

HALEY HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERNS JUST A REMINDER . . .

ALL Individuals, Moms, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandmas and Grandpas who assist our students into school should utilize the walkways and crossing guards that we have here at Haley. We discourage the practice of "crossing the lawns" and walking through both car and school bus traffic. Thank you for adhering to this request.

Summer Reading

We will celebrate our students who participated in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge on Friday, October 12th. Children who participated by reading at least two books and handing in their journals by September 24th, will be awarded a certificate by Mr. Stancil, and enjoy a goody bag from Mrs. Ross. Congratulations to all our readers and **Keep Reading!!!!**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hi, my name is Alex and I need your help. I'm doing Operation Christmas Cards, (The OCC) for short. Operation Christmas Cards allows students, like us, to make cards for our troops that are at serving our country and are away from their homes. So please help me collect cards for the troops. My goal is 400 or more. You can make them or buy a card either way it still counts. Please write a note inside the card to: Dear Service Member: I will be collecting cards from now until October 29th. You can work on them on the weekend. You put them in the office. I will leave a special box that says, Operation Christmas Cards near Mrs. Jackie's desk. On October 29th, I will bring them to Michael's Craft Store to have them shipped off to the Service members so they're not forgotten. Last year, we collected 348 cards in ten (10) days. This year, we have longer, so let's try and get more. So please take a few minutes to make a card to let our troops know that they are appreciated and they are not forgotten this holiday season. So please help me, Sincerely, Alex.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS DUE

Students who were participating in our FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM will have the same status as they had last year until the end of September. Beginning October 1, 2012 the new applications will take effect. Every student who believes that they qualify for this program will need to turn in a new application.

School lunches cost \$2.50 with a reduced price 40 cents with approved application or free. Breakfast can be purchased for \$1.00, or will be free for all students approved for a free or reduced lunch. Milk Price is: .50.

Students are encouraged to get their APPLICATION FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH in as soon as possible.

New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox "FOOD FIGHT IV" Food Drive for WHEAT

Last Year, New York Yankee fans were declared the winner of the third Food Fight sponsored by Seth Haley PTA.

Which team will win this year?

The PTA will collect donations on behalf of "W.H.E.A.T" beginning Monday, October 1st. Show your team spirit and support a great cause by sending in a food or monetary donation. Two team boxes will be located outside the school office to collect can goods and other food items. Monetary donations can be sent in an envelope marked "W.H.E.A.T". All donations will be picked up

and weighed on Monday, November 5th. The Fan Base with the most weight will be declared the winner. Monetary donations will be counted as THREE pounds for every dollar donated.

Specific Needs Include: Peanut Butter and Jelly, Cereal, Tuna Fish, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Canned Stew, Spaghetios, Hash, Canned Fruit, Canned Tomatoes, Etc. For further information about W.H.E.A.T., please contact Rose Majestic, the Executive Director at (203) 931-9877 or wheatcharity@sbcglobal.net.

HALEY SPIRIT WEAR FOR 2012-13

The Seth Haley PTA will be sending home brochure for this year's spirit wear. A sample of this year's spirit wear was offered, and well received, at the Annual PTA Open House in September. The in school ordering will be taking place during the first weeks of October and the again before the holidays. Information for this will be contained in the brochure which will be sent home via the backpack express homework folders. Thank you for supporting our school.

RESIDENCY HOTLINE

Anyone knowing of a family not residing in West Haven but attending our schools is asked to call (203)937-4300. Anonymity will be honored and your name will not be disclosed.

GRADE NEWS

NEWS FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Dear Families, Preschool Rooms 4, 5 & 6 will be learning about "Our Families and our Community". We will be talking about the members of our families, how families are different and what families do together. We will also be talking about neighborhoods and what it means to be a good neighbor. We will introduce the topic of the "Community" and what is a community helper. On Saturday, October 13th the PTA will be sponsoring "The Annual Harvest Festival" with many activities for the children and families. This will be a very busy month commencing with our annual Halloween Parade. Welcome to Autumn!
Carol Ventura

NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

We are learning a new letter each week in Kindergarten. The students are having fun sharing their letter posters with the class. We will send home the letter of the week notice on Friday so families can begin creating their posters. We started with the letter m and we will have a new letter each week. Each student should be practicing upper and lower case letters at home. Please check your child's folder each night for important notices and homework assignments. Kindergarteners are working on their handwriting and writing their names.

For Math we are continuing our counting unit. We are practicing counting, reading and writing numbers 0-5. At home practice counting objects around the house or during your daily travels.

The Kindergarten classes are learning about the five senses in Science class. We are reading books, singing songs, and discussing what are the five senses and how do we use them. Thank you, Mrs. Weiss and Miss Hill

NEWS FROM FIRST GRADE

October is a busy month in grade 1. Math will concentrate on understanding addition. We will continue to practice counting in the classroom and encourage practicing at home. A new program called the Daily 5 has been added to our reading curriculum. This program helps strengthen our independent reading. Science will focus on shadows. Did you know we need three sources to make a shadow? Social Studies will include Fire Prevention Week (with a visit from the Fire

Department). We will also honor Christopher Columbus for his voyage to America. Mrs. McDermott, Mrs. Paolino, Ms. Rudy, Mr. Mahoney, and Ms. Sgrignari

NEWS FROM SECOND GRADE

The second grade teachers would like to thank those parents who were able to join us for Open House in September. It was a pleasure meeting you. As we told you that evening, second grade students are building "stamina" to read independently for longer periods of time. Just as we are encouraging reading in school, we hope that parents are doing the same at home. We also recommend that students practice their math facts on a regular basis.

Homework is an important part of reinforcing what has been taught in school so we would appreciate parents going over their child's daily homework with them and identifying anything that they did not understand. Thank you.

Currently, second grade is focusing on fables, folktales, and fairy tales. The children are enjoying these stories and are discovering the morals or lessons for each story. One of our favorites is Town Mouse, Country Mouse, where the mice exchange places and find that there is "no place like home".

NEWS FROM THIRD GRADE

Third graders are settling in for the new school year. Ipod testing has begun with each student being individually tested. The tests consist of three one minute reads with the students retelling the story to the teacher, as well as reading several short stories with a series of written and oral questions. Currently students are busy learning their multiplication facts. A reminder to spend some time each evening with your child reviewing them as a nightly homework piece. Students will soon be moving into division.

NEWS FROM FOURTH GRADE

We are working very hard in all subject areas! Reading Students are in unit 1 of the curriculum. This involves reading weekly stories as well as guided reading activities with various leveled readers. We have added Wordly Wide Vocabulary this year, and ask that students study the definitions nightly! This is more intense than last year's vocabulary. Tests are every two weeks. Please help your child keep up with studying.

Grammar Unit I concerns are writing complete sentences, using the subjects and predicates correctly, and using pronouns and adverbs. Students should always edit writing to improve and correct capitalization, spelling, and punctuation. These skills do count towards their grade.

Writing The students are working on narrative writing skills, as well as journal writing on assigned topics.

Spelling There is a weekly spelling list and a weekly test.

Math We are focusing on multiplication, factors, prime numbers, composite numbers, place value, and division. It is crucial that the children know their multiplication facts in order to succeed! Please quiz your child nightly!

Science Our first unit is Force and Motion. The students also see Mrs. Parlee for Science throughout the 10 day cycle.

Social Studies Unit 1 is on Geography. We are learning how physical, political, and man-made features affect the way people live in CT. and the U.S.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely, The Fourth Grade Teachers.

SEPTA - Special Education Parent Teacher Association for West Haven Families

The West Haven SEPTA monthly meeting will be Tuesday October 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Seth Haley Library. There will be a workshop entitled "Understanding Your Child's IEP or 504 Plan" this workshop will be presented by Stefania Izzo-Larry Assistant Director of Pupil Services and Donna Kosiorowski the Supervisor of School Health Services/504 Coordinator. All are welcome to attend.

AROUND SCHOOL

The Reading Room

Weekend reading is so important to help students maintain their reading skills. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to include reading books, magazines, maps, brochures, and informational signs as part of your child's activities. Here are some tips to make reading FUN.

Let your child choose what to read. Don't get worried if your child wants to re-read all the books in a series. Rereading books or picking ones that seem too easy once in a while are good practice for fluency and develop your child's confidence.

Read aloud together. Find time to read TO your child often. Read in your backyard, or in the park. Then be sure to talk about what you read. Also, let your child read to YOU.

Set a good example. Let your child see you read. You are a role model of reading behavior for your child.

Visit the library OFTEN. The library will be able to encourage and support your child's reading. Find out what special activities are happening there.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Weissman, Reading Consultant

The Art Spot Project

This project will enable our students to help create five (5) 3' X 5' mosaic murals depicting themes from specific grade level READING. Resident artists, Joanne and Bruce Hunter will be using themes sent in from the grade level units to create the murals. In the Pre-K, Kindergarten Unit the theme will focus on Nursery Rhymes; in 1st Grade – Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham"; in 2nd Grade – "Town Mouse, Country Mouse"; in 3rd Grade – "Finding the Titanic" and in 4th Grade – "Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing" featuring Peter and Fudge.

The project will enable Every Student with the opportunity to create a piece of artwork as a collective school, about the most important

aspect of school-the love and importance of reading.

You can see the type of mosaic murals the HUNTERS have created by visiting their website at: www.artspotinfo.com.

Square 1 Art

Personalized Art Fund Raiser

Square 1 Art is on the way... To help raise funds for the PTA!

Stationary, ornaments, puzzles and more... Personalized with Your Child's Art...just too good to ignore!

So be on the lookout for samples of Your Child's Art...

SOCIAL WORK

Mrs. Farrell: 2nd STEP/QUEST Program: As mentioned in the September newsletter, we will be reviewing appropriate school and classroom behavior in all of our classrooms.

We are now going over "Stranger Danger" and what to do if a stranger approaches you. This is tied in to our discussions on bus rules, and walking home from school. We want all children to be aware of their surroundings, but not be AFRAID!!! They know they are totally SAFE when they are in school, that the building is locked and the playgrounds are monitored.

As Parents and Guardians, PLEASE discuss this with your children. We remind the children after our lessons to be sure to talk to their parents about what we discussed.

If you have any concerns that you would like us to discuss with all children, please send me your ideas and thoughts. Everyone's safety and well being is our concern. Please write to me at Jamene.Farrell@whschools.org. Your concerns will be kept confidential if necessary.

Easy Ways to Support Your School

Register Your Loyalty Cards at Participating Stores

It's not too late to help our PTA with your **everyday shopping**. It's a painless way to contribute to the PTA program of support activities. Please don't forget to share our numbers with family, friends and even co-workers. Again, it doesn't cost you anything to participate, only the time it takes to sign-up and remembering to show your card when you shop.

We are gaining in this effort. Each month our points grow and we get closer to **free school equipment** and extra dollars for our enhancement activities for our students. **Keep up the great effort!!!**

Look at the following sheets to see what type of **Loyalty card programs we participate in.**

Stop & Shop - A+ Bonus Bucks
www.stopandshop.com/aplus
School Code - #05834

ShopRite - ShopRite for Education
www.shoprte.com
School Code - #17949

Big Y - Education Express
www.bigyeductionexpress.com
School Code - #5810

Adams Food Market - www.escrip.com
School Code - #6610319

Target - Take Charge of Education
www.Target.com/TCOE
School Code - #39362

Box Tops for Education@www.BTFE.com

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PTA Calendar (through Jan. '13)

10/1/12	HALEY PTA MEETING – 6:30pm - LIBRARY
10/1/12	School Mall Project
10/1/12	Lyman Orchard Pie Fundraiser starts
10/1-10/31	Red Sox vs. Yankees Food Fight IV
10/5/12	Stronger Than a Bully Part II Assembly by Mobile Ed
10/9/12	Texas Road House Rib Rally 4-6:30pm
10/13/12	Haley Harvest Festival
10/23/12	SEPTA – 6:30pm - LIBRARY
10/23/12	Square One Art Fundraiser Begins
10/24/12	Lyman Pie Fundraiser Due
10/26/12	Picture Day Make-Ups with Premier Photography
10/30/12	Square One Art Orders Due
11/1/12	Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Begins
11/2/12	Pajama Story night/ Book Fair Opens
11/2-11/9	Scholastic Book Fair
11/5/12	HALEY PTA MEETING – 6:30pm - LIBRARY
11/6/12	Election Day Bake Sale & Scholastic Book Fair
11/8/12	Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Due
11/9/12	Skate Board Science Assembly
11/13-11/16	Coats For Kids Drive
11/13-11/27	Kids Stuff Coupon Fundraising Begins
11/27/12	SEPTA – 6:30pm - LIBRARY
11/30/12	Mr. Stencil's Homework Challenge
12/3/12	Square One Fundraiser Pick-up
12/6/12	Holiday Choral Concert
12/4/12	Barnes & Noble Night
12/10/12	HALEY PTA MEETING – 6:30pm - LIBRARY
12/10-12/14	Kidz Corner Fundraiser
1/18/13	Eshu Bumpus – African Storyteller Assembly
1/29/13	Texas RoadHouse 10% Family Fun Night

HOT NEWS FOR SETH HALEY PTA

Remember to bring in your Boxtops

October 1st starts our Lyman Pie Fundraiser just in time for the Holidays!

Red Sox vs. Yankee IV Food Fight begins October 1st. Bring in all non perishable foods by the front office and let the food fight begin!

Our first assembly Stronger than a Bully part 2 will be held on October 5th all parents and children are welcome to watch in our Gym.

Join us October 9th from 4pm-6:30pm for our Texas RoadHouse Rib Rally.

ORDER BEFORE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th.

October 13th is our annual Haley Harvest Festival from 11am-2pm. Please join us for fun, games, raffle prizes and more!!

Atención, padres de kinder y primer grado!

Uds. están invitados...

Quisiéramos invitarles a todos a una noche de aprendizaje!

Las maestras del programa bilingüe y ESL de la escuela Haley, les van a hacer una presentación que se llama Una Noche de Alfabetización Temprana. Durante la presentación, Uds. aprenderán

estrategias para ayudarle a su hijo(a) a ser un buen lector.

La presentación será presentado el 3 de octubre. Las horas de la presentación son desde 6:00 PM hasta 7:30 PM.

Comida y transporte serán proveídos.

Vamos a mandarles a Uds. más información en la mochila de su hijo(a).

Additional Ways to Support Your School

Coke Rewards

Mycokerewards.com If you drink Coca-cola projects, look for and save your **Coke rewards points**. Send them in with your **Box Tops** and we will process the **Coke Rewards**. Every little bit helps . . . especially if you are shopping at the stores, and/or buying these products, it all adds up to **More** and **Better** programming for our students.

Thanks for your continuing support.

Box Tops Collections

We have placed a **Box Tops for Education** sheet(s) in the backpack express. Please take a moment to carefully cut out your Box Tops for Education labels and tape them to the sheets. If every student filled in just **one** sheet, our PTA would make over \$500 **each month**. Please feel free to ask for extras to share one with friends, co-workers, family, etc. Imagine the possibilities!!! Last year our PTA raised \$937. That's amazing, and it's because of you!!! Please continue this great effort.

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