

HOPE VALLEY

Weekly Newsletter

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Calendar Updates

February

2/16 – Early Release Day at 1:55; AM Pre-K attends from 8:35-1:55; no school for PM Pre-K students
2/13 – Hope Valley Site Council Meeting
2/17 – Dental Screening
2/20 – 2/24 – February Break
2/27 – PTO Meeting

March

3/9 – Movie Night
3/12 – Hope Valley Site Council Meeting
3/15 – Early Release day at 1:55; PM Pre-K attends from 8:35-1:55; no school for AM Pre-K students
3/19 – PTO Meeting
3/20 – Open Forum with Mr. Ricci at the Hopkinton Town Hall – 6:30 PM

Spirit Day

Our spirit day went very well today. Many students participated and donated loose change to a wonderful cause. We raised money for the Disabled American Veterans. The student council will count the money at our next meeting.

Survey Works! For RI Department of Education

The latest update: as of Jan. 31st, only 24% have taken the survey. Please take a few minutes to complete it. Your input is very valuable..

Parents can take the short survey online or on paper now through February 16, 2012. To take the survey online go to: www.surveyworks.ride.ri.gov and click on “Take a Survey.” If you don’t have access to a computer or the Internet or prefer to take the survey using pen and paper, you can request a paper copy from the school office. We will send a paper copy of the survey and an envelope home with your child. Please return the completed survey in the envelope to the school no later than February 14, 2012.

Both the paper and online version of the survey will require you to enter the school code listed at the bottom of this sheet. The code allows the survey administrator to track the survey response rate for our school but does not identify you. The code is “case”.

I want to thank you for being a part of this very important project. If you have any questions about SurveyWorks, please contact them directly at 1-877-787-5725 or email: surveyworks@wested.org.

Duck Race

The Ducks are coming!!! The 14th annual Pawcatuck River Duck Race will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Again, this year, our students will be selling duck certificates for \$5.00 each with the PTO receiving \$2.85 of each sale. Look for the students to bring home a note and selling package on Monday February 27th. All order forms must be turned in by March 23rd!

PTO Information

We have a new volunteer that will help run the school store. YAY!!! The school store dates for this month are Feb 14 and 28. Please continue to help our wonderful organization. The PTO does so much for our students and I cannot thank them enough for all they do. The PTO is looking for help in the following areas:

1. HOPE Program – We are in need of volunteers for the HOPE program especially adhering to the school security policy (above). Please contact Tammy Ure at uretammy411@hotmail.com.
2. Holiday Bazaar 2012 – PTO is looking to develop a committee for the 2012 Holiday Bazaar. Please contact Erin Anderson at erinanderson@cox.net.

Hawk Cards

Staff members continue to be on the look-out for students who demonstrate qualities of respect, responsibility, collaboration, and work production. If a student is spotted exhibiting one or more of these qualities, the child will receive a “**Hope Valley Hawk Card.**” The student will bring the card down to the office and place it in a large container. Each week, I will pull several names and announce them over the loud speaker. If your child’s name is called they will receive a special certificate and small prize. The winners last week were: Keagan Beck, Jada Cartagena, Christian Fortune, Chloe Joslin, Daniel Lloyd, Bradley Palmer, Ledyard Reynolds, Dakota Sargeant, Sierra Sorrentino, and Sean Underhill.

Outside Food in the School

Valentine’s Day is fast approaching and I wanted to remind everyone of the Hope Valley’s food policy from the outside. Due to increased awareness of food allergies and the desire of some homes to restrict their child’s intake of certain food items, the school policy is no outside food. You can send in other various non-food items like special Valentines pencils, pens, eraser, stickers, or etc. A Valentines craft is also an option. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

No School / Delayed Opening Announcements

The groundhog saw his shadow ☺ yesterday, which means 6 more weeks of winter. UGH!!! Actually, has winter even made an appearance yet? Just in case we actually see that “white stuff,” the late openings or no school announcement will come to you through the One Call System just as soon as it is determined. In addition to the phone call there are announcements on the local news stations. When there is no school, all school activities and building activities are cancelled. When there is a delayed opening, everything is delayed for the same amount of time. As an example, the early program that normally opens at 7:30. If school opening is delayed for one hour, the early morning program is also delayed for one hour and would start at 8:30.

GO PATRIOTS!!!!