

HCCPS News - Digital edition #7

Cooperative meeting Tuesday, October 23

All parents, staff and other community members are invited to attend this first meeting of the year. We will offer a brief update about what's new at school so far this year and then have a discussion about helping children get and stay organized in order for them to be successful at school. Our conversation will be informed by clips from a film by Mel Levine. If you have questions, please talk with Deirdre. We hope we will see you there.

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF HILLTOWN

We have good news and sad news. The good news first. So far, we have collected \$3,500 in our Field Trip Fund Drive. This amount will be passed along to the school to help pay for class field trips during the school year 2007-2008. Thanks to all who contributed! It's not too late to make your donation. The folder is still in Monique's office; any and all amounts are welcome!

The sad news is that our Vice President, Dan Jones, has decided to step down from the Friends of Hilltown Board. Dan has been the author of our finely crafted appeal letters and we will miss his remarkable skills in that department. THANK YOU, Dan, for your many years of service and good luck in your future writings- (maybe another best seller?).

Come Talk about Raising Money for Hilltown

Thurs. October 18, 6-8pm at the Blue House Cafe (across from the Brassworks on Rte 9) "There's no such thing as a free lunch" -- this is true of all public schools, whether charter or not, and especially here at Hilltown where we work to provide such a rich, full and community based learning environment. This meeting, hosted by the Development Committee along with Friends of Hilltown, will be an opportunity for those of us interested in finding ways to fund the future of our school - from creating more curriculum opportunities, to maintaining our low student to staff ration in the face of declining revenue, to a possible new building - to brainstorm, discuss and make some plans. ***You do not need to already be a member of any particular committee to participate, nor do you need to be intending to commit yourself to future meetings - in fact we are looking for the broadest possible range of perspectives.*** Our hope is to use this time to discover our potential, and contemplate future directions for the school's fundraising bodies. The Blue House kitchen will be open from 6-7 if you'd like to get something to eat! We'd love to see you there and letting Deirdre know that you're coming ahead of time wouldn't hurt.

Attention Skiers and Snow Boarders,

Look in your mail boxes this week for this year's Ski Club interest response cards. Cards are due back in a timely manner if you are interested. Payments are due by. November, 26th

Ski club is an afternoon activity, Tuesday afternoons for six weeks starting in January available to Hilltown kids 7 years old and up.

• 6 week package

•Ski \$234.00 • w/Rental* \$294.00

•Snowboard \$264.00 • w/Rental* \$354.00

Includes: 1 hour lesson, 2 hours skiing, Transportation to and from Berkshire East in Charlemont.

If you have questions about the winter ski program at Hilltown, please call parent, Robert P. Ross, Program coordinator: 413-320-2306 or Robert@RossBros.com

Calendar:

October 18, Thursday	Fundraising brainstorm party at Blue House
October 19, Friday	All students dismissed at 1:45 for all-staff meetings
October 23, Tuesday	Blues and Indigos go apple picking
October 23, Tuesday	Cooperative meeting 6:30 - 8pm (parents and staff)
November 2, Friday	Il Teatro! -- family acts welcome (See Deirdre or Joan)
November 12, Monday	No School, Veterans Day

Classroom News

PURPLES' ANNUAL COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER FOR NATURE'S CLASSROOM

It's that time of year again. The Purples are attending Nature's Classroom in Becket, MA in November, and we need your help in getting there. On Wednesday, October 17th at 12:30pm, we will be setting up a station in the All School Space where we will be selling cookie and brownie dough from the Classic Cookie Company. Each 3 lb. box of cookie dough and 2 lb. box of brownie dough keeps in the freezer for up to six months, and they're a great way to whip up a last minute treat for those upcoming holiday get togethers! Here are the flavors, available for \$14 per box:

Cookies: Hershey's Chocolate Chip, Reese's Peanut Butter Chip, Triple Chocolate Chip, Heath Bar Crunch, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut, Pecan Coconut Delight

Brownies: Chocolate Fudge, Chocolate Pecan, Peanut Butter Fudge, Triple Chocolate Cheesecake

Community Bulletin Board

Help, I need a ride!

on Mondays afterschool to North Farms Rd. to dance! I have been dancing for 9 years and if I don't do this class I can't take dance classes this year. My name is Mara and I'm in the Prisms and if you can help me please see me in the Prisms or call me at 584-1964. Please!!

Egg Cartons:

For any family that owns chickens: we have collected 2 big grocery bags full of empty egg cartons ... if anybody would like them, please contact the Armstrongs at standingonthemoon@comcast.net or #584.4569. Thanks!

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Newsletter@hilltowncharter.org

