



The Focus

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

This WEEKLY communication is intended to streamline communications between school and home by providing one regular update on topics of general interest, reminders, etc. We hope this helps to reduce the number of duplicate emails you currently may be receiving from multiple district sources.

NOTE: This is an official communication from the Hopewell Valley Regional School District. Information that is not directly related to the staff or students will not be included in this email. In addition, it is not affiliated with the email list services maintained by individual school PTOs (i.e., Dog Byte, WolfFlash) and other parent organizations.

[Click here for the latest update from HVRSD](#)

Vaccine Opportunity this Saturday! - Har Sinai Temple in Pennington is hosting a vaccination (Pfizer) clinic tomorrow, June 5, from 9-12. Walk-ins welcome. [Details are available here.](#)

Superintendent Search Update - Please [click here](#) for the latest update from the Board of Education regarding the search for a new HVRSD Superintendent.

Important End of the Year Updates from our Nurses - The HVRSD school nurses would like to remind you of some important information regarding student vaccination requirements. [Please click here for details.](#)

Website Survey (2 minutes!) - This summer we will be reformatting our district and school websites to be more user friendly. As part of this process, we are asking for your input on why you access our website [here](#).

Broadway is Back in HVRSD!

CHS students will be performing the musical *Little Women* June 4 and 5. All performances will be streamed through a filmed on stage experience with performances limited to only two shows. Tickets are \$5 per household at www.showtix4u.com. Show times are June 4th at 7:00 p.m. And June 5th at 7:00 p.m. Additional information can be found through the MTPA [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.

REMINDERS:

- **PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD DAILY FOR COVID SYMPTOMS**
- **Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2021 is open!** Registration Forms and further information can be found [here](#). The District will be holding an optional in-person Kindergarten Camp at the elementary schools in July. Information and the registration form can be found [here](#).

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HOPEWELL VALLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Little Women Premiere - The talented cast of our spring musical, *Little Women*, has been hard at work rehearsing and recording this heartwarming show! A recording of the show will be available for one week, on demand, starting at 7:00 pm on Friday June 4th and ending at 7:00 pm on Friday June 11th. Tickets are now on sale at showtix4u.com, and the cost is \$5 per household, per stream. With your purchase of a streaming ticket, you can watch the show as many times as you'd like within a 48 hour period. Please come out and support these amazing performers, musicians and theatre technicians in this beautiful show!

June Schedule - We were excited to welcome our students back to [full-day instruction](#)! Based on feedback from our students and staff, we have maintained our current schedule rotation, and shifted recitation to the session adjoining lunch, in order to provide two separate lunch periods. Please review the email sent on 5/25 by Ms. Riley for additional information.

End of the Year Events - Our [traditional end-of-year activities](#), including concerts, awards ceremonies, proms, and commencement are underway! We're excited to be able to hold the large majority of these events in person and we appreciate your cooperation in following the district and state guidelines regarding COVID19 protocols during your attendance at the events. Based on the most recent guidance provided by the local department of health, masks will be optional for guests at all outdoor events, including commencement.

Student COVID-19 Vaccination Information - If you have chosen to have your child vaccinated with one of the COVID-19 vaccines and would like to share that information confidentially with our school nurses, please consider completing [this form](#). Vaccination information may be helpful as the nurses update student medical records or conduct contact tracing and determine required quarantine periods.

Pomptonian Food Service - The USDA and HVRSD have combined to provide free lunches for all students on school days. If you are interested, **please pre-order your child's meal** and it will be available for pick-up during our scheduled lunch periods. You can order online at www.payschoolscentral.com or download the Payschools Central app.

What's Happening at HVCHS? Please follow us on Twitter: @HVCentralHS and Instagram: hopewell_valley_central_hs for pictures, updates, and fun facts!

* Dates to Remember *

June 7 - National Honor Society Induction
June 8 - Outdoor Band Concert
June 9 - Academic Awards Night
June 10 - Senior Athletic Awards Night
June 11 - All Students Remote
June 11 - Junior Prom
June 12 - Senior Prom
June 14 - Senior Awards Night
June 17 - Commencement

TIMBERLANE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Oops, you missed ordering Yearbooks online-No worries. Yearbooks are still available for purchase. The cost of the Yearbook is \$40, cash or check made payable to Timberlane Middle School. Please place your payment in an envelope with your child's name and homeroom. Envelopes can be dropped off at the main office. The final deadline to send in your order is Monday, 06.14.2021.

8th Grade Fun Day: Friday June 11: We have a day planned full of fun, food and camaraderie and activities to aid in the transition to high school. Since this may be the only time we can have our entire 8th grade class together, we have made careful arrangements to ensure an environment where all feel safe. All sixth and seventh grade students, as well as all high school students will be remote this day, providing lots of space for social distancing all day. We would love for our remote students to join us on this day. Students will engage in a rotation of activities as a team, such as Transition Day at the CHS, Field Day, Food Trucks, Moving up Rehearsal and a Scavenger hunt. Each activity will have our students in smaller groups to allow for social distancing. More information will be shared soon.

Moving Up Celebration: Monday June 14 (Rain Date: Tuesday, June 15) The final event of the year will be the Middle School Moving Up Celebration. This year, we will offer three different in-person ceremonies, to accommodate social distancing. Each student will receive two tickets for two special adults in their life. While this is not a graduation, our ceremony celebrates the accomplishments of our students. The program will culminate with the presentation of the 8th grade class to the CHS high school principal, Ms Patricia Riley. Ms Riley will then conclude the ceremony by officially welcoming your children as high school freshmen.

PAKSEAT - Looking for a comfortable seat for outdoors? Need to carry lunch, sunscreen and water too? The TMS PTO is selling a new product called the PAKSEAT. Order online at <https://timberlane-middle-school.square.site>

TMS June Calendar: [June Calendar](#)

TMS Updates - For additional information about TMS, please visit our [webpage](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#) @Timberlane_HV, or Instagram @timberlane_timberwolves.

* Dates to Remember *

June 11- Full Day but all Remote for 6th and 7th grade

June 11-8th Grade Transition Day

June 14- 8th Grade Moving Up
9:00 am- Titanium
11:00 am-Platinum
1:00 pm- Mercury

June 15- Rain Date-8th Grade Moving Up

June 16- Early Dismissal

June 17- Early dismissal

BEAR TAVERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BT Changes In Students' Dismissal - Families, if there is a change in how students will be going home (pick up, take the bus, after school program, etc.), please be sure to call or email the main office, as teachers do not always have an opportunity to check their email. 609-737-4005

joannemarkulec@hvrdsd.org and laurenjordan@hvrdsd.org

Absences & Late Arrivals - Parents/Guardians should call our TeleSafe number 609-737-4005, Ext 2, by 8:00 am to report an absence or late arrival. Thank you.

Moving? - If you are moving and leaving Bear Tavern for next school year, please contact the Registrar, Ms. Loughery at 609-737-4000 Ext. 2304 or email catherineloughery@hvrdsd.org. Also please let the Main Office know. Thank you.

June Calendar - Please click [here](#) to access the calendar for the month.

Expanded Lunch Menu - Complimentary lunch for students is being offered to all interested families. Our [new online form](#) with expanded options is now available. Orders for next week must be placed by Sunday night.

BT Student Classwork/Supply Pickup - Must be done by 4:00 pm. Any pickups after 4:00 pm must be planned with your student's teacher.

BTPTO Meatless Monday Cookbook - The deadline to order is **Friday, June 4, 2021**. Click [here](#) to order on the membership toolkit website. Cookbooks will be distributed during the last week of school. Remote student pickup will be emailed shortly.

HVCHS -Presents **Little Women** the musical **on June 4 and 5**. From the beloved book based on Louisa May Alcott's life, Little Women follows the adventures of sisters Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy March. See Jo's story of her family and friends and their experience growing up in Civil War America. The powerful score soars with the sounds of a youth and a generation finding its voice. All performances will be streamed through a filmed on-stage experience. Tickets are **\$5 per household/ device** at www.showtix4u.com. Showtimes are June 4th at 7:00 p.m. And June 5th at 7:00 p.m. Additional information can be found through the MTPA [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony - Tuesday, June 15th at 7 pm at Bear Tavern. We'll be using the circular driveway area (where we have historically celebrated May Day). We anticipate that the event will last roughly 45-60 minutes. It has been a tradition for students to watch a slideshow together. We plan to honor that tradition by allowing students to enter the fifth-grade wing through the outdoor learning center and watch in the classrooms with their classmates while parents and guests can access the slideshow from a QR code in their seats. **Attire:** it will be warm, so business casual will be ideal (khaki shorts and golf-style shirts will be acceptable, as will dresses, skirts, etc.). Students will be seated in chairs, and guests will be invited to sit on the hill, so blankets are welcome.

Clap Out - Thursday, June 17th at 12 pm. Students will be lining the outside of the school, and our fifth graders will be taking a nostalgic walk through the empty building, then exit from the pencil post canopy and walk around the outside of the building to cheering younger students and staff. The route will conclude on the

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June 4 - Deadline to Order Meatless Cookbook

June 8 - Bear Tavern Day/Live For Remote Students (a.k.a Field Day)

June 9 - Rainbow Color Day

June 10 - 5th Grade Pool Party (Raindate 6/11) Preschool Graduation

June 15 - 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony

June 16 - Early Dismissal Preschool AM Only

June 17 - Early Dismissal Preschool PM Only 5th Grade Clap Out

blacktop (from the Outdoor Learning Area), where parents, guardians, and guests can help to culminate an amazing time at Bear Tavern. Due to our dismissal process, we must ask guests to park on Bear Tavern Road and walk up to the blacktop. **At approximately 12:15- 12:20, the students will arrive at the blacktop and have time to mingle with family members and friends.** The normal dismissal process will begin at 12:30 pm. Students riding the bus will report to the bus loop at 12:30, and families who will be car pick-ups are welcome to mingle for a bit or leave at 12:30.

Kindergarten Registration - Students who will be 5 years old on or before Oct.1, 2021. Registration forms are [here](#). In addition the District will be holding an optional Kindergarten Camp at each Elementary school in July. More information and registration form can be found [here](#).

HV Mobile Food Pantry - Please see the [FLYER](#) on how you can help the pantry.

BTPTO Travels With Titus - Bear Tavern families are invited to participate in a spin on the Traveling Teddy Bear with **Travels With Titus**. Print, draw, craft, or grab your favorite look-alike teddy bear. Please take a photo of Titus sharing an in-home activity and post it to Twitter or the BTPTO Facebook page. Don't forget to tag [#BearTavernPride](#) & [#TravelswithTitus](#). Be Creative with props and locations; have fun.

BTPTO Box Tops of Education - By clipping or scanning on everyday items throughout the year, Box Tops provides our school with money to help teachers and students get the supplies they need. You can find more information and instructions right [here](#).

BT Textile Drive - Ever wonder what the collection bin is for in the school parking lot? It is for the district's year-round textile drive. Support your school, your community, and your environment. The Textile Drive is a **HUGE** fundraiser for the BTPTO and a great way for you to get rid of old clothing and other items. Please drop off bagged textiles (clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, blankets, linens, towels, stuffed animals, etc.). Stained and ripped items are OK for donation.

BT Membership Toolkit - All volunteer opportunities, Spirit Wear, and your class lists can be found on MembershipToolkit. Click [here](#) to register. Please email beartaverndirectory@gmail.com with any questions.

What Did Your Child Do In School This Week? - Find out! To see pictures of all the great happenings at BT, please be sure to follow the Bear Tavern Twitter feed @BearTavernES ([here](#)) and #BearTavernPride ([here](#)). Our teachers update this feed daily. It is a great way to see all the wonderful things your students do all day. For important flyers and forms, check out the BT Virtual Backpack ([here](#)).

HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRIDE Month - We are proud to be recognizing PRIDE Month at Hopewell Elementary School where we are committed to making all families, students and staff feel valued and welcome.

Interested students and staff are invited to wear clothing on Monday, June 7th. Rainbows are welcome! #loveislove

5th Grade Completion Ceremony - We look forward to celebrating our 5th graders on Monday, June 14th. Our Completion Ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 pm on the HES Basketball Court. Students should be dropped off at 5:00 pm in the gymnasium. The rain date will be Wednesday, June 16th.

We anticipate a large number of attendees. Please keep the following items in mind:

- + Parking spots in our main lot will be limited. Therefore, families should arrive in one car. If possible, please consider walking.
- + Chairs will be provided for 5th grade students. Family members are invited to bring chairs and/or blankets.
- + Practice social distancing at all times.
- + We are asking siblings to remain with their families at all times. Children should not be on the playground.
- + Masks must be worn when walking to and from your seating area.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Clapout - Details regarding our clapout are forthcoming.

Expanded Lunch Menu - Complimentary lunch for students is being offered to all interested families. Our [new online form](#) with expanded options is now available. Orders for next week must be placed by Sunday night.

Each day, students will have access to a warm option and garden salad with chicken. We're also proud to feature a vegetarian (black bean burger with lettuce and tomato) and vegan option (garden salad with hummus and pita wedges) daily.

Kindergarten Registration - Students who will be 5 years old on or before Oct.1, 2021. Registration forms are [here](#). In addition the District will be holding an optional Kindergarten Camp at each Elementary school in July. More information and registration form can be found [here](#).

Lost and Found - Please ask your child to check the Lost and Found table, located near the cafeteria, if you are missing any items. All uncollected items will be donated at the end of each month.

Weather Reminder - As temperatures have dropped, please remember to have

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June 7 - Celebrate Pride Month

June 15 - 5th Grade Completion Ceremony

**June 16 - Early Dismissal
Preschool AM Only**

**June 17 - Early Dismissal
Preschool PM Only
5th Grade Clap Out**

children dressed appropriately for outdoor weather. We try to ensure that our students are outside daily. Jackets, hats, gloves, and appropriate footwear are necessary, and all should be **labeled** with your child's name.

HV Mobile Food Pantry - Please click [here](#) to learn how you may support the HV Mobile Food Pantry.

HES Updates - For additional information about HES, please visit our [webpage](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) @HopewellES



STONY BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5th Grade Activities-

June 9 at 6:30 pm. : All Star Celebration/Promotion Ceremony

June 14 11:00-2:00: Pool Party

June 17: Pizza Party & 5th Grade "Clap Out"

Field Day- We are so excited that we can have Field Day this year!

June 11: 9:00-11:30: Grades K-5 "In Person Learners" and K & 5 "Remote Learners"

June 14: 9:00-11:00: "Remote Learners" Grades 1-4. If remote learners have chosen not to participate "in-person" they will enjoy a Virtual Field Day.

Flag Day -June 14- 8:50 am. At the Flagpole outside of SB. Remote learners if attending should arrive at 8:45.

Order a Complimentary Lunch - Please order lunch for the week of June 7 by 11:59 on Sunday. Order one meal per child only. Remote students need to select FULL REMOTE at the Grade prompt and pickup meal between 1:15-1:30. Thank you. [LINK](#)

PTO Bingo Winners - Thanks for joining us for a family fun night! If your family won a round of bingo from the family fun night, please contact the main office so we can arrange to send home your gift card.

Moving? - If you are moving and leaving Stony Brook for next school year, please contact the Registrar, Ms. Loughery at 609-737-4000 Ext. 2304 or email catherineloughery@hvrssd.org. Also please let the Main Office know. Thank you.

Still a few Copy left of the 20-21 Yearbook!

There are still yearbooks available. Price is \$30 via cash or check (payable to Stony Brook PTO) while supplies last. Please send the order in with your child or drop off in the box outside the main entrance between 8:00-4:00.

Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2021 is Open- Registration Forms and further information can be found [here](#). The District will be holding an optional Kindergarten Camp at the elementary schools in July. Information and the registration form can be found [here](#).

Textile Bin - Ever wonder what the black collection bin is for next to the building in the South lot? It is for the district's year-round textile drive. Support your school, your community, and your environment. The Textile Drive is a great way for you to get rid of old clothing and other items. Please drop off bagged textiles (clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, blankets, linens, towels, stuffed animals, etc.). Stained and ripped items are OK for donation. If the bin is full, please don't leave items on the ground outside the bin. The bin is emptied once per week so come back when you see it has room.

Lost and Found - Please ask your child to check the Lost and Found table by the Main Office, if you are missing any items. All uncollected items will be donated at the end of the school year

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**June 9 All Star
Celebration/Promotion
Ceremony**

June 11 & 14 - Field Day

June 14 -Flag Day Ceremony

**June 16 & 17-Early Dismissal
12:45 No lunches**

June 17 - Last Day of School!

TOLL GATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

5th Grade Promotion Picnic/Ceremony -is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 @ 6:30pm. Families will be gathering, socially distanced to enjoy their own picnic dinner followed by a ceremony and diploma presentation, and concluding slideshow for all to enjoy. If you have not RSVP'd please do so [here](#).

Grade 5 EOY Activities - Wednesday, June 16, 1:30-3:30pm Pool Party at Hopewell Swim and Tennis Center

- Parents to provide their own transportation
- Snacks leftover from movie night concession stand will be served
- Thursday, June 17, 12:30pm 5th Grade Outdoor Clap Out
- Clapout route TBD

Lost and Found - If parents would like to check our Lost and Found for items that have disappeared over the past few months we are relocating the Lost and Found to our front hallway. Parents may access it by ringing the doorbell. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

Kindergarten Registration - continues for future Toll Gators who will be 5 years old on or before Oct.1, 2021. Registration forms are [here](#). In addition the District will be holding an optional Kindergarten Camp at each Elementary school in July. More information and registration form can be found [here](#).

TGWHYYOUMATTER Campaign -The #TGWHYYOUMATTER campaign aligns with our school theme, our commitment to an inclusive community and building meaningful and lasting relationships in this new year. The basic premise of this project is a simple question: "Why do you matter?". We want students to look inside and find their purpose and to really examine their positive attributes, the characteristics that make them unique, and the reason why the world is a better place because they are in it.

Pomptonian Food Service - A reminder that lunches are being provided free of charge to all students. See the order form posted [here](#) for more information.

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June 15 - Gr. 5 Promotion Picnic/Ceremony

June 16 - 12:45pm - Early Dismissal

June 17 - 12:30pm - Grade 5 Clap-out. Last Day of School

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

NEW! Hopewell Valley Come Outside & Play! is June 10-12. This Hopewell Valley community-wide event was established to increase awareness of nature and an appreciation of time spent outdoors in Hopewell Valley. A full list of activities are [HERE!](#) Registration is required for some activities. Events will be canceled due to inclement weather unless otherwise noted. Enjoy getting outside, Hopewell Valley!

Weekly Parent Program: Empowering (You) is being offered every Thursday (via Zoom) from 12:00PM-1:00 PM by the Prevention Coalition of Mercer County. Topics vary weekly. For May program information and to register see their Thursday event calendar [here](#). For recordings of previous programs click [here](#).

New! Join Kids-N-Hope Foundation and Riders for a Cause at our 1200 Spokes for Hope Tour Bike-A-Thon! This local event will take place from Sunday, August 15, 2021 through Sunday, August 22, 2021. Details are available by [clicking here](#).

Safety Town needs student volunteers! Safety Town is a one-week summer program (June 28-July 2) for rising Hopewell Valley School District kindergartners and first graders offered through the HV YMCA. If your student is 14 years or older and would like to volunteer during this program, have them sign up [here](#).

New! Hopewell Township Recreation Department Soap Box Derby Racing is here for your student age 7-19! Race Day is June 13 with required inspection June 12 at Washington Crossing State Park. To learn more watch this [video](#). Contact the recreation department with questions and to register at 609-737-3753. Information on additional events, summer camps, spring programs, clinics and trips for children and adults can be viewed [here](#). To join their email list, click [here](#).

Pennington Public Library Families with kindergarten or younger children are invited to virtual Story Time every first Wednesday of the month at 11AM. For more information click [here](#). Other library programs and events can be viewed [here](#).

Hopewell Valley Single Parenting Together is a newly formed parent group where people can find the support they need through the power of connection. To learn more click [here](#).

Hopewell Valley YMCA Announcing a new Summer Extended Care program for ESY and Gen Ed families attending summer school. For more information click [here](#). Summer Camp registration is still open! Click [here](#) for details.

Local non-profit #NotOnMyWatch is offering free women's self defense classes for women and teenage girls every Wednesday evening at 6PM through their "Stand Up" program. For more information on this -- including registration -- and other programs offered to our community, click [here](#).

Mercer County Park Commission in-person programs for families and students of all ages. The current month's activities can be viewed [here](#).

Hopewell Branch - Mercer County Library System programs and events can be viewed [here](#).

Hopewell Valley Mobile Food Pantry To register to receive assistance click [here](#). To donate food items click [here](#). Please see the [flyer](#) on how you can help the pantry.

The Chubby's Project has a website! They deliver nutritious meals and weekly groceries to neighbors in need. If you or someone you know needs assistance or you would like to donate contact Liz at foundation@auntchubbys.com. For more information visit their new website: www.thechubbysproject.org