

May 14, 2009

Hardy Herald

CALENDAR

- May 19:** 2d Grade field trip - Aquarium
- May 20:** Incoming K Puppet Show
- May 25:** Memorial Day – **No School**
- May 27 & 28:** Incoming Kindergarten Visits
- May 29:** 5th Grade Field Trip Freedom Trail

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*to report your child's
absence, tardiness or
dismissals before 8:30
a.m.*

A message from the principal...

Classroom. School. Neighborhood. The World. There are many layers of “community” to which we belong. One of Hardy’s four Core Values is “Sense of Community”. The staff at Hardy has chosen to focus on this core value this spring and next fall. Through Hardy’s Leadership Team, we are examining the ways in which we foster our students’ responsibility to each of these communities. In addition, we adults will challenge ourselves to be explicit about what we do to strengthen our school community.

This is the beginning of our Core Values at work. If we really mean it when we say we value community, then how do our actions show this? How do we respond when our students act in ways that serve our community, and how do we respond when they don’t? In what ways do our actions as adults serve our sense of community? These questions have elicited productive conversations and serve as a self-assessment that will improve our work with our students and each other.

The tone for each classroom community is set early in the school year through the formulation of class rules and norms for behavior. Our “Open Circle” curriculum provides skills and expectations that reach beyond the classroom to the school community at large. This responsibility to community is reinforced daily in subtle ways. A fourth grade is encouraged to notice behavior in their peers that makes the classroom climate positive. Children in a first grade create a list of appreciations for a classmate’s birthday. Third graders write letters of appreciation to a class of fifth graders after they have visited, and learned from, the fifth graders’ hallway display on the water cycle. Although these are actions that are already happening, they can now be discussed as concrete ways each action serve to strengthen our school community.

The school community is cared for as well. Fifth graders recycle paper every Friday. Classes of children take responsibility for a Monday Clean Up of the playground, keeping it clean and pleasant for everyone to use. A class of first graders took this responsibility one step further last fall by creating and hanging posters around the playground asking everyone to put their trash in the bins. This spring’s Hardy School Garden project will provide so many more ways that our children can be actively involved in caring for their school community: planting, watering, weeding, composting just to name a few. The garden will beautify our school site, which will have a positive effect on our neighborhood community as well.

Students at Hardy also affect the larger world community. The fifth graders create afghans for a homeless shelter. Students in several grades keep track of the number of books they read so a publishing company will donate books to children in need. On more than one occasion this spring individual students have come forward to their teachers or to me asking for help in publicizing a cause they care about. Clearly the value of tending to our larger community is already alive at Hardy.

These efforts represent a strong beginning, and we are already at work identifying ways we can improve. How might our children work together to have a positive impact on the world community beyond Hardy’s neighborhood? How might we use all-school assemblies to celebrate our successes as a community and honor people who make a positive difference in our school? How can our Enrichment program support our efforts through school-wide programs next year?

We appreciate the power our Core Values hold for all of us. Focusing on “Sense of Community” provides us with a positive way to begin to “work” these values, making sure each one is visible in all we do.

The Herald is published every other week on Thursday, taking vacations into consideration. The deadline for submitting articles is Tuesday, two days before publication. Our next deadline is **5/26** for a publication date of **5/28**.

Please submit your article in the text of an e-mail to: hardyherald@arlington.k12.ma.us
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[*Note change due to TWO Snow Day]

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Find the entire 2009/2010 school calendar at:
http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/news/09-10schoolcalendar_redirect.asp

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Walkathon

The Hardy PTO Walkathon Committee would like to thank the entire Hardy community for another successful Walkathon. The kids had a blast, we have surpassed our fundraising goal, and the weather even cooperated! We would like to thank all of the parents who helped out and who cheered the kids on. Thanks to all of the teachers and staff who walked and cheered along the way. A special thanks to Lauren Hefferon who generously donated the raffle prizes and to our special guest star - Steve Swanson!

The Walkathon Committee

(Chris Foster, Marty Young, Betsey Crimmins, Kate Kapstad, Woody Brooks, and Lisa Brush)

Hardy School 5th Grade Plant Sale - a Great Success!

Thanks to all who purchased plants and painted pots at the Hardy School 5th grade plant sale.

Much appreciation and many thanks to all those who worked on the sale: Cindy Wells for organizing the pot painting and selling plants all day and creating the garden gift basket raffle, Barbara Popolow of Derby Farms in Arlington Center, for getting the beautiful plants from the Boston Flower Market and to Laura Tracey and Lis Grabiner for helping to transport them to Arlington, to Lis and Miki Taya for helping sell plants and huge thanks to Mayumi Katoh for painting the fabulous pots.

Special thanks to the 5th grade teachers, Ms. Johnstone and Mrs. Morello for their thoughtful guidance throughout. Thanks to Patty Bucci for small bills, to Ned Hall for impromptu help transporting plants to Hardy, to Deb D'Amico for help arranging plants and finding extra tables and milk crates, and to Harry, our custodian for moving tables and loaning his broom!

Respectfully submitted, Thea Paneth

Teacher Appreciation – A Big Thanks to ALL!!!

Last week, May 5th – May 9th, the Hardy School celebrated Teacher Appreciation. And our teachers were truly appreciated!!

The week began with the 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop (under watchful eye of Kellie Pini) handing out shiny red apples to the teachers as they entered the building. Thanks to Wilson Farm for their generous donation.

On Tuesday, the teacher's lounge was transformed into a small café with the teachers dining on a delicious lunch catered by Francesca's Restaurant and several wonderful Hardy School parents.

Wednesday was the day when the teachers received so many tokens of our appreciation. They were presented with beautiful spices donated by Shannon Guthrie from A Whole Bunch. They also received so many heartwarming cards, poems and pictures from the students and families of the Hardy School. Thanks to all Linda Medwar and the Room Parents who made this all possible.

The sweetest day was Thursday, dessert day. Each teacher, specialist and staff was given their own dessert plate. Each plate had 9 homemade desserts baked by our own Hardy School Parents. There were lots of smiling faces on the teachers that day!!

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Thank you! (cont'd)

Teacher Appreciation, cont'd....

The final day was Friday, when the teachers were served a beautiful breakfast by the wonderful Hardy School Office Staff. No one went hungry that day!!

Thanks to so many who made this week so special for the teachers: Cindy Wells, Linda Madsen, Carolyn Colovos, Susie Hoglund, Lynne Dichter, Jacqui Burgess, Julie Di Biase, Michelle Tirone, Kim Bradley, Thea Frost, Lisa Brush, Karen Winters, Betsey Crimmins, Denise Curley, Caroline Glynn, Woody Estrada, Ellen Paras, Katie Garrett, Janet Flaherty, Bonnie Walsh, Meg Blanchet and Lisa Healion.

Sarah Kelly



Raffle prize for International Recipe Contributors!

If you have not already sent in your international recipe, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline is Friday, May 29th. All recipe contributors will be entered into a raffle to win a unique, reusable shopping bag from the Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project (handmade by the Women's Sewing Cooperative in Teosinte, El Salvador). For more information please visit the website at www.arlingtonteosinte.org

We would like to compile the Hardy international recipe collection and have it ready in time for the Hardy BBQ in June. We hope to receive enough recipes to make this a reality - please take the time to send in your recipe. Proceeds from the sale of the recipe booklets will benefit the school! Please send recipes in electronic format to Heather Smith at: harchersmith@yahoo.com (or send an email if you have any questions).

[Note from the editor – please see the last page for a complete THANK YOU from the International Dinner Committee!]

Fifth graders focus on community

Cancer Support and Education

Imagine you or family member is diagnosed with Cancer. What would you do? Who would you go to? Sadly these are some of the thousands of questions going around in people minds. So you might be thinking what does this have to do with me? What can I do? I mean it is sad but still what can I do to help.

My name is Pauline Kaba. I am in the 5th grade at Hardy. I am very interested in cancer research and support. Do you know that 3,400 people are diagnosed with Cancer a day. And roughly 1,000 people a day die from Cancer. Also there are over 2,000 types of Cancer. So you might be still wondering what can I do.

Right here in Arlington there is a worthy, giving group that helps people who have Cancer. The Center for Cancer Support and Education helps those touched by Cancer including loved ones of those who have Cancer.

For more information please visit www.centerforcancer.org

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Fifth graders, contd...

Manatees Need Our Help

Have you ever heard of Manatees? A lot of people don't realize how beautiful Manatees are and really don't care about them. But those are the people who, right now, should be helping the most. My name is Erin Stimpson, a 5th grader at Hardy School, and I care very much about Manatees.

Manatees don't do anything to humans. They are harmless to us. Usually Manatees are shy and gentle animals. Yet most Manatee deaths are humans' fault. Boat accidents take many Manatee lives. They can also be crushed and drown in canal locks and flood control structures. They can also accidentally ingest fish hooks, litter, or become entangled in crab trap lines. Loss of habitat is the most serious threat for Manatees.

Florida Manatees are protected under two laws – The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and The Endangered Species Act of 1973. Still, they need our help.

For more information on Manatees, please go to www.savethemanatee.org or call 1-800-432-JOIN (5646). Or send a letter to Save the Manatee Club, 500 N. Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751. Please look for more information at my information table at the Hardy Barbecue in June.

Community Events

11th Annual Feast of the East Festival

Come join the free festival celebrating the unique character of East Arlington to be held on Saturday, June 13th, from 1pm – 5pm. This celebration will take place along Mass Avenue from the Capitol Theater block to JN Phillips Glass Company, right in our neighborhood. Activities will include sampling of local restaurants, merchant sales and giveaways, live band music and crafts. Children's activities will include a moon bounce, pony rides, face painting and more. Join in on the fun with your friends and neighbors and celebrate in the pride of East Arlington!



Back by Popular Demand - Spring Dances are here!

Arlington Recreation and the Veterans Memorial Rink/Arlington Sports Center are pleased to offer the following Dances/Social Events for youth in grades 5 through 8. All events are chaperoned with adult supervision. Advanced ticket purchases can be made at the Recreation Office during Hours of Operation (Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm). Call 781-316-3880 for further details.

Fifth Grade Social (Grade 5 only)

Attention fifth graders--mark your calendar for Friday, May 15th for the Second Annual 5th Grade Social. Hang out, do some dancing, or make new friends. From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the skating rink will be transformed into a dance club complete with disco ball and DJ. Full snack bar service available. Tickets are \$5.00 per ticket in advance or \$7.00 per ticket at the door.

On behalf of the Hardy PTO, I want to thank everyone for helping to make the International Dinner such a wonderful event!

A very special thank you to the following local businesses that donated food for the dinner:

Arlington Café	Patricia Sukijthamapan's Thai
Blue Ribbon BBQ	Restaurant
Domino's	Punjab
Dunkin' Donuts	Quebrada
Edible Arrangements	Quizno's
Elton's Roast Beef & Pizza	Ristorante Olivio
Francesca's	Sabatino's
Guru Catering in Somerville	Shanghai Village
Iggy's Bread in Cambridge	Stop-n-Shop
Jam'n Java	Sweet Sue's
Kathmandu Spice	Tango
Lady Siam	Toraya
Lakota Bakery	Trader Joe's
Mr. Sushi	Whole Foods in Cambridge
My Brother's Place	Johnnie's Foodmaster
Not Your Average Joe's	Za
Olympia Pizza	Zócalo

Please consider visiting these restaurants/businesses next time you have occasion to go out and please thank them for their contribution to the Hardy International Dinner!

And a special thanks to the following people and/or businesses for their contributions:

The Book Rack (donated international cookbook and gift certificate)
The Capitol Theater (donated 8 movie tickets)
Henry Bear's Park (donated various toys)
Maxima Art Center (donated a gift certificate)
Julia Goodman (for designing the poster, Hardy parent!)
Shannon Guthrie (flowers from A Whole Bunch Flower Market, Hardy parent!)
Barbara Popolow (flowers from Derby Farm, Hardy parent!)
Matt Thebodo (DJ for the night!, Hardy parent!)
Larry Terry (musical accompaniment, Hardy parent!)
Lauren Harper for the wonderful diversity project! (Hardy after school teacher)
The wonderful High School volunteers (Jeong Seung Kwak, Daniel Paul, Sophia Bass Werner, Justin Li, Shuai Wang, Pidch Puapanich, Pedro Garcia, Tenzin Tsering, Katrine Klan Hansen & Ana Ristoiu)
Rob Rice & Denise Boucher from Arlington Food Services

And finally, to all the people of the Hardy community that made this possible - thanks so much for bringing food, helping with event planning, set-up and clean up and all the other work that it takes to plan a special event like this (*I hope I don't forget any names*):

Alaya & Sadia Segal-
Wright
Anne-Elisabeth Kaal
Anulekha Rao
Asahi Yamashita
Barbara & Ned Hall
Beate Lanske
Betsey Crimmins
Betty & Tony
Dakapolous
Birna Helgadottis
Caroline Glynn
Chris Foster
Christina Murray
Christine Verret
Clarence Wang
Cristiana N. de
Carvalho
Deb D'Amico
Debbie Pielech
Elizabeth DiFranza
Ellen Paras
Emily Sample
Hannah Matthes
Hee-Young Kim
Hui Ru Liang
Ina Furuta
Janet Flaherty
Janet Peluso
Jennifer & Andy
Forbes

Allison Cooper
Jennifer Irvine
Jenn Pierce
Jennifer Roderick
Jie Mei
John Steinke
Joy Gentle
Julia Goodman
Kaori Kokubo
Kate Kapstad
Katie Garrett
Kathy Feinmann
Lauren Hefferon
Linda Flynn
Linda Garrity
Linda Madsen
Linda Medwar
Lisa Brush
Lisa Rohrer
Liz Grabiner
Lori Philbin
Lynne Cogswell
Margaret Moody
Marsha Mann
Marty Young
Mary DeCoursey
Marise Pazzia
Mayumi Katoh
Meg Blanchet
Megumi Nakashima

Anandhi
Rajanarichamy
Michelle Tirone
Mie Ko
Midori Tanaka
Nami Horiuchi
Ned Hall
Nellie Aikenhead
Pasi Miettinen
Patricia
Sukijthamapan
Paula Jarauschk
Peter Breton
Robin Gottlieb
Robin Jorgensen
Sandra Miller
Sandy Jones
Seiko Morimoto
Shawn Brooks
Sonia Lackey
Stacee Elliott
Sule Ali
Sunmi Kim
Susan Dorson
Thea Paneth
Todd Morse
Tomoko Hayashi
Veronica Roderick
Vivian Li
Woody Brooks

(and anyone else I may have inadvertently missed)....

Please send your recipes in electronic format to harchersmith@yahoo.com if you haven't done so already!

**THANK YOU
EVERYONE!**

Until next year,
Heather Smith :-)

