

The

Falcon



September 5, 2008

****Upcoming Events****

- September 8: After School Music Program Registration, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- September 17: HMS Curriculum Night, grades 4-5, 6:30 pm
- September 18: HMS Curriculum Night, grades 6-8, 6:30 pm
- September 22 to Oct. 3rd - PTO Innisbrook Fundraiser
- September 23: PTO General Meeting, 8:00AM in the HPS Prep Room
- September 26: School Picture Day
- September 30: Rosh Hashanah - NO SCHOOL

It was an excellent school opening this year. HMS enrollment has increased and our students were ready for a new year. We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Curriculum Nights.

****Student Arrival and Dismissal**** Students should not arrive at school before 7:50 am. Parents who drive students to and from school should use the one lane dropoff zone provided in the school parking lot. Because of the school buses and vans in the HMS circle, we ask that parents not use that area during arrival and dismissal times. The Youth Center front driveway is available for dropping students in the morning and they can walk to the school playgrounds. When students arrive at the school, they should wait on their designated playgrounds until the bell rings. During inclement weather, grade 4/5 students will wait under the walkway between HMS and HPS. Grades 6-8 students will wait under the walkway by the gym.

****School Handbook**** will be sent home next week with the youngest member of each family. Please take time to

look it over and read the important information contained in it. In addition, a PDF version of the handbook can be found at: <http://www.lincnet.org/Hanscom/HMS/ParentResources/parresources.shtml>

****After School Music**

Program** Registration for After School Music Lessons will be next Monday, September 8th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the HMS Multi-Purpose Room. Additional information about the program is available at: <http://www.lincnet.org/Hanscom/AfterSchoolMusic/aftermusicmain.shtml>

****Curriculum Nights**** Please save Sept 17 (grades 4/5) or Sept 18 (grades 6-8) for the HMS Curriculum Nights. More details will follow in next week's eFalcon.

**** New Playground**** for grades 4 & 5 is being installed this week and next week. We hope to have it completed by the end of next week and students will be able to use it at that time.

****District & School Curriculum Information****

The district curriculum link on the Lincoln Schools website has now been updated: <http://www.lincnet.org/Curriculum/curriculummain.shtml>. There is a new explanation of the Lincoln Learning Expectations in the overview and most subject areas have a new introduction with hyperlinks to the Learning Expectations by grade or grade span. A few subject areas are still in

development this fall. Also, information about the Hanscom Middle School academic program can be found at: <http://www.lincnet.org/Hanscom/HMS/ProgStudies/hmsprog.shtml>.

****From the PTO**** We would like to introduce you to the current PTO Board: Linda Fisher, President; Trisha Dixon, 1st Vice President; Dottie Stone, 2nd Vice President; Jackie Phillips, Secretary; Carolyn Reynolds, Treasurer; Janette Arencibia, Parliamentarian; Kristi Gatlin, Hospitality; Christine Nicklas, Box Tops. You will have an opportunity to meet some of them during the HMS Curriculum Nights on September 17 & 18. PTO will be providing cookies and cider for this event and selling t-shirts and hoodies and accepting membership forms. Membership forms can also be sent in with your child to their classroom. Please note the the upcoming PTO dates and events in the calendar above. Feel free to contact the PTO with any questions or ideas at hanscompto@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

****Box Tops, Tyson 123 Strips & Campbell's UPCs**** Hello Everyone & Welcome Back! The PTO will be collecting Box Tops, Tyson 123 Strips & Campbell's UPCs again this year in order to earn money and prizes for our school. Last year we earned over \$1,275 in cash for our school! Those little labels can really add up. Each month the PTO will hold prize drawings for BOTH schools. Collect and clip your Box Tops, Tyson 123 Strips & Campbell's UPCs and give them to your teacher or place in the

collection boxes located in the lobbies of each school. Make sure to label them with your name or place in a ziplock bag with your name on it to be entered into the monthly prize drawing.

September 15th will be the first drawing of the year. The first prize will be a \$15 Barnes & Noble gift certificate to a winner from each school. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Christine Nicklas at anicklas@comcast.net or 781-538-5478. Thank you!

****Student Accident Insurance Forms**** The school will send home student accident insurance forms for parents who wish to purchase additional insurance coverage. The school district does not process these applications. They are sent directly to the insurance company.

****Preschool Screening**** Do you have concerns about your preschool age child's development (for 2.9 - 5 year olds)? If you are a Hanscom Air Force Base resident with concerns about your child's LEARNING, SPEECH, LANGUAGE, PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, or EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, call Suzanne Stendahl at 781-259-9403 to schedule an appointment with the Preschool Team of the Lincoln Public Schools.

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