

Hosmer School Weekly Newsletter

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January Events:

School Committee Meeting

Monday, January 9, 7pm
Town Hall

PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30pm
Hosmer Library

Site Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 7pm
Hosmer Library

Kindergarten Info Night

Thursday, January 26, 6:30pm
Hosmer School Auditorium



Please continue to clip and turn in your box tops to the main office.

PTO DUES: We've collected over \$8,000!!

100% of all PTO dues collected go directly back to the children of 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 to the main office.

Principal's Message

Happy 2012! We hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday break. We look forward to the beginning of a new calendar year. We resolve to demonstrate "Hosmer School Pride" by encouraging all members of our community to be responsible, respectful, hard working and successful.

Maintaining a safe and caring school community is always a priority at the Hosmer School. We have included information on school guidelines so we can work together to support a safe environment for all students.

The weather has been mild so far this winter, however New Englanders know this can change quickly. Please remember to dress children appropriately for the weather, and refer to Handbook reminders in this newsletter for school cancellation procedures. Stay safe and have a great week!

Anne Hardiman
Principal

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD:

Hosmer Logo Gear

The orders should be arriving shortly!
We thank you for your patience.

Look Out Below!

There are many attachments to the newsletter this week.

Keep scrolling for...

Volunteer Opportunities
Handbook Reminders
Before School Procedures
Dismissal Permission Note
International Night Flyer

Cast Your Vote for Hosmer at Watertown Savings Bank
RayFit Kids Flyer

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cafeteria Volunteers

The Hosmer School has decided to begin a volunteer lunch program where parents can volunteer during the four lunch periods each day. Lunch periods run from 11:00-11:30, 11:35-12:05, 12:10-12:40, and 12:45-1:15. We are looking for volunteers to assist students in the cafeteria with various tasks including opening foods, ensuring safety, monitoring bathroom use, engaging students in activities such as conversation, cards, white boards, and more. This also can be an opportunity for individuals to eat lunch with their children. Training will be provided prior to the launch of this program. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact:
Elise Suarez at esuarez@watertown.k12.ma.us

International Night (Free Family Fun Night) - February 3, 2012, 5:30pm

Jennifer Moore and Claude Zouein are forming their committee and are looking for volunteers to assist in making this night a fun and exciting time for all. They are assigning tables for International Night so please contact them if you would like your country represented, 20 spots left. So far we have Lativa, Iran, South Korea, Thailand, Sweden, Lebanon, Canada, The United States and Guatemala. Please contact:

Jennifer at jennifer@otericonstruction.com or Claude at claudiazouein@hotmail.com

Math & Science Night (Free Family Fun Night) - Thursday, February, 9, 2012, 6pm

Interested in joining an already growing team of parents that will plan and run this amazing and educational night? If you are interested in math, science, experiments, or just want to help get kids excited about math and science please contact:

Thea Sahr at theasahr@gmail.com.

Library is OPEN - Volunteers still needed

The library is OPEN - hooray!! This is due in great part to the efforts of Allison Donovan (5th grade teacher) and Lisa Gabel (former Hosmer parent and dedicated library volunteer). Thank you, also, to the many parents who have volunteered to staff the library from November 21 and on. If you are interested in volunteering, and have not yet done so, please contact:

Chantal Zakari at chantal@thecorner.net

I am interested in one of the above volunteer opportunities. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in: _____

Please return this bottom portion to your teacher if you want someone from the PTO to get in touch with you regarding volunteer opportunities.

Some Important Handbook Reminders

School Closings and Delayed Openings

State law requires 180 days of instruction, and also requires that any snow days be made up before June 30th. Snow days and delayed openings are announced through ConnectED messages and listed on the website, www.watertown.k12.ma.us.

Messages are announced on the following radio and television stations:

WCVB Television (Channel 5)

WHDH Television (Channel 7)

WBZ Television (Channel 4) and Radio (AM 1030)

Cable Television Service - If available, check the local community channel

WBUR Web site - part of National Public Broadcasting (Radio - FM 90.9)

No School

Announcements usually begin between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m.

All parents and students are urged to refer to the above communication services.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL the School Department, Police Department, or Fire Department for school cancellation information. These lines must remain open for emergency situations.

Delayed Openings

When a delayed school opening is announced, school will open **up to two hours** after the regularly scheduled time. Lunch will be served at the regular time, and school will close at the regularly scheduled time of 2:35 p.m.

Personal Electronic Devices

To better protect students from misuse of handheld devices the following guidelines have been established:

In the school building, personal electronic devices (PED) should be off, unless specified otherwise by the teacher. PEDs may be used during school hours under the supervision of the teacher only.

Any use of these PEDs outside of teacher supervision is strictly **prohibited**. Faculty or staff have the right to confiscate a PED and turn it into the principal's office. The device may be picked up at the office by the student at the end of the school day. Repeated offenses may require the parent to pick up the device.

PEDs should not be used during the school day for communication between students and parents. Urgent messages between parents and students must be communicated via the main office.

The school is not responsible for the maintenance, loss, theft or damage of any personal electronic device.

All use of personal electronic devices is commensurate with the District's Acceptable Use Policy.

Reminder:

Before School Procedures

All students coming into the building before 8:05 must be involved in one of the following programs.

- 7:15 Before School Care - Supervised care for 1 hour before school begins. The cost is \$6 per day or \$87 per month. You must sign up in advance for this program
- 7:45 Breakfast Program - Children may purchase breakfast and wait in the cafeteria until school begins.
- 8:00 Instrument Lessons - For students in grade 4 - 5 who have been assigned this lesson time.
- Tuesday 7:30 Chorus- For students in 4th or 5th grade. You must sign up in advance for this program.
- Wednesday 7:45 Jump Rope Club for grades 2 - 5. You must sign up in advance for this program.
- Friday 7:45 Open Gym for grades 2 - 5. You must sign up in advance for this program.

All students attending these programs must enter through the cafeteria door and sign in with Ms. Scalfidi.

Children who are not in any of these programs can enter the building through the main doors at 8:05. The main doors will be unlocked at 8:00.

Change in Dismissal Plan

Please use the following *Dismissal Permission Form* when there will be a change in your child's dismissal procedures. This form can also be found on Hosmer School website.

Hosmer Elementary School

Dismissal Permission Note

Date: _____

Child's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Early Dismissal

Please dismiss my child today at: _____ o'clock.

He/She will be picked up by: _____.

Change in Parent/Guardian/Designated Adult Pick Up

My child will be picked up today by: _____

instead of his/her usual pick up person.

Alternate Dismissal Arrangements

(to be used only on dates when your child will not follow his/her normal dismissal procedure.)

At dismissal today, my child:

___ will not go to Extended Day and will be picked up by

_____.

___ will go to Extended Day.

___ will not go to Courses for Kids today.

___ Other _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Please deliver this to your child's teacher.



Latvian...

Jūs ar ģimeni esat laipni aicināti apmeklēt
Hozmera skolas Starptautisko vakaru
2011. g. 18. martā
18.00-20.30

Internacionālām vakariņām ar groziņiem
sekos
Kultūru mantojuma svētki

Lūdzu, atnesiet ēdienu, kas atspoguļo
Jūsu ģimenes kultūru, un izbaudiet valstu
galdiņus, tautiskos priekšmetus, un
kulturālo informāciju, ko būs sarūpējušas
skolas ģimenes.

Spanish...

Usted y su familia están invitados a
Hosmer Noche Internacional
18 de marzo 2011
6:00-8:30

Cena Internacional "Potluck"
seguido de una
Celebración de la Herencia Cultural

Por favor traiga un plato para compartir
desde el país de su origen
y disfrutar de las mesas de países,
artefactos e información
proporcionadas por las familias de
diferentes países

Italian...

Tu e la tua famiglia siete invitati a partecipare
A Hosmer serata internazionale
18 marzo 2011
6:00-8:30

Pranzo internazionale a sorpresa
Seguita da una celebrazione delle diverse
eredita etniche

Si prega di portare un piatto da
condividere, tipico della cultura della tua
famiglia posto su tavoli con artifatti tipici
del paese di provenienza con
informazioni procurati dalle famiglie



**You and your family
are invited to**

Hosmer International Night

**February 3rd, 2012
6:00 – 8:30 pm**

**International Potluck Dinner
followed by a
Heritage Celebration**

Please bring a dish to share
from your family's
background and enjoy the
country tables, artifacts &
heritage information
provided by Hosmer families

6:00 – Potluck Dinner in Cafeteria
7:00 – Country Tables & Passport
Stamp Collection in Gym

Questions?

Contact
Jennifer Moore at
jennifer@otericonstruction.com
or
Claude Zoueïn at
claudiazoueïn@hotmail.com

Norwegian...

Du og din familie er invitert til
Hosmer Internasjonalt Aften
18 mars 2011
6:00 til 08:30

Internasjonalt Potluck Middag
etterfulgt av en
feire ens arv

Vennligst ta med en rett til å dele fra
familiens bakgrunn og nyt landets retter,
gjenstander og kultur informasjon gitt av
familier

Bulgarian...

Вие и вашето семейство сте поканени на
Hosmer International Night
18-ти Март, 2011 г.

6:00-8:30 вечерта
Международна Potluck вечеря,
последвана от
Празник на традиционното наследство

Моля, донесете едно типично за
произхода на семейството си блюдо и
се забавлявайте с масите организирани
по държави, с характерни предмети
и информация предоставена от другите
семейства

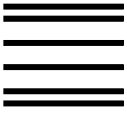
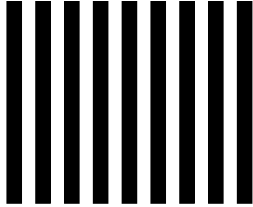
French...

Vous et votre famille sont invités à
Hosmer Soirée internationale
18 mars 2011
6:00-8:30

Dîner Potluck International
suivie d'une
Célébration du patrimoine

S'il vous plaît apporter un plat à partager à
partir d'arrière-plan de votre famille et
profitez des tableaux par pays, des
artefacts et des informations sur le
patrimoine fournis par les familles

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Watertown Savings Bank

Customer's Choice Awards

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Cast Your Vote!

Watertown Savings Bank

**16TH ANNUAL
CUSTOMER'S
CHOICE**

AWARDS

You must be a Watertown Savings Bank customer in order to vote - **one vote per customer!**

Tell your friends and family to be sure and vote. These funds make a big impact on dozens of hard-working local organizations that contribute substantially to the quality of life in our community. Your vote could be worth valuable dollars to help further their efforts.

All organizations earning 1% or more of the total number of votes will receive funds.

VOTING RULES

- 1 Deadline to vote is January 15, 2012.
- 2 You must have an account with Watertown Savings Bank to be eligible to vote. One vote per customer. Everyone in your household that has an account at Watertown Savings Bank can submit a vote. Space is provided for up to three account owners. (Beneficiaries are not considered account owners).

This year copies of ballots will be accepted. Organizations may want to send copies of the ballot to their constituents. Each person must provide the last 4 digits of one of their WSB account numbers for their vote to be accepted.

- 3 In order to be eligible for funds, organizations must be nonprofit institutions* [501(c)(3)] that primarily benefit the local community and they must receive at least one percent of the total votes. (If 5,000 people vote, an organization only needs 50 votes to receive funds!) The maximum amount for any one organization is \$2,500, minimum equals \$500. There are hundreds of worthy local groups such as sports leagues, arts groups, or environmental organizations, that serve Arlington, Watertown, Waltham, Belmont, Lexington and Newton. Many are actively helping to house or feed those in need. Some teach people to read or preserve important historical records. Let us know your favorite so we can help support the organization of your choice.

If you have any questions call (617) 928-2336.

Watertown Savings Bank

Member FDIC Member DIF

*Religious and political organizations are not eligible.

We want to donate \$50,000

to local nonprofit organizations, but we need your help! Cast your ballot in Watertown Savings Bank's Annual Customer's Choice Awards.

How do I vote?

Spaces below allow up to three household members with accounts at WSB to vote.

Print your full name and the last 4 digits of one of your wsb account numbers here (required):

NAME:
ACCOUNT NUMBER (last 4 digits only):

Write the full name of your favorite organization here:

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PLEASE TAPE CLOSED

*or vote online by visiting
www.watertownsavings.com*

Seal and mail the form (no postage required) or drop the ballot off at any of our 9 locations.

RAYFIT KIDS



Get your kids off the couch and off the computer!

RayFit Kids is a fun and challenging class for 7-11 year olds to teach them the importance of daily exercise.

Kids will work on balance, strength, speed, and agility. No weights are used.

- Saturdays at 11am starting Jan 7, 2011
- 45 minute class
- 8 week class for \$120
- After school classes starting soon!

Maximum ten kids so sign up now!

Call 617 932 1343 or email ray@rayfit.com



To learn more about RayFit, visit www.rayfit.com

"RayFit is really fun." Lara, 7

"RayFit is a great place to work out." Nicky, 10

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