRINGTON LUNCH & LEARN



*Inspiring our students to discover their interests and passions
through real-life experiences*

We are bringing Lunch & Learn back!

A valuable enrichment opportunity to bring the outside world inside the classroom. Each month a local volunteer guest speaker (mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandparent, or neighbor!) will share their unique career/hobby/passion with a small group of interested 4th and 5th grade students.

This program has proved very successful in the past, with students benefiting from listening to real-life experiences and having the opportunity to ask their own questions. Maybe it will spark a new interest...

We are very fortunate to have a wide range of careers in Barrington -
let's tell our students about them!

Do you have an interesting job/passion that you think students would like to hear about? Can you share your experiences in a fun and informative way?

Please register your interest in being a guest speaker (20-minute presentation) using the QRC . One of our volunteers will be in touch with you to coordinate arrangements.

For any questions, please reach out to your Lunch & Learn parent volunteers:

Cristina Buehrer 508-212-2017

Kate Fisher 401-499-4611

BarringtonLunchandLearn@gmail.com



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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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★ **Officer Saccoccio- Barrington SRO**

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

2023-2024 School Calendar

August/September 2023 Lunch Menu



See below for even more!



Click [HERE](#) for more information



BARRINGTON YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION OPEN!

Visit www.bybahoops.com to REGISTER!

Recreational League Program:

The Recreational League Program allows youth who are both new to the game and experienced and are interested in learning the fundamentals, to continue to learn new skills, while participating in a fun atmosphere. This commitment is optimal for families who travel on weekends during the winter months, but whose child is still interested in playing the sport of basketball. Playing time will be equal among all players. The season will begin November 27th and end with a tournament on February 17 th . Divisions in the recreational league program will be divided by grades (3/4), (5/6), (7/8). Each team will have a one hour practice during the week and a game on Saturday.

****Early Bird Special \$25 OFF if register before September 15 th ****

Competitive Travel Program:

The Competitive Travel Program provides an opportunity for players in Grades 3-8 that have experience playing basketball, advanced skills, and are seeking an opportunity to play in a highly competitive league.

Players and families must be willing to make an increased time commitment for practice and games.

TRYOUTS are scheduled for the weeks of September 18 th and 25 th with two sessions per grade. Attendance at both tryout dates is strongly encouraged, and a third date may be offered if there are

extenuating circumstances. A tryout schedule is posted on the league website. There will be a \$40 fee to register for tryouts, if your child does not make the team, it will be refunded. The season begins the week before Thanksgiving and runs until mid-March. All teams will play in post-season tournament. Players are required to participate in 70% of Recreational League practices. An exception will be made for players on the Middle School Team. Registration for this league includes the Recreational League Fee!

Must register before September 16 th to be eligible for tryouts!

****Scholarships are available upon request****

Coaching Opportunities Available! Please register on league website for consideration!