



Hopkins Hill School Newsletter

December 2011



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Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 1 Flu Clinic at Hopkins Hill
4-7 PM
- Dec. 3 Holiday Happenings at HH
10-2 PM
- Dec. 7 Trimester closes
- Dec. 12 Holiday Concert and Chorus
- Dec. 15 Report Cards go Home!
- Dec.23 - Jan.2 *NO SCHOOL*—Winter
Vacation Students return
on January 3, 2012

Please join us for the
Annual Holiday Concert at
Hopkins Hill School on
Dec.12th
at 7 pm
Come enjoy selections
from the band, recorder
ensemble and the chorus!

**MR DEEP
POSITIVITY**

Holiday Happenings

Don't forget to come to our
annual Holiday event! Enjoy
games, crafts, raffle baskets,
baked goods, and more! This
Saturday, Dec.3 at Hopkins Hill
School from 10-2pm. We hope
to see you there!



Volunteers are still needed!
Please contact Deb Doran at
dinad811@verizon.net

During the month of De-
cember, Mr. Deep Positiv-
ity, will come to Hopkins
Hill to feature Mrs. Lyon's
class and Mrs. Simoneau's
class on his Saturday
morning TV show. These
two classes were selected
because they have earned
the most Pawbucks for
demonstrating their Husky
Habits of being respectful,
responsible, and safe!
Please keep watch for per-
mission slips !

Swing into Reading



The Reading Process “BDA”

“Before, During & After”

The best way to become a better reader is to READ! Remind your child to use the Before, During and After strategies whenever they read. This month’s reading tip focuses on what good readers do DURING reading:

Read with Purpose

- ◆ Think about text
- ◆ Be an active reader
- ◆ Use strategies while reading; visualize, question, make connections, predict, infer, clarify, track down, reread, etc.
- ◆ Organize key points; note taking, graphic organizers, etc.
- ◆ Focus on relevant material and skim over irrelevant material
- ◆ Adjust reading rate according to content

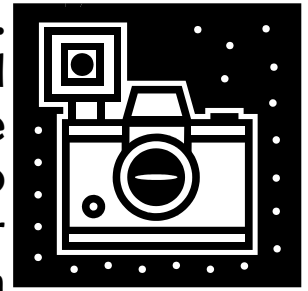
Next month’s tip will focus on tips for things readers can do After their reading.



Congratulations to our three first grade winners of the Fire Safety poster contest!

They were Abigail Choquette, Colton Martins and Alexander Molinares. They each won a \$30 gift card to Toys 'R Us from the Hopkins Hill Fire Department. Awesome Job!

Photography permission slips have been sent home. Parents only need to return these forms if they do not want their child’s picture in the yearbook or on the webpage. If we do not receive a form, we will assume that families want their child’s picture published. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.



Parking Lot Safety!

Please remember cars are **NOT** allowed to pass School Buses when their red lights are on. We have had several incidents of this and violators will be reported to the Coventry Police. Passing the bus with its red lights on is a \$600.00 fine! Please be alert during dismissal and keep our children safe.



PSST from the PTA! *everychild.one voice.*

Playground- Thanks to all who helped out in the installation of the new surfacing. The kids have been enjoying the playground and they are discovering new areas they could never reach before. We are also planning some repairs on a few of the pieces of equipment before spring. Much of the funding for these repairs has come from the Hats On and Fall Fund-raiser dollars that have been raised. Thank you all for the continued support of these programs.

Note: I have one steel rake that was left from the installation day, so please feel free to contact me if you're missing your rake.

Book Fair- The Hopkins Hill School Fall Book Fair will be taking place this week. The students visit the Book Fair during their library time.

Holiday Happenings- Hopkins Hill School's annual event, Holiday Happenings is December 3rd from 10am to 2pm. It is a fun event with games, crafts, baked goods, elf shop, gift basket raffle and many other fun things for the family. We hope to see all of the Hopkins Hill families at the event and don't forget to invite all of your friends and family members.

Note: We are asking for anyone able to give a couple of hours during the morning or afternoon of the event. We are not going to be able to offer all of the fun games and crafts if we cannot staff the event. We are still in need of help, so please contact our volunteer coordinator Deb Doran at dinad811@verizon.net or send in a note with your child that you are able to help. We will also need people to help set-up on Dec. 2nd from 3:30pm -7:30pm anytime during that period would help..

Membership- Our membership drive continues as we move into December and we hope that you will send in your forms to join the PTA. A membership in the PTA helps support the school in so many ways and we thank those who have already joined.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Regards,

Dave Ritchotte-PTA President