

Moose Mutterings

Moose Hill School PTA Newsletter

September 2010

The Moose Hill PTA executive board welcomes you to the 2010-2011 school-year.

PTA President's Message: Kerin Brown

The Moose Hill PTA executive board welcomes you: our parents, teachers and staff to the 2010-2011 school-year. This is a very exciting time for our LEEPers and Kindergarteners! We are positive that this year will be filled with fun activities that will involve students, families, and staff.

The Moose Hill PTA offers a great opportunity for parents, teachers and staff to volunteer together in activities that promote fun and learning for our children. There are a combination of volunteer needs, family activities and fundraising opportunities that add to the overall sense of fun and community at the school. These activities support and promote your child's learning and provide support to our teachers and the staff at Moose Hill. We oversee a fall fundraiser, a spring book fair, and we outreach to the three elementary schools on three separate occasions throughout the year that are always fun family times. We will provide meals for the staff during parent/teacher conferences, staff appreciation week and other key times of year. Our major fundraiser of the year takes place in the fall to pay for some of the events we sponsor throughout the year. In the spring of 2010, we added a spring fundraiser that was so successful we were able to purchase a much needed shade structure for the playground over a year ahead of schedule!! We will look forward to another great year of fundraisers and events. PTA members also have the opportunity to learn more about the PTA through leadership conferences offered twice during the school year.

Our newsletter, Moose Mutterings, will give you insight as to what's going on during the month. September's newsletter is packed with information about Safety Day, Family Day, Reflections and so much more. There is a PTA membership form, a volunteer log sheet and a list of various committees and dates to note. Moose Mutterings is now available online in an effort to reduce the reliance on paper in our kids' backpacks. Moving forward, the Moose Mutterings "Highlights" page will be sent home in our children's backpacks and the newsletter in its entirety can be found online at www.mooshillpta.org.

Please consider volunteering. **There are many options for all our families to be involved, including weekends (safety day, Haunted Harvest, Santa's breakfast), during school hours (room parent, school spirit, picture day, photocopier), and at home opportunities (newsletter, volunteer coordinator, baker).** We welcome whatever time you can give! The PTA meets on the third Thursday of each month from September through May (excluding December). Our first meeting will be held on September 16th, 2010 at 7:00PM. Come and meet the current PTA officers and become familiar with all of the events and activities that are sponsored by our PTA. We will vote in a new executive board and assign individuals to the many committees that still need to be chaired. Please send me an email at kb910@comcast.net if you have any questions. I am so excited to see you there!

Kerin Brown

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Nurse Notes

I would like to welcome you all to Moose Hill School. I look forward to a happy healthy school year for all our students. Please call me anytime with any questions you might have.

Jean Queenan RN, BS



Londonderry Family Safety Day – September 25th 12pm - 4pm Matthew Thornton School

Welcome (or welcome back), parents! Moose Hill and its PTA are so fortunate to have such active volunteer parents, and your first opportunity to lend a hand is coming up quick!

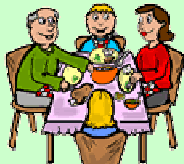
The annual Londonderry Family Safety Day will take place on Saturday, September 25th at Matthew Thornton, and the Moose Hill PTA will be participating again this year with a bake sale.

We need volunteers to bake delicious goodies and to help man the table.

The event runs 12pm to 4pm, so **if you can lend a hand either by baking or sparing a couple of hours that day, please contact Katherine Allen katherineallen@stampsalot.net or Kerin Brown kb910@comcast.net by Tuesday, September 21st.**

Let's get our kids' school off to a great start!





Family Day is Monday, September 27, 2010

Dinner Makes a Difference!

More than a decade of research by [The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University](http://www.ncaab.usc.edu) has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children™ is a national movement launched by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University in 2001 that promotes the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners as a simple, effective way to prevent substance abuse in kids.

To learn more about *Family Day* and to join parents all across America in taking the *Family Day* STAR pledge, log on to www.CASAFamilyDay.org.

Become a *Family Day* STAR! I commit to:

- Spend time with your kids by having dinner together
- Talk to them about their friends, interests and the dangers of drugs and alcohol
- Answer their questions and listen to what they say
- Recognize that YOU have the power to keep your kids substance-free!



Open House

Kindergarten Open House will be held October 7st.

LEEP Open House will be held on October 20st.

More information can be found in October's newsletter or at the PTA website.

Apple Ladybugs

Let your kids play with their food for a change. They'll love decorating juicy red apples with pretzels for antennae, raisins for spots and eyes and peanut butter for wings, then snacking on them once they work up an appetite.

Ingredients

2 red apples
1/4 cup raisins
1 tablespoon peanut butter
8 thin pretzel sticks



Cooking Instructions

Slice apples in half from top to bottom, and scoop out the cores using a knife or melon baller. If you have an apple corer, core them first, then slice. Place each apple half flat side down on a small plate. Dab peanut butter on to the back of the 'lady bug', then stick raisins onto the dabs for spots. Use this method to make eyes too. Stick one end of each pretzel stick into a raisin, then press the other end into the apples to make antennae.

From www.kaboose.com

Spotlight Website

www.familyfun.go.com

Family Fun is your online source for arts and crafts, recipes, and parties for every holiday, plus hundreds of ideas for kid crafts, birthday cakes, birthday parties, and kid games, as well as expert tips on parenting, **family** travel, and decorating kids' rooms!

PRESS RELEASE
For immediate release 8/25/10

Contact: Sue Ballard
Londonderry School District
(603) 432-6920 x1108

**District Advises Parents of Notice of
Video/Audio/Photography/Display and
Use of Student Work Release**

From time to time, video/audio recordings and/or photographs are made of various school activities and classes which may be cablecast over the local educational access channel, LEO21, or other cable or broadcast channels and/or displayed/streamed at the District or a school Web site, on the school district FM station, WLLO-LP, or in a district/school print or electronic publication. These may also be used within the Londonderry School District.

Students may appear visually and/or be heard. On occasion, individual students or small groups of students may be featured in interviews, on-camera discussion, etc. These students may be identified by name; however only first names will be used on the screen when individual students are shown unless the district secures written permission from a parent/guardian to use a last name. Additionally, photos, student artwork, projects or performances may be displayed or shared. Student produced work (print or non-print) may be used by the district in the course of instruction, accreditation, presentation, and action research.

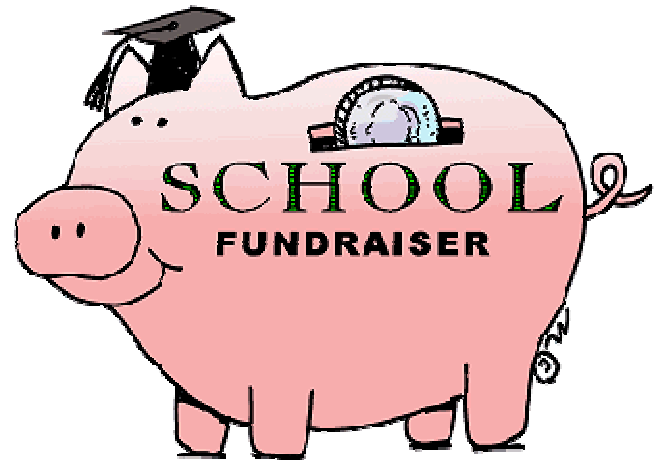
The Londonderry School District may also reproduce, make alterations or additions to, and may copyright the material in whole or in part. The district will notify parents/guardians on an individual basis in those instances when special education programs are involved.

Parents and students may refuse release of any or all use of these materials related to specific students, provided that a written request is received by the Superintendent of Schools, at 268C Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053, by September 30th of the current school year. Additionally, parents may opt to notify the district of any change during the school year.

FUNDRAISERS



We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week -- or more! Now turn those shopping trip into easy cash for Moose Hill School, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for these logos on hundreds of products like General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc and Kleenex, Campbell's Soups, Beans, Tomato Sauces, Spaghetti O's, Gravies and Supper Bakes, Pepperidge Farm Soups, Crackers, Goldfish and Garlic Breads, and Tyson Frozen products, in almost every aisle of the store.



All you need to do is clip the label and send it in with your child or bring it to the bins located outside of the office -- each one is worth money or products for our school.

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

To help our coordinator please separate the labels by program (i.e. Box Tops, Campbell's or Tyson). Be sure to clip the labels completely. Thank you.



The Hannaford Helps School promotion runs from September 2010 – December 2010. For each 3 participating products you purchase you will receive a certificate worth \$3.00 when you check out. Save that certificate and send into school in your child's

backpack or deposit at the Londonderry Hannaford collection tower in the Moose Hill slot. For a complete list of products visit their website, www.hannaford.com/hhs.



PTAreflections.org

PTA[®] Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography

Photography

Film Production

Musical Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

2010–2011 Theme: **“Together We Can”**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Deadline for entries:

For details, contact

The Reflections Chairperson(s) who can be found on our website at www.moosehillpta.org

LEEP students will complete one work that will be entered into the Reflections program in school.

Both LEEP students and Kindergarten students are encouraged to submit as many entries as they would like.

National Media Sponsor of PTA Reflections Program



PTA REFLECTIONS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The 2010-2011 School year is underway. The Moose Hill PTA's first meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the Motor Sensory Room on September 16th. Please consider volunteering for a chair position or being on one of the committees. Several positions are full year commitments but there are many positions that require just a short period of volunteer time. Our PTA is successful because of its volunteers. Here are the board and chair positions for the Moose Hill PTA:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
 Hospitality
 Bulletin Board
 Volunteer Coordinator
 Safety Day
 Reflections
 Box Tops
 Campbell's Soup Labels
 Fall Fundraiser
 Staff Appreciation Week
 LEEP Carnival
 Kindergarten Carnival
 School Spirit
 Haunted Harvest
 Book Fair
 Holiday Baskets
 Legacy Gift
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Membership
 Kidz Nite - Old Home Days
 Newsletter
 Website



For complete descriptions of these board and coordinator positions check out our website, www.moosehillpta.org

Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!



SEPTEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 PTA Meeting 7:00PM	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Safety Day
26	27 Family Day	28	29 Early Release NO AM PM will meet as usual	30		

Order your Moose Hill spirit items today!



Note: Sweatshirt & Keychain pictured above

GET YOUR MOOSE HILL SPIRIT!

Order your school spirit items today and wear your school name with pride. We now have kids sizes, and adult sizes! Choose from sweatshirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, short-sleeved t-shirts (now in pink, navy and white), keychains and water bottles. All at unbeatable prices!

Place your order today!

For more information please contact our school spirit coordinator.

KIDS SHIRTS

	<u>SIZES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Crewneck sweatshirts (grey)	6-8(S), 10-12(M), 14-16(L)	\$13.00
White t-shirts	6-8(S), 10-12(M), 14-16(L)	\$6.00
Colored t-shirts (Pink or Navy)	6-8(S), 10-12(M)	\$8.00
Long-sleeved t-shirts	6-8(S), 10-12(M), 14-16(L)	\$9.00

ADULT SHIRTS

	<u>SIZES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Hooded Zip up Sweatshirt (grey)	Small, Medium, Large, X-large	\$23.00
White t-shirts	Small, Medium, Large, X-large	\$6.50
Long-sleeved t-shirts (grey)	Small, Medium, X-Large	\$11.00
Long-sleeved t-shirts (white)	Small, Medium, Large, X-Large	\$11.00

KEYCHAINS

\$4.00

WATER BOTTLES (32 OZ.)

\$1.50

Child's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email address (in case there are questions about the order) _____

Teacher's Name: _____ (circle one): **AM** or **PM**

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Please make checks payable to Moose Hill School PTA. Thank you for your support!

Moose Hill School PTA Membership Form

Moose Hill School PTA would like to welcome you to LEEP (Londonderry Early Education Program) and Kindergarten. We hope you take this opportunity to become a member of our PTA. A PTA Membership shows your support for our school. We provide many programs and fundraising for Moose Hill School. Fundraising enables the teachers and staff to purchase additional equipment and supplies, provides enrichment activities and entertainment to students, as well as sponsoring guest speakers at meetings. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings, every third Thursday of the month, or volunteering for one of our events. Your support is very much appreciated by the staff and students of Moose Hill School and LEEP. From Baking to running one of our many events, you are making a difference. Thank you for your support.

**Fill out the form below and return it to school with your child.
Please Print Clearly**

Individual \$5.00

Moose Hill Staff

Family (2) \$10.00

Friend of Moose Hill School
(No child currently in LEEP or Kindergarten)

Member Name(s) _____

E-Mail _____

Students(s) _____

LEEP/Kindergarten

Teacher _____ am/pm



**Please make checks payable to Moose Hill School PTA.
Thank you!**

MOOSE HILL SCHOOL VOLUNTEER RECORD

NAME: _____

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: _____

PHONE #: _____

If you have baked for events, made posters or phone calls, done school-related typing on the computer or volunteered in any way at home for Moose Hill School, please record your hours on this sheet. Be as inclusive as possible in recording your hours. We don't want to miss acknowledging anyone's volunteer time. The record of these hours is needed for the application of the Blue Ribbon Award.

School Year **2010-2011**

Date	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
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Total Hours: _____

Moose Hill School PTA Calendar of Events

Aug 26	1st day of school	Jan 17	ML King Jr. day- No school
Aug 30	LEEP orientation	Jan 20	PTA meeting 7:00 pm
		TBA	Reflections town wide celebration
Sept 16	PTA meeting 7:00 pm		
Sept 23	Fall Fundraiser Kick off		
Sept 25	Family Safety Day	Feb 3	Child check-No LEEP
Sept 29	Early Release	Feb 7-11	Volunteer appreciation week
		Feb 17	PTA meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 7	Child Check no LEEP	Feb 21-25	Winter vacation-no school
Oct 7	Kindergarten Open house-school store open		
Oct 11	Columbus day-no school	Mar 7-11	Spring book fair
TBA	Picture Day	Mar 10-11	Parent conferences-no school
Oct 20	LEEP Open house-school store open	Mar 10-11	Conference -staff provided by the PTA
		TBA	Spring fundraiser kick off
TBA	Reflections entries due	Mar 17	PTA meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 21	PTA meeting 7:00 pm	Mar 30	Early release
Oct 30	Haunted Harvest at Matthew Thornton		
		April 7	Child check-No LEEP
Nov 2	Teacher Workshop-no school	April 21	PTA meeting 7:00 pm
Nov 11	Veterans day-no school	TBA	Spring performance at South School
Nov 18	PTA meeting 7:00 pm		
Nov 18-19	Staff lunch provided by PTA	April 25-29	Vacation week no school
Nov 18-19	Parent conferences No school		
Nov 18-19	Holiday basket raffle/school store open	TBA	Picture Day
		May 9-13	Teacher staff appreciation
Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving holiday-No school	May 19	PTA meeting 7:00 pm
		May 24	LEEP carnival day
		May 25	Early release
		May 30	Memorial day-no school
Dec 2	Child check-No LEEP		
Dec 4	Santa's breakfast at North School	TBA	Kindergarten carnival
		June 13	Last day of school (or later w/ snow days)
Dec 24-31	Holiday break-no school		

Fall Fundraiser Kick Off

Moose Hill Students will kick off the Boston Coffee Cake and Cookie Mix fund-raiser this month.

Packets will be sent home with your student

*On **September 23rd***

This is our biggest fundraiser and is always very successful. The money raised goes towards the many events and activities that the PTA sponsors throughout the year.

If you would like to be a part of the team to help make this a great success please contact Kerin Brown at kb910@comcast.net

