



Hanlon School Newsletters

February 2021

From the Desk of Mrs. Cronin:

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Dear Hanlon Families,

Black History Month

February begins Black History Month. During this month teachers often spend time teaching about and celebrating moments and people in Black History. Whether we are developing lessons for Black History month or incorporating American History through the lens of Black people in our curriculum throughout the school year, teachers carefully consider what we are teaching and the impact it has on all of our students. Although we do not only discuss the contributions of Black Americans during this one month, we are intentional in our planning to represent all aspects of the black experience past and present and not to impart harm. For families who are looking to celebrate Black History Month at home, there are lots of ways to do so. Once again, Hanlon has partnered with Inclusive Westwood to share ideas. Many thanks to Brendan Reeves for putting together this [Black History Month flier](#) full of books, podcasts and movies for families to explore.

Lunar New Year

Happy New Year to our families celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday, Feb. 12th. This holiday marks the beginning of Spring. 2021 is the Year of the Ox. The [Scholastic](#) website has lots of great resources, [including this 2011 celebration in San Francisco](#). Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Traveling for February Break? COVID Reporting and Questions

We want to remind families of the travel requirements for return to Massachusetts. Children under 11 years old do not need to be tested, but their parents do. The parent needs to provide a copy of their negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival into MA, and both the parent(s) and the child need to be asymptomatic for the child to return to school. Results should be emailed to Ms. Galvin (egalvin@westwood.k12.ma.us) prior to children returning to school. Please do not report solely to the classroom teacher.

Our COVID Monitoring and Response Team is the first group to email with questions, symptoms, or if you are seeking guidance: wpscovidteam@westwood.k12.ma.us. If your child is exhibiting potential symptoms of COVID-19, do not send your child to school. Use the QR code on the [WPS Daily Health Checklist](#) or [this link](#) to report your child's symptoms. This will also generate an alert the WPS COVID-19 Monitoring and Response Team. Doing so will activate our internal protocols and will ensure that school nurses remain available to respond to typical school health issues. We appreciate in advance your cooperation with this important procedure. (All other non-COVID absences should be reported by emailing the homeroom teacher and the Main Office astaulo@westwood.k12.ma.us). The [WPS Website](#) is continually updated with resources and updates in response to COVID 19.

Fun Run

Our PTO is sponsoring a Fun Run in March. This race is an opportunity for families to get outside, have some fun, and sponsor a great cause: the Westwood Food Pantry! Run any time the weekend of March 27th and 28th, choose your route or follow the suggested route map, and print your bib. Register by March 10th to get your t-shirt and medal.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Westwood/HanlonFunRun>

Jump Rope for Heart

Ms. Jennings and Mr. Chant are once again sponsoring the Jump Rope for Heart program for students in grades 2-5. The focus is on getting active and making healthy choices for a healthy heart and body. Because this year has given us lots of lemons, instead of emphasizing fundraising for the American Heart Association, our biggest focus is the Kids' Heart Challenge which encourages students and their family members to be kind, move, and drink water every single day. Information for grades 2-5 will be shared this week!

MCAS Testing in Grades 3-5

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is requiring schools to administer MCAS testing this year to students in grades 3, 4 and 5. However, they have reduced the number of test sessions. Students will have one session each of English Language Arts and Math. Fifth graders will also take one session of Science, Technology and Engineering. MCAS testing will take place at the end of April through the middle of May. Planning is underway, and when the schedule and plan for remote students is established, I will communicate those details.

Reporting Absences and Changes to Dismissal

Please notify the office of any absences or dismissal changes by entering them into School Dismissal Manager. School Dismissal Manager is an online system used by WPS to streamline attendance and dismissal reporting. Each student's parent or guardian was sent a School Dismissal Manager welcome email containing instructions on how to set up their SDM account when we introduced the program to Hanlon in October. If you no longer have access to this email, you can simply visit www.schooldismissalmanager.com and click the 'forgot password' link to set up your account. Please contact Annie Staulo at astaulo@westwood.k12.ma.us with any questions!

Hanlon School on Twitter

Follow @HanlonSchool_ps to see photos of our #HappyatHanlon kids!

School Committee

Did you know that Amanda Phillips is Hanlon's School Committee Representative? If you have questions, contact Ms. Phillips at aphillips-sc@westwood.k12.ma.us

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