



PTO Newsletter



January 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

School Calendar

Half day 1/28
Feb Break 2/17-21

Hollis Activities

School Advisory Board 2/3
Bowling Night out 3/6
Book Fair 3/10-11

Attendees: Sofia Koza-Topp, Jennifer Connolly Miley, Kerrie Keller, Jen Roche, Nicole Aveni, Shauna O'Connor, Laura Lee Willard, Candice Wilson, Jen Fennessy, Grannie, McLorey, Heidi Ackerman, Lauren Mollon, Christine Fosco, Jen Ormsby, Kristen Dennison

Staff in Attendance: Tim MacDonald, Lisa Katilus, Ms Tobin

****November minutes approved****

Principals Report – Tim MacDonald

- **Street Sign Raffle** : coming up in 2 weeks. Opportunity to have the front circular drive named after your child. Fundraiser
- **Exxon Donation:** Mobile station by St Thomas Moore church gave Hollis \$500
- **Absence Letters:** Requirement to be sent home for children that have 5 or more absences.
- **K/1 Registration:** Registration is this week at Monatiquot School Kindergarten Center. Three dates are available. 1) Tuesday 1/21 4pm-7pm; 2) Thursday 1/23 4pm-7pm; 3) Saturday 1/25 9am-11am Currently, Hollis has two full day classes for Kindergarten. Please note, the time of your to registration does not change your possibilities of getting through the raffle for full day. Come when is best for you.
- **Read A Thon (Book Fair & Literacy Night 3/10):** The Read a thon is coming up in March. The book fair is 3/9,10,11 during the day and literacy night will be the 10th.
- **MCAS Dates:**
 - MCAS dates for the spring are as follows:
 - Grade 3** ELA April 14 and April 15 Math May 5 and May 6
 - Grade 4** ELA April 2 and April 3 Math April 30 and May 1
 - Grade 5** ELA March 31 and April 1 Math April 28 and April 29 Science May 13 and May 14
 - Grade 3-5 families should please note these important dates.
 - **There are make up opportunities so if your child is sick they will have the chance to make it up**
- If anyone is available to go in to PTO closet to organize that would be helpful. If you want to volunteer please let us know

Teachers Report – Ms. Tobin & Lisa Katilus

- Luncheon was great. Good food, and decorations. Cookie swap was nice to have as a separate time and day from luncheon. Thank you for the additional time.
- Holiday shop was great. Felt like it ran very smooth this year.
- 4th and 5th grade are forming committees for video and yearbooks. If you are interested in joining make sure you sign up.
- Cameras at all elementary schools have been set up in hallways and outside. These are not in the classrooms



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Old Business

- **Holiday Shop** - Jen Roche: Thank you everyone for your help! The holiday shop ran smooth and the kids had a great time. Custodian Carl and his staff made everything run so smoothly by helping with set up and tear down. The table heads are all set for next year. We are looking to get phone numbers for all table heads so we can work together to get the best deals. If you are signed up to run a table, please send you email to Candice Wilson at candiceheidke@gmail.com.
 - **Scrip Fundraiser** - We raised \$804.89. This seems to be about the same as last year which is great. There is some talk that this fundraiser might be best managed by one person who would want to manage on their own and run it throughout the whole year. If you are interested, please speak to someone on the PTO board.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (December)** – This went well, and teachers seemed happy. Shauna OConnor will take over next year.
 - **Celtics** – Thank you to Alison Stanton and Jen Fennessy for organizing this event! The game was on 12/6 and was a lot of fun! We sold 80 tickets
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Treasurers Report - Jen Fennessy:

- **Sources of Funds**
 - Bake Sale from election \$1401.00
 - Hollis Gear did great at the Holiday shop which is why there was a big jump this past month.
 - Membership dues are still coming in
 - PPP is doing great. A few large donations have been helpful
 - Road Race got another recent deposit from Racewire (\$709)
- **Uses of Funds:**
 - We prepaid several of the cultural arts events and supplies for the year
 - Teacher Appreciation/Gift: This includes the teachers holiday gifts. Gifts were gift cards that were bought through the Scrip fundraiser so that number increased as well.
 - Holiday Shop made a great profit (\$2,095) even though that is not the goal of this event. This number will decrease as purchases are made for the upcoming year.



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- **Bowling Night out 3/6/20** – Will be at Union Lanes in Holbrook. The Keanes are looking for help with raffles and getting sponsors this year. If anyone would be willing to help make calls, (they have a list of people to call) please let Jeff know. His email is jeffreykeane@gmail.com
- **School Advisory Board** - Next meeting is scheduled for 2/3. Jennifer has volunteered to be a Hollis rep. We are still looking for one volunteer. Please contact Christine Fosco if you are interested.
- **Book Fair March 9-11** - March 10th is the literacy night 530-730. During the day, the hours are 9am-11am. Online orders can start as early as 3/4 and will still count toward the fair. More information will be sent home closer to this event.
- **Red Sox Date:** We are aiming for Friday 6/5 or Friday 5/27

Open Positions

- Fall Carnival
- End of the Year (1 person to assist Keane's):
- Road Race Committee (2 additional people)
- Website Management – 1 person needed to assist next year
- Holiday Shop Table Buyers: The ornaments table is currently open. Please contact Candice Wilson if you would like to run this table or if you have any other suggestions for a table.
- Board Positions (2 co-chairs and treasurer)
- Red Sox tickets – 1 person to manage next year

Additional Comments:

The outside of the school is in need of some landscaping. In the spring we will get a team together to clean up the property. There was a request from PTO for mulch and some greenery. Probably a couple hundred dollars. Laura Lee Willard is willing to organize this and will bring some dates to the next meeting in February.