Message from the Principals’ Office

It is hard to believe that the first term of school is coming to a close and the Thanksgiving break is upon us. The month of November has presented some challenges for teachers, students and families given the early release day schedule for parent-teacher conferences, professional development, elections and Thanksgiving. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation and understanding as we complete the important work of communicating information about student performance. Conferences have come to a close and student summary reports will be sent home on December 8th.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded to thank all members of the Hosmer Community for the work they do to support our school. We are grateful for the wide range of support we receive from so many parents. This wonderful newsletter is just one example. It clearly demonstrates how working together we can create great outcomes.

Don’t forget Wednesday, November 25th is an Early Release Day. Please note dismissal time is 12:00 noon.

Sincerely,
Anne Hardiman and Bill McCarthy, Co-Principals

PTO News and Events

Start Your Holiday Shopping Early!
Hosmer School Amazon.com Library
Book Wish List
Looking for that perfect gift for a family member or teacher? Visit Amazon.com at: http://www.amazon.com/gp/wishlist/GGYWTOJGTQ42. Here you’ll find a list of books compiled by Ms. Phipps, the librarian and teachers at the Hosmer School, which are desired for the school’s library collection.

If you would like to donate a book in honor of a child, teacher, or any other individual, please check the “gift options” box during check out and include the donor’s name as well as the honoree’s name on the gift card. When the library receives the book, a book plate will be placed inside the front cover, and honorees will receive a special donation certificate. Thanks for your support and Happy Shopping!

Silver Graphics Art Orders
Proceeds from the Silver Graphics fundraiser will reach well over $2200, surpassing the PTO’s goal of $2000!

A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Noelle Costa, the substitute art teacher, for helping to facilitate this project! She made a special effort during free periods and lunch to give each student a chance to participate. In fact, we received orders from every classroom!

Please Note: Orders received on time are scheduled to arrive by 12/8. Late orders will likely arrive in January.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hosmer School PTO!
Happy Thanksgiving
to everyone in the Hosmer School Community!
Community Calendar

Community Safe Routes to School

AN EXCELLENT JOB by all students in grades 3-5 who participated in the Pedometer Challenge. It was a huge success! In just two weeks Hosmer School students’ traveled over 6,000 miles... now that’s a lot of steps!

Attention parents: Please remind students that they should return pedometers to their classroom teacher by December 1st so that we can use them again for the next challenge. Thanks for your help!!

Hosmer’s Annual International Night ~ January 29th!

Please mark your calendars for one of Hosmer’s most fun-filled evenings! Come and celebrate Hosmer School’s rich cultural diversity with the whole Hosmer community. The evening includes a pot luck dinner, displays created by many Hosmer School families highlighting fun and interesting facts about the country of their heritage, and grade level performances facilitated by Ms. Patashnick in many languages! This is an annual event that you do not want to miss!

To make this event a success, the PTO needs approximately twenty (20) parent volunteers to assist in the various components of the evening. Please consider setting up a table on International Night, which displays items from your families’ heritage and culture! Further info. will follow about participating in this fun-filled event! Please note: This is not a drop-off event - parents must accompany their children. Thank you.

5th Grade Food Drive Extended!

The 5th Grade Food Drive has been Extended until Dec. 17! The Hosmer 5th grade is collecting donations for the Watertown Food Pantry. Most needed items (no glass please) include: canned meat and fish; canned fruit and juice; soup, rice, beans, tomatoes, vegetables and pasta sauce; cold cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, peanut butter and jelly. This important 5th grade effort will coincide with an informational visit by each 5th grade classroom to the Watertown Food Pantry with their Teachers. Please help the 5th graders help community members in need by making a donation. If you would like to help with drop off to the food pantry, please contact Jeannette: jeannette.belcher_schepis@comcast.net or 339-368-1761: to coordinate with the 5th Grade Teachers. Thanks!

Kids’ Café!

Kids’ Café is a new Fine Arts initiative led by the music teacher, Ms. Sara Patashnick, and supported by the PTO. This performing arts series allows students and members of the community to perform music, dance, read poetry, or act a scene, etc. for an audience in a casual, supportive setting. The next Kids’ Café will be held on 12/7 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Auditorium Lobby. Food and beverages will be provided. For more details, please contact Ms. Patashnick at 5Patashnick@watertown.k12.ma.us or Lisa Feltner (PTO Enrichment) at LFeltner@comcast.net. Thank you!

4th/5th Grade Parent/Child Book Club

The next book club meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12/16 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Hosmer Library. The book club is for 4th and 5th grade students and their parents, who read and discuss the book together at home for an assigned period of time. Club participants meet in the Hosmer Library for a book discussion and an optional party afterwards. Parents and Students may sign-up on a book-by-book basis. The book choice for the second book discussion is Pictures of Hollis Woods. If you’d like to sign up, please complete and return the form that went home with your child last week. If you have any questions, please contact, Mrs. Feeney or Ms. Keller. Thank you!

To submit a Weekly Message, please email: hosmer.messages@gmail.com OR leave a message for Debra Koufos c/o PTO in the Hosmer Main Office. Thanks!

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