

Hosmer School Weekly Newsletter

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October Events

- ◆ **SITE COUNCIL**
Tuesday, October 4
6:30pm, Hosmer School Library
- ◆ **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MTG**
Thursday, October 6
6pm, Middle School
- ◆ **PTO MEETING**
Friday, October 7
8:30am, Cafeteria
- ◆ **NO SCHOOL**
Monday, October 10
Tuesday, October 11
- ◆ **PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE**
Friday, October 14
8:30am, Cafeteria
- ◆ **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
Wednesday, October 19
6pm, cafeteria/large gym
(see attached flyer!)
- ◆ **CLASS PICTURE DAY**
Wednesday, October 19

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hosmer.messages@gmail.com
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PTO MEETING

Friday, October 7

8:30am

School Cafeteria

PTO News and Events

We look forward to seeing (and meeting) all parents at the first full PTO meeting on Friday, October 7, 8:30am.

We are currently in need of a PTO Co-Treasurer. Please let anyone on the Executive Board know if you are interested in volunteering.

Also, does your classroom have a parent representative? Please ask your teacher, and consider volunteering for this position. Each classroom should have two parent representatives.

Here is a bit of info about some of the things that will be coming home in the backpacks:

PTO DUES: WE'VE COLLECTED OVER \$4,000!

Let's keep that momentum going! **100% of all PTO Dues collected go directly back to children in the Hosmer School** - and they are tax deductible! Nothing is too small or too big - so please be as generous as possible and return your envelopes as soon as possible. Extra PTO Dues envelopes will also be available in the Main Office.

FUNDRAISER:

Meadow Farms fundraiser orders are due on **October 3!** You may pass in a paper order at school or order at www.meadowfarms.com. This is the easiest way to have friends and family participate!

This is one of the biggest PTO fundraisers of the year - last year we made almost \$5,000! 100% of this money funded art programs, cultural events, website memberships and more for our kids last year. It is so crucial that you continue your support so we can continue to fund these programs. Thank you.

ONLINE INFORMATION:

Feel free to visit our website online at: www.watertown.k12.ma.us/hosmer
Go to the School Information Tab
Go to PTO link
This will bring you to our page with lots of information under each tab.

Box Tops For Education



the difference
I can make.

Parents, the easiest way to make money for our school is to collect box tops and return them to school. Last year we made almost \$700 - let's try to beat that this year!

Here are some easy box tops guidelines:

1. cut them evenly into squares
2. put them into bundles of 25 with an elastic band
3. pass them in!

Hosmer PTO Executive Committee

President

Jennifer Fandetti

Co-Vice-Presidents

Liz Yusem
Sasha Kiani

Co-Treasurers

Chris Darmody
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Judy Beecher
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Hosmer GLRs (Grade Level Reps)

- Pre-K: Lauren Berkowitz
K: Alicia Dwyer
1st: Talin Kugu
2nd: Thea Sahr
3rd: Zlati Shishkova
4th: Lorena Moynihan
5th: Laura Segal
Mary Beth Doyle
5th: Beth Gorman (activities)

Hosmer Site Council

The Hosmer Site Council is an advisory Council to the Principal that helps identify areas of improvement for the school, helps develop frameworks for improvement, and also helps monitor progress towards improvement.

The Site Council membership includes parents, teachers, the Principal, and a community member. Parents are needed to serve on this Council. Any parent who is interested in becoming an elected member of the Site Council for a 2-3 year term should write a letter of interest to Anne Hardiman, Principal and Jennifer Fandetti, PTO President.

If you are not sure about how the Site Council works and want to check it out, the first meeting is on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30pm in the Hosmer library.

Site Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm and are open to everyone. Please feel free to come to the meetings!

Calling 5th Grade Parents!

We need parents of 5th graders to join the **5th Grade Committee!** Thanks to all the parents who have signed up so far! The Committee will work on planning and implementing the various 5th grade activities including: graduation ceremony, the 5th grade school-wide social and the assembly of a yearbook.

If you have time, ideas, or a skill that you would like to lend to the Committee, please contact Beth Gorman at bethgorman@yahoo.com.

WE are NOW on FACEBOOK!

Please "like" us on facebook at Hosmer School PTO.

Activities and reminders will be posted frequently. All parents and teachers are welcome to "like" us. Thanks!

Hosmer's Word Wizard

Stay tuned...
Word Wizard will return shortly!

International Walk to School Day This Wednesday, October 5th!

Everyone is invited to join Watertown Community Safe Routes to School and students across the globe for a special walk/ride day to school. On October 5th, Watertown will be joined by over 5,000 schools across the United States who will be walking to school. This exciting event is organized annually by the Community Safe Routes to School Program.

Watertown CSRTS encourages students to walk, ride a bicycle, or scooter to school. Parents who cannot walk the entire way with their children, are encouraged to walk for some part of their school trip by parking just a few blocks away from the school building and walking the rest of the way with their children.

Watertown elementary schools have also established Walking School Bus groups led by parent volunteers, with designated meeting places and times in many Watertown neighborhoods. Watertown CSRTS is still in need of Walking Bus leaders, so if you are interested in leading a Walking School Bus for Walking Wednesdays or on special walk/ride days, please let us know!

For more information about joining or leading a Walking School Bus for International Walk to School Day, email csrts.watertown@gmail.com or contact the Watertown Safe Routes to School Coordinator at 339-368-1761. Thanks!

Roots & Shoots

The Hosmer Roots & Shoots program has limited openings for 4th and 5th graders interested in making positive changes happen in our communities. Roots & Shoots are youth led groups guided by the founding principles of Dr. Jane Goodall, renowned primatologist, environmentalist and humanitarian. Her firm belief that young people, when informed and empowered, realize they can make a difference and change the world. The Roots & Shoots group at Hosmer is a parent-run group so that **both participating students and parents** are expected to commit their time to the various activities planned. This year, it is anticipated that the group will convene a few times after school and on some weekend days in relation to community service projects and yet to be planned activities. If you and your (4th or 5th grade) child are interested in joining the Roots & Shoots group please contact: Rhiana Kohl at Rhianab@comcast.net or 617-818-0880. Space is limited.



Fun for the whole family!

***Pot Luck Supper (bring food to share)**

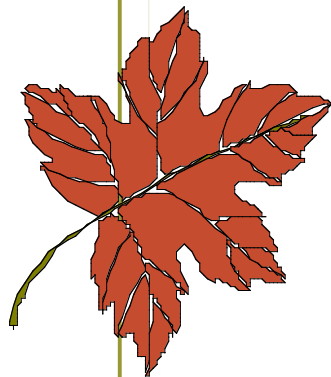
***Arts & Crafts**

***Games**

***Pumpkin Decorating (bring your own pumpkin)**

***Pie walk**

FALL FESTIVAL



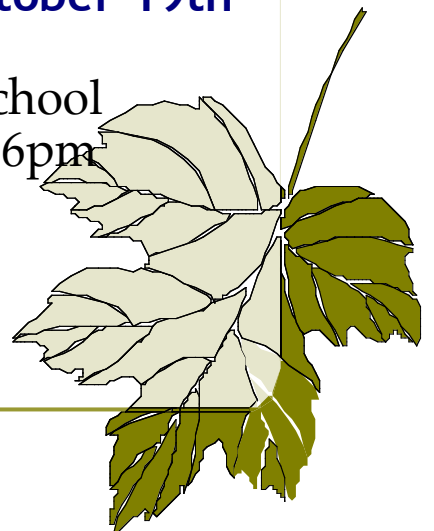
Wednesday, October 19th

6pm-9pm

at the Hosmer School

Potluck starts at 6pm

**Sponsored by
Hosmer PTO Family Fun Nights**





Kids Love Our Classes!

From Clay Projects to Cartooning,
the Arsenal Center for the Arts has
all kinds of classes taught by the
best teachers.

Here are a few:

Let's Paint (ages 5 & 6)
Art Adventures (ages 5 & 6)
Painting & Printmaking (ages 7 - 10)
Let's Draw and More (ages 7 - 10)
Comics and Cartoons (age 11+)
Jewelry Making (age 11+)

and Lots More!

Great Classes for Adults, too!

Call 617-923-0100, ext. 309 to register.

Go to: www.arsenalarts.org to browse the course descriptions.

Miller/Tracy Children's Foundation's Seventh Home Shopping Bonanza And Children's Faire

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Sons of Italy Hall

520 Pleasant Streets

Watertown, MA 02472

11am-3pm

Free Admission

Stop by for a day of fun for everyone! There will be crafts and games for the children.

**Don't Forget- BRING IN YOUR OLD OR BROKEN GOLD AND
TURN IT INTO CASH!!!!**

Visit some of your favorite at home party consultants including:

Arbonne Cosmetics	Madison Handbags
Gypsy Wagon	Pampered Chef
Items by Jo	Silpada Jewelry
Longaberger Company	Tastefully Simple
Lumiere Lauren	Tupperware
Santisi and Bove Jewelers	G & B Designs-Mosaics and Stained Glass Gifts
Miss Red Studio	Usborne Books
	Plus much more!

You will be able to buy anything from makeup, jewelry, handmade items, baskets, household items and pocketbooks!

Don't forget to stop by our fabulous bake table including the best of homemade cakes, cookies, breads, candies, Halloween treats and more!

Pizza will be available for lunch.

See dance demos 12:00pm (Venezia School of Dance) and 2:00pm (Scalzi School of Dance)

A portion of all sales will benefit the Miller/Tracy Children's Foundation

www.mtcf2001.org

Thank you to the Sons of Italy Land Trust for making this event possible and for their continued support of the foundation