

The

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October 31, 2008

## **\*\*Upcoming Events\*\***

- November 2: Shawsheen Valley HS Open House
- November 4: NO SCHOOL - Election Day; Parent Conferences by appointment
- November 6: Parent Conferences by appointment, 5-8 pm
- November 7: Earth Balloon visits HMS
- November 7: PTO Barn Bash, grades K-5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- November 14: Parent Math meeting, grades 6-8, 8:15 am

**\*\*Election Assembly\*\*** Since the beginning of September, we have followed the Presidential Election through morning announcements with Presidential trivia, biographies of the candidates and their running mates, and a review of the major issues of this historic campaign. We look ahead to our school Election Assembly on Monday morning where a group of students will present their persuasive essays for the candidate of their choice. Then we will have the HMS student voting in a school wide presidential election where HMS shows its pride in our country and the democratic principles upon which it was founded.

**\*\*Earth Balloon Visit\*\*** Bridgewater State College is bringing the Earth Balloon to HMS on Friday, Nov. 7. Children and adults alike are fascinated by this unique teaching tool - a portable classroom in the form of the physical earth. The Earth Balloon is 20 feet tall. It is both a fascinating teaching tool and a delicate work of art. All HMS students will experience it and explore the geography and the inter-connections of climates, landforms, and people.

**\*\*School Pictures\*\*** will be sent home next week. Make up day is Tuesday, December 2.

**\*\*Lunch News\*\*** We have a menu change beginning on Monday. Due to the very small number of students ordering deli bar, an alternate lunch offering will be a cold turkey sandwich. We will reintroduce the deli bar with a salad bar option during the last week of February in time for warmer spring weather and National

Nutrition Month in March. This change is reflected on the November menu alternates.

## **\*\*Parent Math Input - grades 6-8\*\***

The district Middle School Math Review Committee is interested in parental input as they review new math materials for the middle school. There will be an opportunity for parents to fill out a math survey which will be available on the Lincoln School website (<http://www.lincnet.org>) starting Nov 7. If parents prefer to give input in person, there will be a meeting about the math review process at HMS for parents on Friday, November 14, 8:15 - 9:15 am in Ms. Shannon's room (F1).

**\*\*Scoliosis Screening\*\*** Public health regulations require that annual scoliosis screening be performed for all students in grades five through eight. Screening at Hanscom Middle School will begin on November 10, 2008. If you have any questions related to screening, please call the nurse at (781) 274-7723.

## **\*\*Shawsheen HS Open House\*\***

There will be an Open House at Shawsheen on Sunday, November 2 from 2-4 pm for interested eighth grade students and parents to visit the school.

## **\*\*The PTO Corner\*\***

**\*Grounds Beautification -** Thank you to all the families who came out and helped clean-up the school grounds on Saturday morning. Even though Mother Nature tossed all those leaves back on the ground we still got up a lot of trash! Thanks for keeping our school grounds clean.

**\*You're Invited — PTO Barn Bash (K-5th) -** Join us for Games, Prizes, Music, Deserts, Apples and Cider! Participate in Our Covered Wagon Parade. Each Family or Group is invited to make and bring a covered WAGON. It can be as small as a shoebox or as large as a

Radio Flyer Wagon. Be as creative as you like, but more importantly have fun! Where: Middle School Multi-Purpose Room (Cafeteria); When: Friday, November 7, 2008; Time: 6:30 pm till 8:00 pm; Dress: Western Wear; Admission: Free for paid PTO Members, Non-Members: \$1.00 per person, \$5.00 max per Family.

\*Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, November 18 at 8am in the HPS Prep Room

**\*\*Box Top Update\*\*** Thanks so much to all who collected Box Tops, Tyson 123 Strips and Campbell's UPC codes this month. October's HMS Box Top winner is Nicole Dominguez. The next prize drawing will occur on November 17th. Please be sure to bring in as many Box Tops, Tyson 123 Strips and Campbell's UPC codes as you can collect. Please REMEMBER:

\* Clip Box Tops as small as possible without clipping off expiration date

\* Put all Box Tops, 123 Tyson Strips & Campbell's UPCs in ziploc bags, not loose in container as they get lost/stuck

\* Campbell's - We only need the small UPC code cut out, not the entire label

Thanks so much for all of your help! These little labels can really add up! We are expecting a check for close to \$500 in December just for clipping these little slips of paper! If you have any questions please contact Christine Nicklas, Box Top Coordinator, cec57@cornell.edu, 781-538-5478.

**\*\* Library Friends Book Sale\*\*** The monthly Friends of the Lincoln Library book sale will take place Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 until noon in Pod B on the Lincoln School Campus, Ballfield Road. The space is across the parking lot from the Hartwell

main building. This month the focus is on cook books, history, and children's books. Adult and children's library tote bags, good for gifts or personal use, will also be on sale. Plenty of free parking is available.

**\*\*Essay Contest for Military Dependent Youth\*\***

Co-sponsored by Lockheed Martin, the essay contest promotes reading and writing among dependents of active duty or Reserve/Guard military personnel. One \$500 first place and one \$100 second place bond will be awarded in each grade category 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8. Students are asked to write about "My Military Hero". The essay can focus on any person who is/has served in the US military. They could have been an Army cook during Korea, an Ensign in WW2, a medic in Vietnam or a truck driver in the Gulf. As long as the individual served in the US military the student can write about them. This is a contest; not a book report. Grades eight and below should submit entries with a minimum of 100 words and maximum of 300 words. For additional information, visit the Armed Services YMCA web site at [www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org), or call 703-313-9600 ext. 10. Email questions may be sent to [tharper@asymca.org](mailto:tharper@asymca.org). Deadline for entering is Friday, March 20, 2009. All entries must be postmarked no later than this date. However, entries will not be accepted before November 1, 2008. Email entries to: [tharper@asymca.org](mailto:tharper@asymca.org). Mail entries to: Armed Services YMCA, Attn: Essay Contest, 6359 Walker Lane, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22310. ALL ESSAYS BECOME PROPERTY OF THE ASYMCA AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

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