

Hampden Meadows Weekly Family Newsletter

Week ending January 5, 2024

Important Dates to Remember

January 5 & 6 SpongeBob Arts Alive play at Barrington High School

January 5 - 31 BRSE Survey Open

January 15 - No School



Thank you for your generous support and donations for the Hasbro Children's Hospital toy drive

Dear Hampden Meadows Community,

In order to continuously improve, Hampden Meadows School will be engaging in the **Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence** process. We will be receiving valuable feedback from the onsite team during the week of April 1st.

I realize that throughout the year we ask you to complete numerous surveys, and yes, we are asking once again. You will receive an email from "levesque" titled **Hampden Meadows BRSE Survey** and we are asking you to take 15 minutes to complete it and share our **strengths** and **challenges**. The survey is confidential and is live now and will be open until January 31, 2024. The email will also include a **unique code** for you to enter. These are codes assigned to each participant and will not be traced back to the respondent.

Here is the link to the survey:

<http://assessment.blueribbonschools.com>

Thank you again for completing this survey.

Gino Sangiuliano
Principal, Hampden Meadows School



From the District...

Barrington Public Schools is working with G&D Associates to imagine the future of our district and develop a new strategic plan that makes this future a reality. As part of this process, G&D Associates is seeking your feedback through a community survey. *Your participation in this survey is critical to informing the next stage of our strategic plan.*

[Please click this link](#) to access the community survey and share your voice. The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete. It is open now through January 14, 2024.

Thank you for your collaboration as we envision the direction and evolution of our district.

As we continue to work towards our goal of reducing the number of chronic absences, we will once again be sending letters out to families whose students have been absent for 10% or more of the school year. Please understand that the purpose of these letters is to help you keep track of and manage the number of absences recorded throughout the year. We know that most absences are unavoidable and that you share our belief that attendance is important, but this information can be helpful later in the year. Thank you for your support.



Please fill out this important form for your child's dental screening. If your child receives routine dental care from a private dentist, your child does not need to participate in the dental screening, however, you **MUST** submit the dentist's name and date of examination on this form to decline the screening. Thank you! The school's examination will take place on Monday, February 26th.

[DENTAL SCREENING FORM](#)

HMS SOUPerbowl

The Hampden Meadows Student Council is hosting our first **SOUPerbowl** to help provide canned soup for the Tap In Food Pantry which provides food for the East Bay community. Each homeroom will represent a National Football League team. The SOUPerbowl will be from **January 9th- February 12th**. Students can drop off any canned soup in your NFL team box located in their homeroom. For each canned soup donated, a raffle ticket will be put in with their NFL team name on it. A raffle ticket will be pulled on February 12th. The NFL team whose raffle ticket is pulled will be able to display the HMS SOUPerbowl trophy in their homeroom for the year and football game with Miss O'Neil dedicated to the Tap IN Food Pantry. Reminder to check expiration dates before donating!

Good luck to all the NFL Teams,

Miss O'Neil, and the HMS Student Council



January is Poverty Awareness Month
January 13 is Korean American Day
January 15 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Do you have any leftover wrapping paper tubes or tape? Our Maker Space could use them and other random supplies!



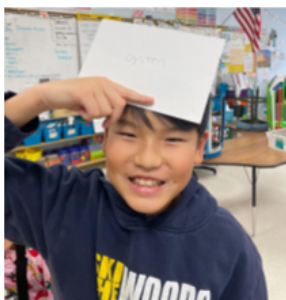
Fourth and Fifth Grade in Physical Education



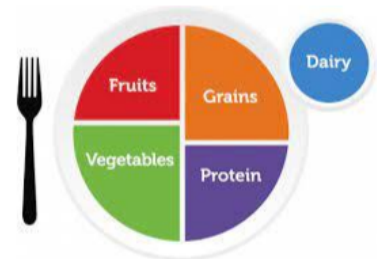
In fourth and fifth grade in Physical Education our tough tigers participated in the Hampden Meadows Winter Olympic and Paralympic Events. Students participated in four Winter Olympic events: Ski Jump, Curling, Skeleton, and Bobsleigh; and two Paralympic events: Para-Ice Hockey and Para Alpine Ski. Students took the Athlete's Oath at the beginning of our Winter Olympic Event in Physical Education class. Each station included a quick fact about the Winter Olympics and Paralympic Events.



Fourth and Fifth Grade in Health



Our Fourth and Fifth Graders in Health kicked off our Nutrition Unit. Students learned about the five food groups presented on MyPlate and which foods belong to each. Students discussed benefits of making healthy choices; eating balanced meals, exercising, sleep, etc. Students participated in hands on activities to help differentiate where each food belongs in our MyPlate food groups!





As you may be aware, the Barrington Garden Club has had the pleasure of holding periodic after-school activities with small groups of children throughout the school year; the opportunity being open to all the children on a rotating basis. Linda Bainer and I are always delighted to meet with the students to work on a craft, plant bulbs, decorate birdhouses, or other seasonal activities involving gardening, nature, and environmental awareness. In the spring, creative projects are entered into the annual Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs' Flower Show. The entries are AMAZING.

The National Gardens Club, Inc. is presently sponsoring 3 contests for elementary grade children. These include a Smokey Bear Poster Contest, a Youth Sculpture Contest, art made from recyclable materials, and a Youth Poetry Contest related to the environment. These entries will be done individually by the child. We will not be working as a group.

If your child, or children, are interested in any of these competitions, please email me at marynugent@mac.com. I will gladly obtain more specific information on requirements, and sponsor any child's entry. The contests are age specific, but I am happy to sponsor a younger or older sibling who does not attend Hampden Meadows.

The DEADLINE for all 3 contests is JANUARY 20.

Mary Nugent and Linda Bainer

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[January 2024 Lunch Menu](#)

[January 2024 Breakfast](#)

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

Please call or email the office staff at

HMSattendance@barringtonschools.org to alert us of an early dismissal, changes in dismissal, or an absence.

More Below





Registration

Online Registration for Little League Spring Baseball and Softball is OPEN now through February 29th for boys and girls age 4-16*!

Registration is also open for coaching and non-coaching volunteers. Non-residents who attend a Barrington school or who do not have a Little League program in their community may also register!

REGISTRATION FEES

\$120 for tee ball

\$150 for all other divisions of baseball and softball
Financial aid is available

DIVISIONS/AGES (League Age*)

<https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age/>

BASEBALL: Minors 7-10 | Majors 10-12 | Juniors 12-14 | Seniors 14-16

SOFTBALL: Minors 8-10 | Majors 11-12 | Seniors 13-16

TEE BALL: 4-

Please visit <http://www.barringtonlittleleague.org> to register.

For more information contact: info-officer@barringtonlittleleague.org



HAMPDEN MEADOWS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT DATES

Music-a-thon

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Winter Concert at Barrington HS

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Elementary All-State Chorus Auditions

January 2-4, 2024

Providence Bruins at AMP Arena

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Elementary Choral Festival

(5th grade chorus only)

May 2-3, 2024

Choralpalooza (All BPS choirs)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Spring Music Concert (Band + Chorus)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Rain date: Thursday, June 13, 2024