

Important Dates

January 25	Early Release
February 8	Early Release - Welcome Club Event (during extended day)
February 9	School Committee
February 20-24	February Vacation - No School
March 1	Early Release
March 15	Early Release
March 29	Early Release
April 3	ELA MCAS
April 4	ELA MCAS
April 7	Good Friday - No School
April 12	Early Release
April 17-21	April Vacation - No School

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Message from the Principal

Hanlon Community,

While I enjoy the restorative aspects of the longer December break, I look forward to the new year. Since we've been back, I have witnessed significant growth across our students when compared to the fall. Whether it is growth in reading, mastery of math concepts, problem solving conflicts, or our Kindergartners being able to open their chocolate milk at lunch, the learning and development of independence is why I love this job.

While I think the break was great for everyone, one thing I have noticed since we have returned is an uptick in students bringing in things from home that are distracting to them. I'm asking you to partner with us to limit them bringing in toys or non-essential items that are distracting or become a problem with other students. Additionally, I've noticed a number of students who are wearing smart watches or exercise tracking devices. Over the past couple of weeks we have had students playing video games, taking pictures, making and receiving calls and "trying to get their steps in" by shaking their arms throughout class. I'd strongly encourage families to consider leaving these at home. If they are a distraction they will be told to put them in their backpack.

Finally, as a member of this learning community, I want to thank the PTO for funding an enrichment event during Inclusive Schools Week. Actors demonstrated how we can be inclusive of everyone and their ideas through the use of improvisation, it was a great event. Over the past two school years, I am continually impressed by our PTO's ability to provide high quality after school events for our children. These are only possible through caregiver volunteering and participation. This year has seen a decline in volunteer support and that has impacted their ability to run some traditional events. Please consider volunteering for some of the upcoming events (see below). I used to help at my kids school for evening PTO events. It's usually not a big lift, you get to hang out with other parents and put some faces to the names you hear. Additionally, if you haven't signed up for the PTO family communication system, [AtoZ connect](#), please consider doing so. It's how you will hear about upcoming events and our spring is usually more packed.

Matt

Hanlon News

Car Idling - As a district we are making a concerted effort to limit bus and car idling at our schools. As you wait for your children please ensure that your car is off, it keeps us healthier and keeps our air cleaner. Massachusetts law states that cars cannot idle on school grounds for more than 5 minutes.

Attendance Reporting- This year ALL attendance reporting must be done through [School Dismissal Manager \(SDM\)](#). This means any absences, late arrivals, or dismissal changes for any student should be reflected in the SDM system. SDM streamlines dismissal to ensure the office, teachers and Extended Day staff are all on the same page that every student is dismissed safely to the proper place. It is important to check your students' dismissal schedule at the beginning of every week to make sure it is accurate. Please note that your communication with the school is not limited to SDM, and if you feel that an additional note or dialogue is needed to clarify a situation, we encourage you to contact the office.

Lunch Ordering - The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has decided to extend free school meals for all students through the 2022-2023 school year! This means that every student is eligible to receive one free lunch each day. Classroom teachers will do lunch counts each morning for students who will be getting lunch from the cafeteria. While lunch is free, *MySchoolBucks* is where funds are deposited for the purchase of a la carte and extra items (i.e., **milk** alone). School lunch menus are viewable [here](#). Families are encouraged to reach out to Food Services with any dietary restrictions.



Aspen Portal - If you haven't already done so, please be certain to go into the Aspen portal to review and update all information. This includes renewing permissions each year. I encourage all of you to select "Yes" for media permissions. This allows your child to be in school photographs on our website and participate in photos during special events. In addition to media permission, permission to release directory info to the PTO/PTA is included in the contact verification and permissions. If you have any questions about the media or directory permissions, please contact me at mkuklantz@westwood.k12.ma.us. Changes may be made by [updating your Aspen account online](#). As of right now, a large handful of parents/students need to read and confirm they have read the student handbook. As a reminder, parents are not included in the PTO directory until they confirm they have read the handbook.

PTO Communications - Please consider registering your family on our communications platform, **AtoZConnect**. By doing so, you ensure that your family receives PTO newsletters, information about upcoming events and programs, and communications from your student's room parents. Additionally, you may pay dues, purchase event tickets and other items, and sign up to volunteer through this account. *Your contact information (email/phone) can remain private if you choose and no physical address information is published.* [Click here](#) to review or enter your student and contact information in the system. Please see below for list of events.

Yearbook ordering - For those interested in purchasing a yearbook with a personalized cover (students name and an icon of choice), the ordering deadline is February 1st. Directions for ordering can be found attached. Ordering for non-personalized covers will be open until April 17th. Please [click here](#) if you are interested in volunteering with the yearbook creation, pl

SEPAC - We host many events throughout the year! Please visit westwoodsepac.org for more info and to RSVP for events. SEPAC Liaison for Hanlon: Lauren Fortin lauren.fortin@gmail.com

- **SEPAC Parents Night Out!** Th Jan 26th 7-10pm at Conrad's Restaurant in Norwood
- **Visually Impaired and/or Rare Syndrome/Medically Complex Parent Group meets on** Fri Jan 27th 8:30-10am at Perks Coffeehouse in Norwood
- **SEPAC Community Meeting on** Th Feb 16th 7-9pm on Zoom

Report Cards - They will be published in Aspen on Friday, January 27 at 3:30. I will send along instructions on how to access them next week.

MCAS - We will conduct the MCAS across all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders on the following dates:

- ELA - 4/3 & 4/4 (Make-ups - 4/25 & 4/27)
- Math - 5/9 & 5/11 (Make-ups - 5/12 & 5/15)
- Science (Gr. 5 only) - 5/22 & 5/23 (Make-ups 5/22 & 5/23)

Building Update - The construction of the Hanlon/Deerfield continues; if you haven't taken a walk along the path near the fence, I would encourage you to do so. The frame of the building is complete and it looks great! Right before the December break, both Hanlon and Deerfield students and staff were able to sign the final beam that was being placed. Our students will be part of the new building forever!

The blasting is completed and they are now drilling the geothermal wells. Thankfully, we have not noticed any noise impact from the drilling.

Upcoming PTO Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Event Chair</i>
Submissions by January 22 Online Show February 13	Virtual Talent Show Online	Students email acts, they are mixed into an imovie, and made into a "show" posted on a private youtube channel that could be watched by families on their own. Submissions sent to: HanlonTalentShow@gmail.com	Kristin Cifelli & Dave Hughes
February	Food Drive Donation bins outside Hanlon	Hanlon will be collecting food items for the Westwood Food Pantry!	Christine Amara Sign-up here to volunteer
March 11	Parent Social & Fundraiser Norfolk Golf Club 166 East St. Westwood, MA	This is a parent night out at a fun venue with other Hanlon parents. Enjoy food, drinks, games and raffles all for PTO fundraising efforts.	Kelly Lloyd, Kate Scales, Carolyn Miazga, Megan Dewey
April 28	Bingo Night Hanlon Auditorium	Traditional BINGO night with bingo callers and prizes	Sarah Cantley Sign-up here to volunteer
March/April	Book Fair Hanlon Auditorium	Scholastic Book Fair in school for a full week. We will be looking for volunteers.	Maria Drakopoulos & Sarah Spinello
May 7	Fun Run Hanlon Outdoors	Organize a Fun Run for kids and adults around Hanlon school	Sarah Spinello & Joanna Blaney Sign-up here to volunteer
May 30 (rain date May 31)	CommUnity Night & Art Show Hanlon Outdoors	Demonstrate your family traditions, games and art projects at this outdoor event.	Mandy Taft-Pearman & Kate Scales Sign-up here to volunteer
June	Field Day Hanlon Outdoors	Plan a half-day Wednesday Hanlon Field Day in June including outdoor sports-related games and activities, popsicles and drinks.	Need a Chair to work with Ms. Jennings
June	Summer Reading Kickoff/Ice Cream Truck Hanlon Outdoors	Promote Westwood Library Summer Reading Program and Coordinate ice cream truck to park at Hanlon	Julie MacDonald



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Girls Group

2023 Group Description

This 8-week group will focus on developing positive body image, confidence and self-esteem. This group is free of charge and open to Westwood residents and public school students in 4th - 5th grade.



Tuesdays March 21 - May 16
4:00 - 5:00pm at Wentworth Hall (273 Washington St.)

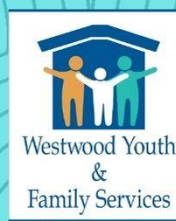
Program Details

- 8 participants in a group and two clinical staff leaders
- Registration is "first-come, first-served"

Contact: Shea Staffa-Lonergan, LCSW
781-320-1006 or slonergan@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Register Through our Website beginning January 30th

<https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/departments/youth-family-services/programs-for-youth>



Structured Play Group

2022-2023 Group Description

These 8-week groups for K - 5th graders emphasize the development of social skills as well as building self-esteem and confidence. Organized play and activities are used to reinforce topics such as initiating and developing friendships, working cooperatively, and recognizing personal strengths. All groups are free of charge and run in person.



Spring 2023 Group

Kindergarten/1st Grade

- Mondays, March 20-May 15, 4:00-5:00pm,
Wentworth Hall, 273 Washington Street

For more details and to register visit our website

Registration begins January 30th

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Westwood Youth & Family Services Presents

★ TACKLING OUR ★ TROUBLES

An emotion regulation group for 2nd-3rd graders

**This eight week interactive group
will focus on identifying and
expressing feelings in healthy ways,
managing big emotions, and
building confidence through fun
★ activities, games and movement. ★**



**Thursdays 4:00-5:00 p.m.
March 23rd-May 18
Wentworth Hall - 273 Washington Street
Contact: Shea Lonergan, LCSW
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Side-By-Side Kids Night Out

JANUARY 20TH FROM 5:30 - 8:30 PM

AT WENTWORTH HALL

Winter Wonderland!

Caregivers.... Take the night off. Will you escape for a night around town or just stay home with your feet up? Either way, your kids are in good hands at Westwood Recreation.

Kids.... prepare to have a blast with a winter wonderland themed night filled with Pizza, Arts & Crafts, Legos, Sensory play and Fort Building!

The inclusive Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (iSTEAM) programming is thoughtfully designed to give all kids opportunities to self advocate, problem solve and celebrate each other.

Send your kids in with a waterbottle and a small snack.

PJs and Sleepingbags are not required but highly recommended.

To **register** go to https://westwoodrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs and select **Side By Side Kids Night Out** under Therapeutic Recreation



**Westwood
recreation**



Because there is only one yearbook...



There is no doubt that this will be a time to remember! Your school's yearbook will be a wonderful tribute to what a unique year this has been.

Coffee Pond Photography & Yearbooks has established an **online ordering system** to make sure nobody misses out on this year's book. Ordering online is **easy, safe, and secure**.



Easy online ordering:

1. Go to www.coffeepond.com.
2. Click on the **Order Yearbooks** button.
3. Enter the password **Hanlon2023** and select **online order** and **continue**.
4. Enter the child's name & grade and the book quantity.
5. Enter your email under **contact** and select **add to cart**.
6. If you have another child to order for, please select **order for another child**. If not, you can finish checking out.



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