



Hanlon School Newsletters

May 2017

From the Desk of Mrs. Cronin:

May 12, 2017

Dear Hanlon Families,

The next six weeks of school will include many fun and exciting culminating events.

Please remember to check the school calendar here on the website, as it will continually be updated. A few important dates are listed here:

May 26 Memorial Day Concert- Families Welcome

May 29 No School: Memorial Day

June 2 Hike with Hanlon: Christian's Cause Fundraiser

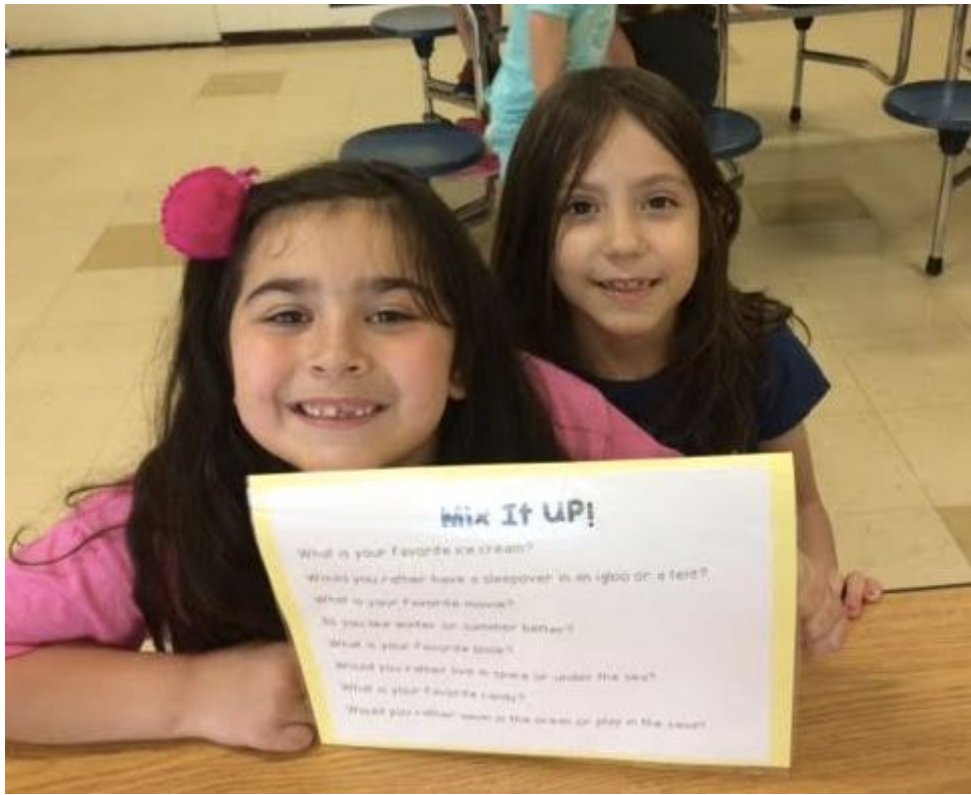
June 7 Field Day

June 19 5th Grade Move Up

June 20 Last Day- Dismissal at 12:25 (no lunch served)

Mix it Up at Lunch

Students in grades 1-5 participated in our first Mix It Up at Lunch last week. Students were partnered with children they might not typically sit with in the cafeteria, and were given a variety of questions to spark conversations and find out what they have in common. It was a great success! We hope to do it again in the next few weeks.



Hanlon Arts Night

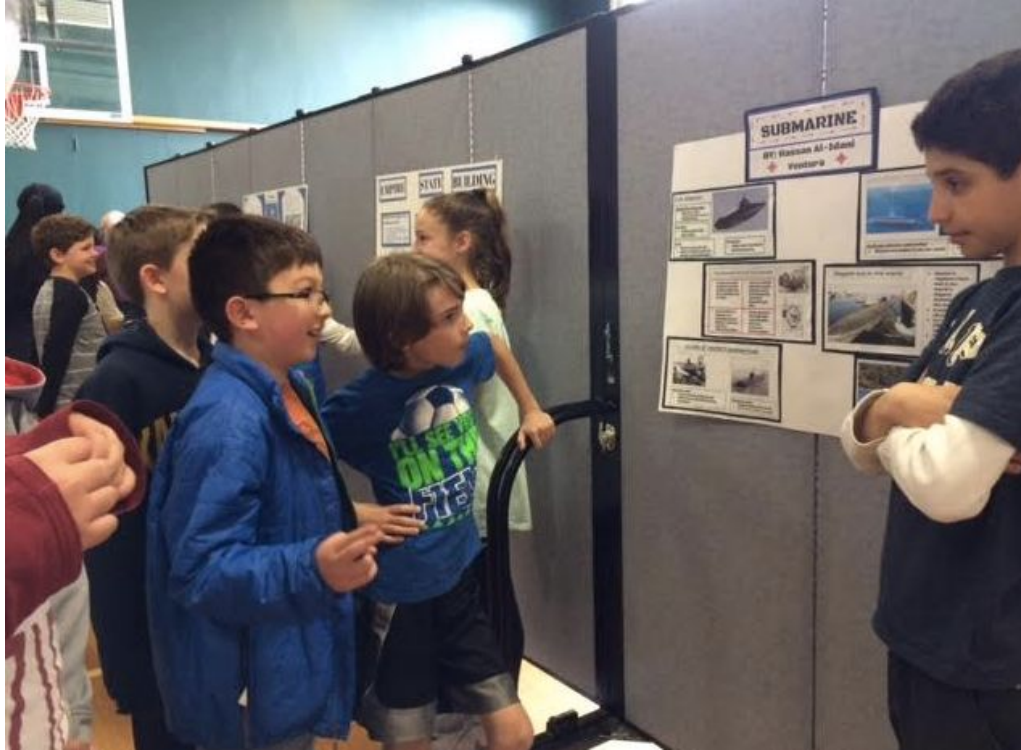
Congratulations to Ms. Goodwin and Ms. Pickering for putting on a successful Art Show. We had a great turnout from students and families who came to see artwork and

musical performances. Special thanks to the Valentino Family and all the volunteers who helped to make the night a success.



5th Grade Research Share

5th grade students have spent the past few weeks researching a topic of their choosing. The Research Share gave students the opportunity to display and discuss all they learned with our younger students. Topics included everything from Wilma Rudolph, to Ancient Greece, to Falcons, to D-Day. The knowledge and presentation skills of our 5th graders was most impressive!



Tech Tidbit

On Thursday, March 30th, more than 40 parents from across the district attended the Tech Us Out night at Martha Jones. The evening was designed as an opportunity to experience the technology that 3rd through 5th grade students use regularly.

Participants used student Chromebooks and joined a Google Classroom. They created a short friendly letter and then shared it with their child. Another activity required everyone to simultaneously work on a shared document. The Google Read & Write extension and voice-to-text input were also reviewed. The event concluded with a self-paced scavenger hunt while exploring Google Drive. In the end, the event was all about helping parents gain familiarity with the technology their children use in school so they can better assist the learning process at home. If you ever have questions or are just having trouble with the technology, please don't hesitate to reach out for support.

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Teacher Appreciation Week

Hanlon Staff were treated to a beautiful luncheon sponsored by our PTO. Thank you to all families who contribute to the PTO. Your generosity makes all of us feel appreciated!

PMC Kids Ride – Sunday May 21st – Register Today!

The PMC Kids Ride is just around the corner and we need student and parent riders. The Westwood PMC Kids Ride is one of the largest kids' rides in the state and is a wonderful way for the entire Westwood Community to come together and support children fighting cancer. The ride is Sunday, May 21st, and is held at the Martha Jones Elementary School beginning at 8:30am.

For those of you who have been involved in the past, you know what an amazing time this is and how much money is raised for the Jimmy Fund. If you have not participated before, you are in for a wonderful treat. This event is the epitome of what a local community can do to make a huge change for many. Children of all ages participate, and it is truly a family affair.

Registration is closing soon. Don't miss out on this feel good event that helps reinforce the difference kids can make in their own community. Online registration is open until May 18th at \$20 per rider. After 5/19, the cost is \$25 per rider and must be done at the early check-in. Kids ages 4 to 15 are welcome to participate in one of three routes and those ages 13 through adult are encouraged to volunteer. Join us for a terrific day of fun, camaraderie and inspiration as we work together to end cancer! To register online, please go to <http://www.kids.pmc.org/westwood.aspx>

Memorial Day Sing Along

Ms. Pickering is once again preparing students for their roles in our annual Memorial Day Concert. Students will sing a variety of patriotic songs, and musicians will play as well. Everyone is invited to wear red, white, and blue colors. While many people celebrate Memorial Day with picnics and barbecues, we also try to impress upon children the solemn history and importance of this holiday. It is a day to remember and honor the people who gave their lives to serve our country. Our Memorial Day Concert will be held outside by the flagpole on Friday, May 26th at 9:00AM. Families are invited (weather permitting).

Field Day

We need lots of volunteers to help run Field Day on Wednesday, June 7th! This is one of the most memorable days of the year for Hanlon students! Sign up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090a49a5ad2ba75-2017/40097424>

Spring Cleaning

Hanlon School welcomes used playground equipment like balls (soccer, basketball, kickball, tennis, etc.), jump ropes, hula hoops, skip-alongs, sidewalk chalk, sand toys, and heavy duty plastic trucks. They can be dropped off in the main office at any time during the school year.

Kindergarten Registration is Open!

If you or someone you know has a child who is eligible to join our 2017-2018 Kindergarten class this Fall, this is the time to register. Planning for next year is already underway! [Here is the link](#) to the online registration portal.

Bus Registration

Bus Registration for the 2017 - 2018 is now open and runs through June 30th. All information is available [here](#).

School Committee

Did you know that Tony Mullin is Hanlon's School Committee Representative? If you have questions about the Superintendent Search, the Proposed Budget, or anything else regarding Westwood Public Schools, contact Tony at tonymmullin@gmail.com.

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