



Hanlon School Newsletters

November 2015

From the Desk of Mrs. Cronin:

Nov 9, 2015

Hello Hanlon Families,

Many thanks to the families who donated their extra Halloween candy to the Wellesley Dental Group's Candy Drive. When Tara and Molly Kilgarriff brought our candy to the donation location, the total weight was 163.8 pounds! Our troops overseas will be thrilled to receive their boxes of candy. Ms. Kelly's and Mr. Wolfe's classes created cards and notes for the soldiers, and those will be included in the donation bins as well. Thank you to all who participated, and special thanks to the Kilgarriffs for making the drive to Wellesley to drop off the bags of candy.

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Orders have arrived, and are available for pick-up on the stage in the gym. Thank you to Monique Cedrone for coordinating such a successful PTO fundraiser.

PARCC Scores will be released this week, with individual student reports sent to families the week of November 23. I sent out a separate mailing with more information on Monday, November 9th. [Click here to read the PARCC Scores letter.](#)

You may remember that the other elementary principals and I sent a survey out to families last year to find out about the use of internet and social media at home. In response to information gleaned from that survey, the five Westwood Elementary Schools are pleased to announce that Lynette Owens, Global Director of Internet Safety for Kids and Families, will speak with our elementary parents on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Westwood High School Auditorium. She will also visit Hanlon's 4th and 5th graders the same day. [Please click here](#) to learn more about

Ms. Owens and the work she will be doing with our students and families during her visit. Within the linked document, you will also see the results of a Hanlon-specific survey that Mr. Goguen did with our students last spring. Scroll down to the graphs on the second page to see how your child's classmates responded to the questions. We hope many of you can join us on December 2nd. We look forward to an engaging dialogue around the positive use of technology. Please [take a few minutes to RSVP by filling out a three-question survey.](#)

Our Student Council would like to remind you of our next Spirit Day. On Wednesday, Nov. 18, students are invited to dress like their future job. Will your child arrive as a doctor? a politician? a painter? We look forward to seeing the future of Hanlon.

Please look to the left of this website page to find our PTO Updates and Announcements box. There you will read about our successful Book Fair and our upcoming Holiday Fair.

Finally, on behalf of the staff, I'd like to thank the Hanlon families who provided the teacher potluck dinner last Wednesday. Our staff room and library were transformed into elegant buffet and dining rooms. On a night where many teachers didn't get home until 8:30 or 9:00PM, it was a warm comfort to be able to sit together for a delicious home-cooked meal. We all felt very appreciated!

Warmly,
Sarah

Nov 23, 2015

Hello Hanlon Families,

Did you know that Hanlon was selected to send a class to participate in the town's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 6th at 4:30PM? Our 4th grade classes will represent us and help to light the tree. Please [click here to see the flyer.](#) The event is open to all, so I hope to see many of you there!

Please keep in mind that Thanksgiving Break begins with an early release on Wednesday November 23. Dismissal will be at 12:00 noon, not 11:50. There will be no school on Thursday and Friday for the holiday. In addition, there will be no school on Monday, November 30, as the entire WPS staff will gather for Professional Development.

If you haven't yet gotten a sitter for December 2nd, I encourage you to. From 7-8PM at the high school, Lynette Owens will be presenting to parents on ways to encourage children to lead safe and positive digital lives. Bring your child's devices (iPad, iPod Touch, etc.) and she will teach you how to set parental controls. See the News and Announcements section for more detailed information on her visits to Westwood. Our Student Council would like to tell you that our next Spirit Day will have a Sports theme. Does your child love the Patriots, Bruins or Red Sox? Perhaps he or she has a Westwood team jersey to wear. On Wednesday, Dec. 9, students are invited to dress in their favorite sports gear. No equipment like bats or helmets please!

Things are starting to heat up as Dawn Khoury and her team begin preparations for the Holiday Fair. Take a look at the PTO box in the lower left hand corner of the website to see what additional help is needed. If you have new or used wrapping paper to donate, a box will be available outside the main office.

I want to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving. Whether you are traveling or staying home, I hope you get to enjoy some quality time with your families and loved ones. Once the feast is over, take some time to put your feet up, relax with a good book or favorite family game. I am looking forward to spending time in NH with my husband's family and then heading to my mom's in RI over the weekend. Double turkey, double stuffing, and double pies... who could ask for more? I'm thankful to work with each and every one of your children. They make my days at Hanlon so much fun. Enjoy your holiday!

Sarah

News from Ms. Pickering:

The 5th grade chorus will be performing a song called "A Million Little Snowflakes" for their families and the Hanlon School at their Winter Chorus Concert on Friday, December 18th. This beautiful song is about appreciating each unique person around us and valuing the time you may have with them. The music has inspired the "Snowflake Project". We will be collecting Health and Beauty products from the Hanlon Students that will be donated to the Westwood Food Pantry. All items must be new and unused. For each item donated, a snowflake will be hung in the gymnasium for all to see at the concert.

Some ideas of products are; shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, ziplock bags, plastic wrap, tinfoil, individual wrapped paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning products.

Donations should be placed in the plastic bin outside the office. We will be collecting items until Friday, December 11th.

Thank you to our Fifth Grade teachers Ms. Velluti & Ms Feuer-Beck and the Student Council for helping spread the word to the Hanlon School. Thank you to our Art teacher, Ms. Goodwin for creating the snowflakes with the students. I look forward to celebrating this giving season with music!

Mrs. Katelyn Pickering

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