



Hopkins Hill School Newsletter

September 2011

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Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 2th** Meadow Farms Fundraiser begins
- Sept. 5th** *NO SCHOOL* Labor Day
- Sept. 7th** School Picture Day
PTA Meeting 3:45
- Sept. 9th** Dr. Gordon's Reading Contest ends
- Sept. 13st** Planetarium - Gr.4
- Sept. 14th** PBIS Kick-off
- Sept. 15th** Michael Higgins visits- Carving Project
- Sept. 16th** Family Night Ice Cream Social & Outdoor Movie
- Sept. 19th** Meadow Farms Fundraiser ends
- Sept. 26th** Open House 6-8 PM
- Sept. 28th** *NO SCHOOL* Professional Development Day
- Sept. 29th** *NO SCHOOL* Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 30th** *HATS ON!*

Principal's Message:

Dear returning families and new families to Hopkins Hill. We welcome you to a positive and productive school year. The PTA, teachers, and administration have been very busy working on a variety of programs and practices. Eighteen members of the staff participated in a Leadership Retreat at Alton Jones in August. Third grade teachers and a reading specialist have been involved with professional development in writing. Hopkins Hill is excited about their new math specialist, Cara Banspach, formerly of Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School. The school will also have an additional media specialist in the library every other week to collaborate with teachers on integrating technology and conducting research. The staff welcomes these opportunities to expand services and resources to help students achieve at high levels. Please review the September calendar and find out how to get involved with upcoming events. There are many opportunities to participate in the Hopkins Hill School community. Remember, we are partners in your child's education!

Ms. Whitehead

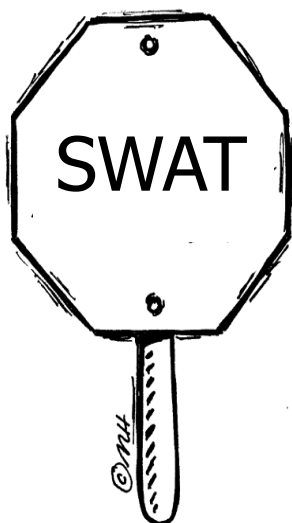
MR DEEP POSITIVITY

On September 14th, James McBride, “Mr. Deep Positivity” will participate in our PBIS Kick-off Assembly. As an inspirational rapper, Mr. Deep Positivity will help our Hopkins Hill Community review the goals for positive student, staff and parent behavior. We practice the husky habits of being respectful, responsible, and safe each day. Mr. Deep Positivity will reinforce the school-wide expectations through music and dance. e will also share his NECAP prep song for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, getting them motivated to do their best in October on the state assessments. CDs will be available at Open House, and a portion of the proceeds come back to Hopkins Hill.



Family Fun Night Sept. 16th

Students can bring their families back school to make ice cream sundaes with their families. Remember to bring your blankets and lawn chairs to sit on the blacktop and watch a movie outside! The PTA will be dedicating the new shade structure for the students which was purchased with \$8,000 in grant funds from the American Dermatology Association. A big thanks to Lisa James, Diane Kowal, and Ms. Whitehead for writing the grant!



SWAT (School Workers Armed with Timers)

During the first week in September, all students in grades 1-5 will participate in SWAT screenings. A team of specialists, made up of reading, special education, and other support staff, will administer district approved screening assessments in reading, writing, and math. Teachers will use this information from the screenings and meet to plan instruction for each child. The goal is to identify the strengths and needs of each child so that we can best support them as a learner and make their academic experience at Hopkins Hill, a productive one.



New Dismissal Procedures at Hopkins Hill School

Hopkins Hill continues to grow and expand its programs. With the increased student enrollment due to re-districting, and the safety of all the students in mind, we have adjusted the dismissal procedure.

Hopkins Hill has two Pre-K classrooms with the children ranging from 3-5 years of age. To better service these younger students, **Pre-K will begin 15 minutes before the rest of the school and end 15 minutes earlier.** The new start and end times for Pre-K are as follows: **8:45 AM-11:15 AM and 12:45 PM-3:15 PM.**

The school will be trying out this staggered dismissal. As long as the buses are able to accommodate this adjustment with all the new student pick-ups, we will continue with the new Pre-K schedule.

In addition, **Kindergarten and grade 1 students will now be dismissed out the back of the building** by the gym, on the same side as the other walkers in grades 2-5. This will alleviate congestions at the front of the building and allow staff to move the buses and day care vans out in a timely manner. Families will be safer on the side of the building as opposed to the front with the buses and vans. **Thank you for your support and cooperation with the new procedures.** We appreciate your patience.



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2011-2012 PTA Meetings

September 7 th	3:45
October 4 th	3:45
November 9 th	6:30
December	- No meeting
January 11 th	6:30
February 11 th	3:45
March 10 th	6:30
April 11 th	3:45
May 16 th	6:30
June 6 th	3:45

All meetings are held in Room 22 and all parents and teachers are invited to attend!
Childcare will not be provided.



Welcome Back
Hopkins Hill Huskies!
Remember our Husky
Habits! Respectful, Re-
sponsible, and Safe!

Please! Don't forget to
collect
Box Tops
and bring
them in to
school!





Teacher of the Year

The students, staff and families of Hopkins Hill School congratulate Mrs. Kim O'Connell for being selected as the school's teacher of the year for 2011-2012. Mrs. O'Connell is an outstanding educator who implements best practices in her classroom. She is a model for her peers. Mrs. O'Connell also coordinates the Mentor Program, serves as the Feinsein Coordinator, serves as the co-chair of the Numeracy Action Team, teaches math academy after school, and more. We cannot thank her enough for her hard work and commitment to her own continuous improvement and the improvement of the entire community.



Remember!
**Open House at
Hopkins Hill is
September 26th
From
6:00-8:00 PM
We hope to see
you there!**



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