

Horace Mann Elementary School

PTA Newsletter



Message from the Principal

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We have had a great start to the 2011-2012 school year. This is because we have great support from our PTA, wonderful parents who make sure their children are ready to learn, and staff that is dedicated in making sure our students have the best learning environment possible. I have a few reminders for you:

Open House was September 27th. We appreciate your taking time to make that evening a success! If for some reason you weren't able to attend, please contact your child's teacher or the office to get a Parent/Teacher Conference scheduled. We hope to have 100% participation with Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Our traffic flow in the mornings and afternoons seems to be doing well. There are a couple of ways that you can pick up your child safely. Staff members are in each of these areas in order to supervise students.

****Car Line-** Although this line is long, we usually have students safely in their cars by 3:45 or 3:50. Please do not walk up and pick up your child at the cafeteria doors. This area gets a bit congested if we have parents trying to pick up students there as well.

****Walkers-** All walkers must go out the front doors. We have supervision in this area. You may meet your child in the front and walk to your car with them or they may cross at the Broadway crosswalk and meet you there or walk to your car. (most people park on Swan) Students who walk home going south need to cross at the cross walk on Broadway or with the teachers on duty to cross the parking lot. There are two teachers who do this. One to cross them at the front entrance and another to cross the exit of the parking lot. If they are going north, they need to cross with the teacher who is at the Katella crosswalk.

****We do have Prime Time at Mann.** Those students are to go to the hallway by the art and music room. Students who go to Park Crest meet in the gym. Students who go to Cox meet in the front by the doors.

****If you have ONLY a kindergarten student,** you will need to enter the parking lot in the "passing lane" to pick up your child. If you have students in other grade levels as well, your kindergartner may go to the cafeteria and wait there. In this case, you will be in the regular car line in order to pick up all of your children at one time.

****Please do not use the passing lane to pick up your children.** We have had some people pulling in from Broadway and stopping in the passing lane and having their child get in the car from there.

****We have had a few issues with students walking across the parking lot to meet parents who have parked there to wait for their child in the car.** You may meet them at the front doors and walk across with them to your car. The parking lot is very busy after school and it is not safe for the students to walk in the parking lot alone.

I appreciate your help in making sure the students get home safely each day. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me. Thank you again for a great beginning. We appreciate all you do for Mann.

Respectfully,

Ms. Peterson
Principal



~SPIRIT DAY~

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19 IS CHARACTER & CELEBRITY DAY. COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER OR FAMOUS PERSON (MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE ATTIRE. COST TO PARTICIPATE IS \$1.00. PROCEEDS BENEFIT TECHNOLOGY AT MANN.



Message from Nurse
Myra

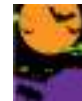
The Health Fair will be held on October 17. Students in kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades will visit the Library Classroom for a health screening including height, weight, blood pressure, hearing, and a visual dental screening by a volunteer dentist.

We need parent volunteers to make this event possible, so please contact Juli Manis at 988-2436 if you can help. We also need donations of snacks and water for the volunteers.

COME AND ENJOY THE MANN FALL FESTIVAL



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
FROM 5 - 7 P.M.



CUPCAKE WALK * DUCK POND * RING TOSS * FACE PAINTING
LOLLIPOP TREE * BOUNCE HOUSE * TATTOO BOOTH
HOT DOGS * CHILI * DRINKS * POPCORN * TRICK OR TREAT AT THE
HAUNTED HOUSE (LESS SCARY FROM 5-6, MORE SCARY FROM 6-7)

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH A BOOTH OR BY DONATING A CROCKPOT OF CHILI OR A DOZEN CUPCAKES. **EVERY PARENT VOLUNTEER WILL RECEIVE A FREE WRISTBAND FOR DINNER AND GAMES.**

TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL RACHEL MAHY AT
2CARDSFANS7981@HUSHMAIL.COM OR 425 - 3875.



SMENCILS ARE BACK!

SMENCILS WILL BE ON SALE BEFORE SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5. AND THURSDAY OCT. 6. THE COST IS \$1.00 EACH. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT SMENCILS ARE, THEY ARE PENCILS MADE FROM RECYCLED NEWSPAPERS THAT HAVE BEEN SOAKED IN A VARIETY OF WONDERFUL SCENTS.

THE SCENTS AVAILABLE ARE: BLACK CHERRY, BUBBLE GUM, CINNAMON, COTTON CANDY, GRAPE, ORANGE, ROOT BEER, TROPICAL BLAST, VERY BERRY, AND WATERMELON.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF SMENCILS BENEFIT TECHNOLOGY AT MANN.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6: Smencil Sale
- Monday, October 10: Cookie Sales Due (fundraiser, details to follow)
- Wednesday, October 12: School Pictures
- Thursday, October 13: PTA Planning Meeting, 6 p.m., Library Classroom
- Monday, October 17: Health Fair
- Wednesday, October 19: Spirit Day
- Friday, October 21: Fall Festival, 5-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 26: No School

Library Needs Help

- The Horace Mann Library is currently looking for volunteers to help with checkouts for kindergarten and first grade classes. If you have a current volunteer/background check on file in the office (or are willing to get one completed), please contact Mrs. Squibb in the Library at 523-4440 or tsquibb@spsmail.org.
- Times we are looking to fill are Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. and Fridays at 11:00 a.m.. If you could donate an hour each week, we look forward to hearing from you!
- Other opportunities are available for shelving at flexible times.

PLEASE START SAVING YOUR CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS! GIVE THEM TO YOUR TEACHER WITH YOUR TEACHER'S NAME ON THEM FOR A CONTEST!