

September 2009

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A Monthly Newsletter from Hosmer Specialists

MUSIC

Ms. Patashnick



Welcome back Hosmer! I hope you had a safe and relaxing summer. For those who are new to Hosmer, my name is Ms. Patashnick and I am the music teacher. Each class has one 40-minute music class a week. We have some exciting things to look forward to this year!

Please check out the music website at:

<http://teacherweb.com/MA/WatertownHosmerElementary/Patashnick/index.html>

Best wishes for the start of another school year! Please feel free to contact me at spatashnick@watertown.k12.ma.us

To all 4th and 5th Graders:

If you are interested in signing up for chorus, please send return the sign-up form to me by Friday, September 18. The first chorus rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30. Please do your best to get there on time!

Also, there will be more information soon about instrumental lessons and rentals. Instrument Distribution Night is Monday, September 21. I will keep you posted with more information!

ART

Ms. Drago



My name is Mrs. Drago and this is my 7th year here at Hosmer as the Art Teacher. My love for art started when I was in elementary school and I am hoping I can do the same for your children. To understand more about my art curriculum and for a listing of the grade level outcomes we will be working on throughout the year, please visit my website:

<http://teacherweb.com/MA/WatertownHosmerElementary/Drago>

While there are several events and many projects to look forward to this year, the first is a PTO fundraiser using your student's original art work. Student's art work will be able to be turned into coffee mugs, aprons, calendars, key chains etc., though a company called "Silver Graphics". Be sure to look for more upcoming information from the PTO.

I would also like to extend an open invitation to any parent who would like to come in and volunteer. If you would like to volunteer some time to help with prepping materials and/or

displays, I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to email me at: adrago@watertown@k12.ma.us.

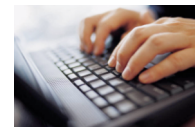
LIBRARY

Ms. Phipps

Hello and welcome to the new school year! I am happy to be back as the Library Media Specialist this year. I look forward to seeing you in the library, lab and classrooms! **Please look around your house and cars for any library books you may have forgot to return last year.** Happy Reading!

COMPUTERS

Ms. Beaudoin



My name is Ms. Beaudoin and this is my third year teaching computers at the Hosmer School. I am very happy to be back here again this year!

At the beginning of the school year I will be reviewing the computer lab rules and the school's Acceptable Use Agreement. This agreement lists the conditions of how technology and the internet should be used in school. This form will be sent home in September to

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be signed by each student and a parent/guardian. Please return the signed form back to school as soon as possible.

In future editions of this newsletter I will be sharing with you some of the projects that we work on in the lab. I'm looking forward to the year ahead!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms. Cameron, Ms. Pagliuca,
Mr. Scopa

Welcome Back! There have been some exciting changes in our PE Dept. this year! Ms. Pagliuca is going to be at the Hosmer School full-time this year due to Mr. Harrington's retirement. Ms. Cameron will continue to do half general physical education and half Adaptive PE throughout the district. We want to welcome Mr. Scopa, who will split his time between here and the Lowell School, to the PE staff at the Hosmer School!

More exciting news! Watertown was fortunate to receive a PEP Grant to help the physical education curriculum grow and develop. We are very excited and throughout the next three years we will be adding new equipment and activities to our curriculum to help benefit our students.

Reminder! Remember to wear your sneakers on the days you have physical education. It is time to put

the flip-flops and Crocs away and time to brake out the sneakers. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the teachers through e-mail!

HEALTH SERVICES

Ms. Shea

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a healthy and safe summer. The WPS have been meeting and preparing for the possibility of an outbreak of the H1N1 Flu.

Please refer to the website www.flu.gov for updated information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Steps the Hosmer has taken:

Soap dispensers have been supplied for all classrooms as well as bottles of instant hand sanitizers.

Teachers have been asked to monitor their students for any flu like symptoms and send them to the nurse.

Students will be sent home from school if they have a temp of 100 degrees F.

The WPS will follow the CDC guidelines- students must stay home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol, Advil, Motrin etc. (This is a change from the 7 day absent time that was instituted

the end of last school year). Students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently and cough or sneeze into their sleeve.

Parents should keep their sick children home and contact the school nurse at 617 926-7751.

Next week, students will be shown a video about proper hygiene and techniques on hand washing.

The information about the H1N1 changes almost on a daily basis. We will keep you informed if and when the situation should arise.