

Moose Mutterings

Moose Hill School PTA Newsletter

December 2010



Hello Moose Hill Families,
We are wrapping up another year and what a great year it has been. November had a lot of exciting events. Thank you to Nancy Abbott for a wonderful breakfast and luncheon for the teachers, during the parent teacher conferences on November 18th and 19th. Thank you to Eileen Schmitt for organizing and putting the baskets together for the basket raffles. Kim Laudani and Eileen Schmitt were the chairs for the Coffee cake sales, thank you for all your help with this project. Thank you to all the volunteers that came in to help sort the cakes. We really appreciate all our parent volunteers for their hard work all year long.

December is a really fun time. Our Hannaford helps schools program is ending on December 5th. We will find out what our school made in the spring. We have the Santa's breakfast that is also on December 4th at the North School, and the Moose Hill PTA will hold a bake sale. Moose Hill also has the Child check that is going to be on December 2nd, no School for LEEPers.

We also have the holiday party's coming up the week of December 20th. I hope that you are all able to enjoy this very magical time with your children.

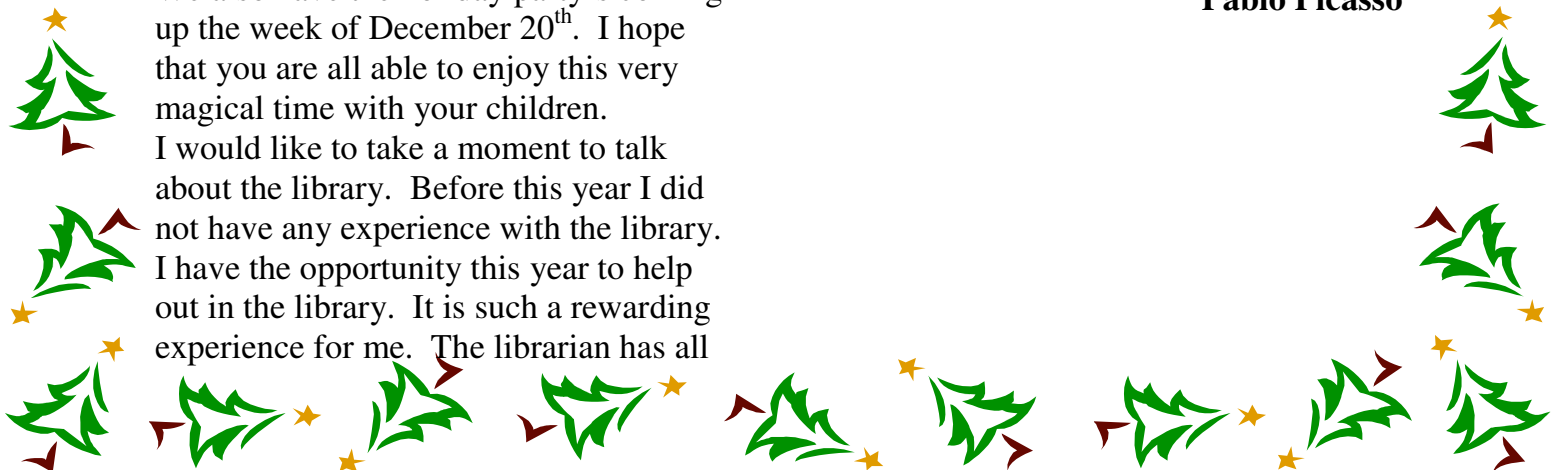
I would like to take a moment to talk about the library. Before this year I did not have any experience with the library. I have the opportunity this year to help out in the library. It is such a rewarding experience for me. The librarian has all

these wonderful activities to do with the children. The kids really enjoy this time. If anyone is looking to help out the librarian, Linda would love to have help. I am currently going in once a month, and she is so grateful for my help. So if you are looking to help out please contact Linda in the library.

The PTA is starting a Helping Families Fundraiser. The proceeds from the fundraiser are going to be divided between two Moose Hill Families. These families have a story that will break your heart, and they need our help. We are going to have our first fundraiser on December 10th. It is going to be a Parents' Night out held at the Tim Barchard's Professional Martial Arts Academy in Derry, NH from 6 – 9pm. More details in this editions newsletter. There is no PTA meeting the Month of December. I hope you all have a safe and Happy Holiday. See you at the next PTA meeting January 20th.

PTA President, Chrissy Grabiec
Action is the foundational key to all success.

Pablo Picasso



Nurse Notes

The students will go out for recess if the actual temperature is above 20 degrees with the wind chill factor. I use www.weather.com for the hourly Londonderry forecast each morning to determine if the students will go out for recess.

As cold and flu season continues, these are some simple tips that will keep respiratory infections from spreading. The germs that cause infection are spread from person to person in droplets from the nose, throat and lungs of someone who is sick.

To prevent spreading germs to others:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with the inside of your elbow or a tissue
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 15 to 20 seconds and/or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. (www.cdc.gov)
- Keep your child home when he/she is sick even if he/she is fever free
- Do not share food, utensils or beverages with others

Symptoms of the flu occur rapidly:

- High fever
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Young children may have nausea, vomiting or diarrhea



Sometimes children get sick anyway. The best thing you can do is to keep children home when they are sick. Children should stay home until they have been without a fever for 24 hours and are feeling well enough to play outside at recess and participate in class.

Please do not give children Tylenol or Advil and send them to school.

Have a Healthy Holiday,
Jean Queenan RN, BS



Moose Hill School came in 1st place.

Mack's Apples Scarecrow Contest was in October. Moose Hill School came in first place. Yeah! Thank you to Dave Verani for all his hard work putting the scarecrow together. The school was given a \$50 dollar check that will be used for our PTA. The contest raised \$250. Mack's Apples gave the \$250 to the Sunshine Soup Kitchen, in Derry, NH

The Moose Hill PTA presents a

Parents' Night Out

Sponsored by Tim Barchard's Professional Martial Arts Academy

- Where:** Tim Barchard's Professional Martial Arts Academy,
15 East Broadway, Derry NH.
- When:** December 10th 6 – 9pm
- Why:** There are two families at Moose Hill School that are in need of our help. Their families are going through a rough time with sick children and repeated surgeries.
- How much:** The admission per child is \$15, with a max of \$35 per family.

This is going to be a RSVP event only, because the space is limited. Please RSVP to senseilaura@comcast.net. Please let us know by Dec 6th if you are planning on attending. There will be a mini karate demonstration, plus games, pizza and drinks for the children. Please let us know if your kids have food allergies and we will do our best to accommodate.

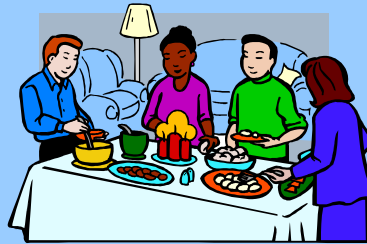
If you would like to learn more about the families you can e-mail me. Chrissy Grabiec pnut562000@yahoo.com. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask. If you are paying by check please make checks payable to Moose Hill PTA. You can pay cash at the door. You do not have to attend to help out. If you would rather just make a donation you can send a check in with your child's backpack. Please put in the memo: Helping Families

Another Successful Teacher's Breakfast & Luncheon

A big thank you to our volunteers who helped out with the Parent/Teacher Conference breakfast and luncheons last month. We had many volunteers who made some creative salads, delicious desserts, and brought in the many necessities needed for the two days. Thank you also to the parents who helped set up, clean up, and make sure things went smoothly. Without all of your help, this event would not have been possible.

Thank you to Nancy Abbott who organized the event.

If anyone is still waiting for a container, platter, etc. please check the teacher's lunchroom.



COFFEE CAKE TIME!



Thank you to Kim Laudani and Eileen Schmitt for coordinating the delivery and volunteers to help sort and distribute the coffee cakes.

This is always one of the Moose Hill School PTA's most profitable fundraisers and this year was no exception. We had a profit of more than \$5000. Thank you.

SNOW DAYS

This month brings with it the first day of winter, which in New England can mean snow days. For information on school delays and cancellations you can:

Logon to the Moose Hill website, www.londonderry.org/moose

Listen to WGIR AM 610, or

Tune into cable TV Channel 21 or WMUR-TV Channel 9





SANTA'S BREAKFAST

The North School PTA invites you (young and old) to join their annual Santa Breakfast.

Saturday, December 4th from 8:00 to 11:00am at the North School Cafeteria The price of breakfast is \$4.50 for advance purchase and \$5.00 at the door. Price includes breakfast, picture with Santa and face painting. There will also be a holiday basket raffle, the Elf Shop (where kids can do some Christmas Shopping) and a mailbox for kids to put their letters to Santa in.


DO YOU LOVE BAKING HOLIDAY COOKIES?

Moose Hill PTA will be sponsoring a bake sale for this event.

If you are able to bake a dozen cookies (or two) or can volunteer an hour or to the day of the event please contact Kerry Varnum at (617)395-1351 or kerry_varnum@yahoo.com



Newsletter
DEADLINE



The deadline for the
January newsletter is Tuesday,
December 14th.

Email articles or ideas to Kerin
Brown kb910@comcast.net



A note from our Box Tops Coordinators

Thank you for sending in your Box Tops collection sheets! We hope you and your child are enjoying the collection pages. These sheets actually make our job easier, so please keep sending them in. You can always print out additional sheets from the newsletter.

So far Moose Hill School has received a check for \$860.50. That includes all box tops submitted from April 2010-November 2010. Great Job! Be sure to sign up for the Box Tops e-newsletter at www.btfе.com. For every person that signs up by December 31st our school will receive 5 bonus Box Tops.

*Unfortunately the Box tops website is only updated every 45 days. If you check the website in January it should be updated.

Box Tops Submission Guidelines:

1. Expired Box Tops **may not** be submitted
2. Clip on or near the dotted lines
3. Ripped and torn Box Tops are ok as long as we can see the expiration date and the brand code (i.e. SPB, RBG, PUP) located in the top left or bottom left corner of the box top is visible.

Remember when shopping for your holiday meals and family gatherings to purchase products from Box Tops supporting brands such as Bisquick, Gold Medal, General Mills, Pillsbury and Betty Crocker. To see a complete list of products and brands visit www.btfе.com.

Thank you for all you do!

Your Box Tops Coordinators, **Danielle and Kim**



PTA REFLECTIONS
40 Years of Achievement in the Arts

Reflections

Judge's night was held on Tuesday November 16th. We had 26 submissions from Moose Hill School. All of the artwork will be displayed at the town wide exhibit in January at the Middle School.

Wrapping Paper Thank You Notes

Don't know what to do with all of the leftover wrapping paper from the holidays? Here is a great craft to do with your preschooler or kindergartner.

What You Need:

- wrapping paper scraps
- safety scissors
- glue
- white paper
- pencil and eraser

What You Do:

1. Fold the paper in half.
2. Cut your wrapping paper up into different shapes that you can use to create your card.
3. Glue pieces onto folded paper, overlapping as desired to create a unique thank you note.
4. Open card and fill out your thank you notes!

If you have a suggestion for a craft or activity to do with preschoolers or kindergartners email it to Kerin Brown at kb910@comcast.net

Spotlight Website

Common Sense Media

www.common sense media.org

This is a good website to help determine how age-appropriate specific movies, games/video games, websites, TV, books and music are for your children.

Do you have a favorite website? Email it to kb910@comcast.net



Time is running out

Don't forget to stop by Hannaford's before the **Hannaford Helps School** promotion ends on December 5th. For each 4 participating products you purchase you will receive a certificate worth \$3.00 when you check out.

FUNDRAISERS



Tyson

Turn Tyson products into Big Bucks for Moose Hill School. Clip and save your **Tyson Project A+** labels from participating Tyson products. Each label is worth 24 cents! For a complete list of participating products check out their website, www.tyson.com/projectaplus.



Box Tops

By clipping the Box Tops coupons from hundreds of **General Mills products and partnering brands, like Betty Crocker, Cheerios, Hefty, Juicy Juice, Ziploc, Kleenex,** and many, many more, Moose Hill will earn 10 cents for each label! Check out the complete list of participating products at www.boxtops4education.com.



Campbell's

In addition, you can help our school receive free merchandise by saving PROOFS OF PURCHASE from the Campbell Brands, including **Campbell's Soups, SpaghettiOs, Gravies and Supper Bakes, Pepperidge Farm Crackers, Goldfish and Garlic Breads.** To see a complete list of participating products check out their website www.labelsforeducation.com.

We have received many "Labels for Education" UPC codes so far this year. Keep up the good work, as Moose Hill will earn valuable points for school supplies. Here are the labels to watch for and clip: Campbells, Campbells Chunky, Spagetti O's, V8 and V8 Splash (caps included), Pepperidge Farm products-including goldfish, and Prego UPC codes. Just clip the Labels for Education UPC barcode, and send it to school with your child. Thank you!

Please remember to clip your labels on the dotted lines and send them in your child's backpack. To help our coordinator please separate the labels by program (i.e. Box Tops, Campbell's or Tyson). Thank you.

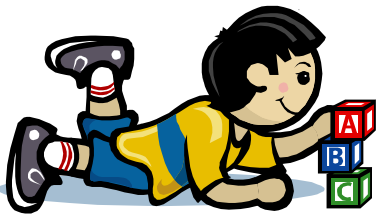
For complete lists of participating products for each program check out our website, www.mooshillpta.org.

Holiday Basket Raffle

Thank you to Eileen Schmitt for coordinating another successful holiday basket raffle. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in putting together the fabulous items donated by the parents and kids at Moose Hill School.

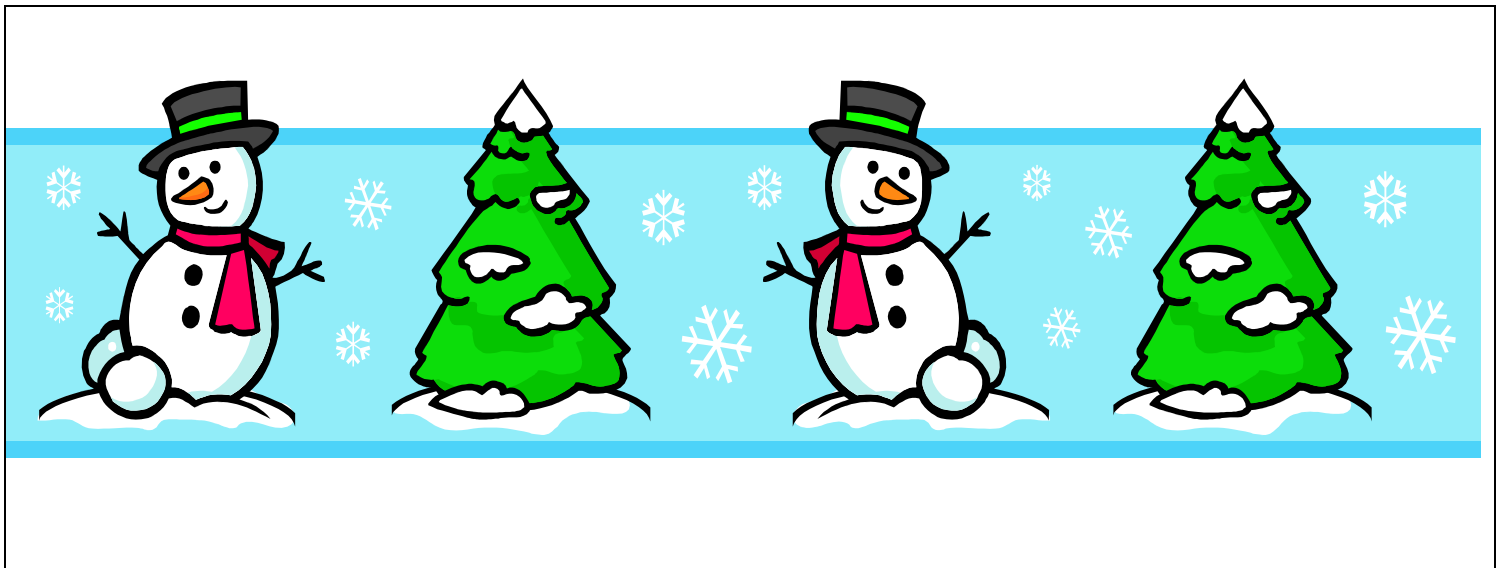


LEEP Child Find



The LEEP program will be closed on Thursday, December 2nd. The LEEP team will conduct the second of four scheduled "Child Find" screenings. Parents or guardians of children aged 3 through age 5 who have hearing, vision, or developmental concerns can have their child screened through this program. This program is available to all children in the Londonderry community at no cost, however an appointment is necessary.

The third Child Find screening will be conducted in February. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Kathy Kelly at 437-5855, ext 7223.



DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hanukkah	2 NO SCHOOL LEEP Child Check	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Santa visit to LEEP	22	23 Santa visit to Kindergarten	NO SCHOOL	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 January
NO SCHOOL						

2010-2011 Moose Hill PTA Board and Chairpersons

Position	Name	Phone Number	Email
President	Chrissy Grabiec	216-5645	Pnut562000@yahoo.com
Vice-President	Katherine Allen	289-0884	katherineallen@stampsalot.net
Secretary	Heather Dormer	432-4932	dormerfamily@myfairpoint.net
Treasurer	Jackie Macaulay	434-6521	jlpgeneral@yahoo.com
Beach Day	Nancy Abbott Stacie Street	432-0843 425-7565	Nancy.abbott@comcast.net staciastreet@hotmail.com
Book Fair	Erin Murray Sarah Page Stacie Street	434-3563 434-9328 425-7565	Erinmurray19@hotmail.com Spage714@comcast.net staciastreet@hotmail.com
Box Tops	Danielle Peckham Kim Laudani	432-7367	daniellepeckham@comcast.net kjlaudani@myfairpoint.net
Bulletin Board	Stacie Street Robyn Fortier	425-7565 425-7694	staciastreet@hotmail.com thebearhut@aol.com
Campbell's Labels/ Hannaford Certificates	Karen Martin		Karen.martin@hotmail.com
Fall Fundraiser	Eileen Schmitt Kim Laudani	426-5245	Dande603@netzero.com kjlaudani@myfairpoint.net
Haunted Harvest	Nancy Abbott Andrea Bodkin	432-0843	Nancy.abbott@comcast.net kabodkin27@gmail.com
Holiday Basket Raffle	Eileen Schmitt	426-5245	Dande603@netzero.com
Hospitality	Danielle Mague	437-3073	maguesip@comcast.net
Kindergarten Carnival	Liz Spath Andrea Bodkin	617-276-6262	Elizabeth_spath@mercerc.com Kabodkin27@gmail.com
Kidz Night	Jessie D'urso		jmdurso@gmail.com
LEEP Carnival			
Membership	Jade MacDonnell	425-1822	jade@owenandolivia.com
Newsletter	Kerin Brown	434-1565	Kb910@comcast.net
Newsletter Highlights	Renee Williams	434-8024	gottwins@gmail.com
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Nancy Abbott Jessica Gallant	432-0843	Nancy.abbott@comcast.net
Reflections	Kerin Brown Eileen Butler Liz Spath	434-1565 617-276-6262	Kb910@comcast.net efbutler@comcast.net Elizabeth_spath@mercerc.com
Safety Day 2011	Karen Martin		Karen.martin@hotmail.com
Santa's Breakfast	Kerri Varnum	617-395-1351	Kerri_varnum@yahoo.com
School Spirit	Sarah Page	434-9328	Spage714@comcast.net
Spring Performance	Nancy Abbott	432-0843	Nancy.abbott@comcast.net
Staff Appreciation Week	Katherine Allen Rachael Doyle	289-0884 434-1350	katherineallen@stampsalot.net rachaeldoyle@comcast.net
Volunteer Coordinator	Sarah Ward	434-7742	tspward@gmail.com
Website	Michael Grenier Mari-Ann Thibodeau	490-4105 432-5553	mike@landscapersdepot.com mariann.thibodeau@verizon.com

Please email Kerin Brown if you see missing or incorrect information. Thank you.