Dear Families,

Report cards are included in your child’s Thursday folder this week. Please reach out to your child’s teacher if you have any questions. I am also happy to answer any questions. Hawlemont students are doing a wonderful job showing GRIT. We are continuing to work on showing respect as a school.

As a school we are a Title 1 school which means that we receive federal funding. Our Title 1 is used to support our preschool program as getting students into school early will benefit students for their education. As a school we also receive a report card from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The report card gives a glimpse of the student population, our accountability school, attendance, and much more. You can access the report card by going to this site and searching Hawlemont or coming to the office to get a hard copy if you do not have access to the online version. Also included in the online version is an information sheet that will help to explain each part. [http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/](http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/)

I am always happy to meet with or chat with families about any questions you may have. Hope you had a wonderful January!

Mrs. Rodriguez

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**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

Mon. Feb. 3: 3:15-5:00 4H Outdoor Adventure
Tue. Feb. 4: 3:15-5:00 4H Bug Club
Wed. Feb. 5: 1:50 student dismissal
Thu. Feb. 6: 3:15-5:00 4H Animal Science Club
Fri. Feb. 7: Winter Enrichment fifth grade is asked to send in snack
Mon. Feb. 10: 3:30 PTO meeting in the cafe
Tue. Feb. 11: 3:15-5:00 4H Lego Robotics Club
Wed. Feb 12: 2:00 All School Meeting run by Mrs. Clark’s third grade
Thu. Feb. 13: 8:00 HAY meeting
Fri. Feb. 14: 3:15-5:00 4H Weaving Club
Fri. Feb. 14: Final day of winter enrichment...Families that have not sent in snack are asked to send a snack in
Mon. Feb. 17 to Fri. Feb. 21 Winter Break
Mon. Feb. 24: 3:15-5:00 4H Painting Club
PTO NEWS:
**Reminder the next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 10 starting at 3:30 in the cafeteria. Child care will be provided**

**Valentines Art Project** will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11 starting at 3:30 in the cafe. There will be no cost for this event…..snacks provided….Please call the main office to sign your child up.

First Grade News:
First grade is finishing up their writing workshop unit on “How-To Books,” so please look for the invitation to our publishing party February 13th. We have started unit 3 in math and students are enjoying learning their key number facts and fact strategies for single-digit addition and subtraction. They are doing a great job with using these strategies during work stations. Please look for more information about Valentine’s Day, publishing party, and the 100th day of school in the February newsletter.

Third Grade News:
Third grade has been working hard in all subjects! In math students have been working on elapsed time and fractions. They have been identifying shaded parts of a whole and finding equivalent fractions in the calendar pattern for this month. Students have also been working to compare fractions. Jonathan Mirin has written a play on the history of Charlemont, Hawley, and Heath, and both classes have been rehearsing for it. We are excited to share all of our hard work on this play in February. ~Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ricko

Fifth Grade News:
Fifth grade has started reading the book Holes by Louis Sachar. We have a couple of students that have either read or watched the movie, I have asked all other students not to read ahead or watch the movie. We are starting our Science unit on the ecosystem. One of our projects will be a biome in a box. Please send in any old shoe boxes you have that you don’t want. This project will start the end of February. We are finishing up our decimal math unit. These skills will be practiced and mastered by the end of the year. ~ Mrs.Sinistore
Thank you to all that helped support 5th grade by buying a calendar. The money will be used towards their Red Gate Farm 2 night overnight trip.

The winners are:
1. Scrunchies by Scranchies - Dawn Grignaffini
2. Moldavite Dreams - gift certificate - Miss.Tulloch
3. Elf Movie night - Mason Weis
4. Beatrix Potter Classics - Heather Boyle
5. Pivit board game - Henry Dekoschak
6. Frosting decorating set with mixes - Ryan Eastman
7. Jim Beam Grilling Essentials - Rita Deyo
8. Autozone car wash bucket and supplies - Ms. Cindy
9. 4 passes to Hick's Family Farm - Heather Boyle
10. Yankee Candle and cookies - Nancy Purrington
11. Tractor Supply Gift Certificate - Dominique Beausoleil
12. Arts and Crafts Basket - Gwen Gurney
13. Quilting craft and Knitting Throughout the Year - Greg Cangialoli
14. Life is Good hiking mug with goodies - Gwen Gurney
15. Microwave Popcorn popper and 3D puzzles - Dawn Grignaffini
16. Moldavite Dreams - gift certificate - Dawn Grignaffini
17. Jupiter Ascending movie night - Miryam Vesset
18. Beanie Baby with children's books - Christina Drumgool
20. Sweet Treats - hot cocoa with Ghirardelli and Dove Chocolates- Amber Tulloch
21. Wooden horse boxes and copper horse brooch - Jess Hicks
22. Carquest car wash bucket and supplies - Miryam Vesset
23. $15 Gift Certificate to HAY farmer's market - Joe Purinton
24. Yankee Candles - summer scents - Ms. Cindy
25. Toy rocket and Oliver Jeffers children's book - Vicky Rockstroh
26. Craft Basket - Alice Hicks
27. Mug Treats - Bridget Lilly
28. Feels like home basket - Greg Boyd
29. Calendars Special - a little bit of everything - Ryan Eastman
30. Moldavite Dreams - gift certificate - Miryam Vessett
31. Avenger Infinity War movie night - Gloria Jean Purinton

Speech & Language News:
Many students have been practicing animal tracking and animal identification during speech-language therapy sessions. They have practiced describing differences and similarities between sets of tracks, guessing animals based on their definitions, and describing animals so that others can guess. This can be a good activity for at home, while looking at tracks in the snow (or mud). Students can not only improve their language skills, but also practice target speech sounds such as “R” in words like “raccoon,” “rabbit” or “deer.”