



# Hawlemont News

October 9, 2020

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## From The Principal:

Dear Families,

I hope you are all having a great week!

I have a few pieces of information that I want to make sure you get. The first is that the school committee is looking for a school committee secretary- this person sets up meeting times, takes notes, posts to the website and posts meetings etc. They also have an open spot for a Hawley representative.

Second, as a school, we are a Title 1 school which means that we receive federal funding. Title 1 is used to support our preschool program as getting students into school early will benefit students for their education. All of our teachers, pre-K to 6 are certified however as a Title 1 school you have the right as a parent to request teacher certification. I would like to invite you to our Local Education Council (LEC) meeting on October 13th at 5:00pm. At this meeting I will be reviewing the school initiatives for the year as well as information about our Title 1 program. Please see the link in the events section.

Third, teachers will start to administer our beginning of year assessments. Please see the [letter](#) that will be in your child's bag this week.

Last, if you have questions or concerns that come up during remote learning please go to the office hours for your child's teacher. This will help us pay full attention to your question and will not interrupt the instruction that needs to happen in the morning. Have a great weekend!

*Mrs. Rodriguez*

## Events

Thur. Oct 8: 5:30pm School Committee

[Join with Google Meet](#)

meet.google.com/vcn-rbbr-guo

Join by phone

(US) +1 605-743-0831 PIN: 568 110212#

Sat Oct 10: Tech Q & A 9:00am [Register here](#)

Mon. Oct. 12: No School

Tues. Oct 13: 5:00pm LEC meeting

[Join with Google Meet](#)

meet.google.com/aht-epcu-bpt

Join by phone

(US) +1 904-207-7371 PIN: 363 057 777#

Wed. Oct. 14: 1:50 Student dismissal

## Other Information

The office will be open daily from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you need anything please do not hesitate to email Sue or I at [sannear@mtrsd.org](mailto:sannear@mtrsd.org) or [Irodriguez@mtrsd.org](mailto:Irodriguez@mtrsd.org).

Recordings for Committee meetings can be found [here](#).

## Contact Information

Address: 10 School Street Charlemont, MA 01339

Facebook: [@HawlemontElementary](#)

Website: [www.hawlemont.mohawktrailschools.org](http://www.hawlemont.mohawktrailschools.org)

Phone: (413)339-8316

Fax: (413)339-5760

**Music Notes:** Hi Everyone! On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Hawlemont students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade will be able to opt in for small group lessons with Mr Rick. There will be challenges with the google classroom platform as far as playing together. However, there are many things we can do to learn to play an instrument.

Lessons will be offered on: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums, ukulele, guitar, bass and keyboard/piano. If you need an instrument, look for fliers from Gerry's Music in your bag this week. Be careful about purchasing an instrument on-line unless you are sure of the seller and the quality of the instrument.

I will talk about opt-in lessons in music classes and demonstrate some of the instruments. I will be creating an Opt-In Music Lesson schedule based upon similar instruments for groupings. I will publish the schedule and hope to start lessons in October. Questions? Here's a link

<https://meet.google.com/nvx-prgr-qoh?authuser=0> to my office hours on Thursday mornings. I will run them Tuesday and Thursday for the next couple of weeks.

Happy practicing!

Mr. Rick

### **Reminder: Flu Clinics Coming**

Next local Flu Clinic is **October 17th**(Rain Date 10/18/20) at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School from 10:00am to 12:00pm. This will be a drive-thru clinic, it is recommended that you fill out the insurance and screening paperwork for each person being vaccinated and bring it with you to the site along with your insurance card. Myself and a few others will be available to provide the vaccination certificate that families can give to the school nurse for verification of immunization. **October 25th in Colrain** is the next Flu Clinic available, more information will be provided as the date gets closer. Please email me if you want information paperwork needed to be filled out prior to the clinic. I can either provide you with the link and you can print your own copies or I can print copies and send them home with your child in the weekly Friday student school bag swap from 12:00-3:00 at Hawlemont.

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Hawlemont School Nurse

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**Additional Reminder:** It is highly recommended that all of us get an annual flu shot, especially those with chronic conditions such as asthma or those who live with family members who have weak immune systems. **Flu and COVID-19 symptoms are often very much the same.** People who are at-risk for COVID-19 are also at-risk for the flu. State public health officials have recently announced that influenza immunization will be required for all children 6 months of age or older who are attending Massachusetts child care, pre-school, kindergarten, K-12, and colleges and universities. The new vaccine requirement is an important step to reduce flu-related illness and the overall impact of respiratory illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students will be expected to have received a flu vaccine by December 31, 2020 for the 2020-2021 influenza season, unless either a medical or religious exemption is provided.

**Dear Parent/Guardian: Medications given at School** Does your child require any medications to be given during the day? As your school nurse, I am required by law to have a physician's order and a parent consent on file for all medications given at school, and a new order is needed for each school year. If your child requires medication during the school day such as an asthma inhaler, EPI- PEN, ADHD meds, etc.. you must obtain this order for school use and an action plan for any asthma, anaphylaxis (epi-pen), and diabetes. Your physician should have the order and Action Plan paperwork at their office, if not please contact me and I can forward this paperwork. All medications must be brought to school by a responsible adult and they need to be signed in by the nurse. Please do not send medications to school with your child. Hopefully we will be in school together soon. Let's be prepared so that the nurse can take care of all your child/rens needs.

Medication orders and Action Plans can be sent by fax to 413-339-5760 Any questions, please call the nurse at 413-339-8316 Ex117

Sherry Hager, BSN, RN, NCSN  
Hawlemont School Nurse

If your child will be absent from school (**remote or in-person**) due to illness, appointment, family-day, vacation, etc...or any other reason, parents need to be notifying the school by calling or emailing Sue Annear. Please dial your school's main number **413 339-8316** and select **Ext 0** or email her at [sannear@mtrsd.org](mailto:sannear@mtrsd.org) When reporting an absence, please include your name, child/rens name, grade, and reason for absence.

With an illness absence reported, please be specific with the type of illness or symptoms your child/ren is experiencing. Examples: fever, headache, and cough; stomach-ache and diarrhea with no fever; asthma flare-up; pink-eye; strep;...etc. It is always very important that we track absences related to illnesses in our school community, even remotely, and especially during this pandemic.

You may also request a call back at that time from the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns related to the illness absence. Please leave a contact number and approximate time that is best for you.

Phoning or emailing is available 24 hours a day so you may leave a message anytime, especially at night if you realize your student will not be attending school the next morning.



# D.I.Y. SCARECROW CONTEST



OCTOBER 29TH-31ST

Drive by the traffic circle at MTRS  
and enjoy the scarecrows!

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## HOW TO ENTER

Go to [tinyurl.com/y55mqbhz](https://tinyurl.com/y55mqbhz) or [click here](#)  
to fill out the registration form.

This is an inclusive fundraiser to support  
the student-led initiatives and celebrations  
of the Mohawk Trail Equity Alliance.  
Suggested donation of \$0-\$15 to enter.

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## CONTEST GUIDELINES

Scarecrow Requirements: Family Friendly,  
Weatherproof, Free-standing.

Setup: Drop off your scarecrow at the  
MTRS traffic circle by 5pm Thursday 10/29.

How to help: Materials needed! [Click here](#)  
or go to [tinyurl.com/y3876kl7](https://tinyurl.com/y3876kl7) to see how  
you can help in little and big ways.

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## PRIZES!

- Most DIY Spirit ● Funniest ● Scariest
- Most Imaginative ● Crowd Favorite
- Most MTRS School Spirit

Each prize winner will receive 1 lb. of SFCR  
pumpkin spice coffee, a gift certificate,  
scented candle, and other Halloween treats!



