Happy November Families!

We are excited to have you in the building for parent teacher conferences today and tomorrow. Communication between home and school is an important part of your child’s education. Please call the office if you would like to schedule a last minute conference with your child’s teacher! Another way to be involved with the school besides conferences is the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The next PTO meeting is November 12th at 3:30 to 4:30 in the cafeteria. On the agenda includes voting on classroom needs and electing officers. See the PTO section below for more information. We hope to see you there!

Thanks,

Mrs. Rodriguez

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Mon. Nov. 11:  No School
Tues. Nov. 12:  3:30 - 4:30  PTO meeting in the cafe  Childcare provided
               4:30  School Committee meeting in the library
Thur. Nov 14:  Braided Bread delivery  See next page for more information
               3:15-5:00  4H Weaving club
               6:30  Mary Lyon Spelling Bee at Mohawk Auditorium
**BRAIDED BREAD DELIVERY:**
On Thursday, Nov 14 the braided bread fundraiser will be delivered to Hawlemont. Volunteers will sort out and bag the items for delivery. Orders should be ready by dismissal time. If your child sold a lot of items, we are asking that you arrange for your child and order to be picked up on that afternoon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sue Annear at the school. As always...thanks for the students and families that participated in this fundraiser.

**PTO NEWS:**
The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 3:30 PM in the cafe. At this meeting officers will be elected, money requests will be considered. If you are interested in nominating someone for an office...please send an email to Ms. Rodriguez at lrodriguez@mtrsd.org or Sue Annear at sannear@mtrsd.org. If you have any questions...feel free to reach out to the school.

**Art News:** Original Works are due tomorrow November 8th! Please make checks payable to Hawlemont Regional School.

***Also I have a Donors Choose page for 3D pens for the Art room, they are super cool. This ends at the end of the month, I am hoping to get fully funded, if not unfortunately I won't receive the pens. Any help is appreciated. I don't have much longer.***


If you need help please see me! Thanks! :-) Mrs. B.

**Kindergarten News:**
In November and December, we turn our attention to traditions. If your family has a special tradition during this time of year that you would like to share please let me know. Our pumpkins have been eaten by the chickens and goats or are composting in our garden. One pumpkin is still in the classroom decomposing in a bin. It has become quite yucky! We are starting to collect sight words on our word wall that we are learning to read and write. During our story time we are thinking about setting and characters. We are noticing when someone is being kind to others and thinking about how friends treat each other.

Mrs. Mead and Ms. Tracey
**First Grade News:**
First graders are learning about what good readers do: they talk about books, they ask questions, they recommend books to friends, they use strategies when figuring out a tricky word, they make sure they understand what they read, but most importantly they read, read, read (and have fun). Students are super excited to read to their families! They will be bringing home book bags with a book they read during guided reading along with some great ways families may support their child’s reading development.

**Fifth Grade News:**
The first quarter of the school year has flown by. I have enjoyed working with your children. We started our math unit on fractions. We are using money and time to help us understand parts of a whole. This month we will be exploring early settlers and the 13 colonies. I look forward to bringing an agricultural perspective into this unit. ~ Mrs.Sinistore

**Fifth Grade Fundraiser:**
**Calendar Fundraiser.**
Fifth grade will be organizing a Calendar Fundraiser. During the month of December students will be selling January calendars with prizes to be raffled off each day. Each calendar will cost $5.00 and proceeds will go to the Red Gate Farm two night overnight field trip in June.
I need 5th grade families help. I am looking for items that can be used for prizes. Please send in items that can be raffled off (gift certificates from local business are great). Each day should have a value between $10-$15. I will be combining items for gift baskets that don’t have a high value. I am looking for each student to donate items that will fill one calendar day. Please start sending them in.

**Hobby Horse Bake Sale.**
Fifth grade is signed up for the Hobby Horse Bake Sale. They will need baked items for this day. I will also need students to run the booth and face paint. We will also be making and selling catnip toys and slime. Please send in any small plastic containers that you no longer want to hold slime.

**Speech & Language News:**
A fun way to practice speech sounds is to play charades with your family. Take turns acting like certain animals, pretending to play certain sports, or pretending to use certain tools. This activity can also help build your child’s vocabulary. Each word that you act out should contain the speech sound that your child needs to practice. See if your child can pronounce the word correctly when guessing what you are pretending to be.
**HAY News:** As the temperatures drop, we have been talking about hibernation and tucking our gardens into cozy, leafy blankets. 3rd and 4th graders worked with the Nolumbeka Project, learning more about our native pollinators and how we can help them. We even learned how to say “Good morning, friend,” in a local indigenous language! Students were incredibly attentive and engaged in the slideshow sharing, making seed balls, and preparing nesting boxes.

Congratulations to the Russell family! They have won our October chore drawing. Thank you and all of our Farm Family volunteers who care for our animals on weekends and holidays. If you’d like to become a Farm Family, please reach out to Amber or Cindy.

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**HOBBY HORSE BAZAAR**

Saturday, Dec. 7

9:00-3:00

Local Craft Vendors

Raffle Prizes

Cookie Decorating

Soup and Salad Lunch

Bake Sale

Hawlemont Chorus

and lots more!!!!!

Come down and enjoy the shopping, entertainment and Good food

Proceeds go to the Hawlemont PTO