Hawlemont Newsletter
Thursday, March 12, 2020

Dear Families,

I am just letting you know that due to COVID-19 we are cancelling some of the field trips that were not local for the month of March. Trips that were cancelled so far were the K/1 trip to the Hitchcock Center, 2-6 trip to Hartford Science Center, and 6th grade trip to Boston. More information will be coming about field trips in the future. We also are postponing the Friends of H.A.Y. Dinner Dance. The tentative date for this is May 1st but more information will come. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding during this time.

In other news please see the MCAS schedule along with our Family Math Munch. The Family Math Munch is instead of Family Lunches that were done last year. Through our family survey in the fall families prefered a morning or afternoon event instead of a lunch event. On your child's class date we invite you to come and see all of the marvelous math that is happening at Hawlemont.

4/7 1st Grade 1:30
4/7 4th grade 2:30
4/9 6th grade 2:30
4/14 Preschool classes 8:45
4/15 2nd grade 9:00
4/17 Both 3rd grades 9:00
4/27 5th grade 2:15
5/1 Kindergarten 2:15

MCAS TESTING DATES:

English Language Arts:
Tuesday, April 14 - 4th, 5th, and 6th grade
Thursday, April 16 - 4th, 5th, and 6th grade
Tuesday, April 28 - 3rd grade
Thursday, April 30 - 3rd grade

Math:
Tuesday, May 5 - 4th, 5th, and 6th grade
Thursday, May 7 - 4th, 5th, and 6th grade
Thursday, May 14 - 3rd grade
Friday, May 15 - 3rd grade

Science and Technology:
Tuesday, May 12 - 5th grade
Wednesday, May 13 - 5th grade
EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Mon. March 16: 3:15-5:00 4H Outdoor Adventure Club
Tue. March 17: 8:55 4/5/6 Grades to Mohawk for musical preview
              3:15-5:00 4H Lego Robotics club
Wed. March 18: 1:50 student dismissal
Thur. March 19: 3:15-5:00 4H Animal Science

Kindergarten News: In anticipation of a visit from raptor rehabilitator, Tom Ricardi, on April 1st, the K kids will be exploring raptors this month. We have seen a hawk that has been hanging out near our playground for a few weeks and hope to catch glimpses of it during our outside play times. We will be spending time in the woods on Monday afternoons so clothes that can get dirty would be best on those days. We are missing a couple of rain pants from our classroom that may have made their way into backpacks, so if you come across a pair of blue rain pants at your house please return them. Thanks!

Fifth Grade News: For an all school reward, 5th grade chose to make slime on Wednesday. We had fun making it and we also learned the science around slime noticing the changes in matter. We are starting our Biome in a box focusing on the ecosystem. Students are very excited to get started on this. They will be displayed at the all school open house at the end of the year. I did buy modeling clay that I will divide up between the students.
Thank you to all families that have donated classroom materials. We are noticing we are getting low on markers, tissues, recycled containers for slime, and disinfectant wipes. ~ Mrs.Sinistore

News from the School Nurse: An update regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) went out in email format on March 10th and in letter form with students March 11th from the Mohawk Trail School System. If you have not received this update please check your child's/ren backpack.
At Hawlemont the nurse and staff members are working hard to remind students to practice good hygiene, safe coughing and sneezing techniques, and not sharing their eating utensils and drinking cups. Have your child share their knowledge, ask them to demonstrate what they have learned, it is an effective way for them to practice. Thank-you Nurse Sherry