



# Hanlon School Newsletters

November 2020

## From the Desk of Mrs. Cronin:

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November 16, 2020

Dear Hanlon Families,

We had wonderful discussions and celebrations for Friendship Week last week. Across classrooms, students discussed literature, played games, sang songs, and created art to express their thoughts and feelings about friendship.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this Wednesday, November 18 and on Wednesday, December 9th. Both days are half-days for students with dismissal at noon. Teachers will not assign asynchronous work on half days, however it's always appropriate for children to read, write, practice math facts and games, and play outside. At your conference, the teacher will share how your child is doing in the areas typically discussed at this time in relation to effort, work habits, communication and responsibility. Written report cards and progress reports for students in Special Education will go home at the end of January and the end of June.

### **Food Drive**

Thank you to the many families who have gotten into the spirit of our competition with Deerfield School. We are collecting nonperishable food items for the Food Pantry through November 20. The school with the most donations gets to see the principal of the other school don a turkey costume and do a turkey trot around the school. Hanlon for the win!

### **Book Fair**

The virtual Book Fair takes place this week. Families can order books online using this link <https://parkstreetbooks.com/pages/hanlon-reads-2020>. Books will be distributed at Hanlon on Wednesday, December 2nd from 2:30-5:30PM.

### **Thanksgiving Break**

Thanksgiving Break begins with a 12:00 noon dismissal on Wednesday, November 25, and no school on November 26 and 27. Although the holiday will feel different this year, we wish everyone a safe, small, cozy celebration with your family.

### **School Pictures and Retakes**

School picture packages should arrive before Thanksgiving. Picture Retakes are scheduled for Monday, 11/30, for students in the 4-day model and the Monday cohort, and Friday 12/04 for the Thursday cohort.

### **COVID Questions?**

The [WPS Website](#) is continually updated with resources and updates in response to COVID 19. 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](mailto: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](mailto:astaulo@westwood.k12.ma.us)).

### **News from Ms. Galvin's Health Office**

Students in Grades K-12 are **required** to have received a flu vaccine by **December 31, 2020**. Please send all flu vaccine documentation to [egalvin@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:egalvin@westwood.k12.ma.us) as soon as possible.

November 5, 2020

Dear Hanlon Families,

Yesterday, teachers across the district took part in professional development. We built upon work we did a few weeks ago using the [Dignity Framework by Donna Hicks](#), an associate at Harvard Law School's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Dr. Hicks developed a new conflict resolution framework, one that focuses on the concept of human dignity, after nearly two decades of helping communities in conflict resolve their differences. Given Tuesday's election and the political climate across the nation, I wanted to share some resources with families in case you are looking for literature, language, or help discussing the election or other difficult conversations. Here is a Padlet focused on [Dignity](#) and another focused on the [Presidential Election](#). These resources were compiled by our District Coordinator for Literacy and Social Studies, Marcia Uretsky. I hope you find them useful!

### **Friendship Week**

Next week, Hanlon School is celebrating Friendship Week from Nov. 9-13. This is a student-led initiative started by Pragna, a student in Ms. Feuer-Beck's class. Inspired by the March for Our

Lives event in Boston a few years ago, Pragna decided to begin what she hoped would become a global movement to spread friendship to others. Thus, International Friendship Week was born. At Hanlon, we are celebrating Friendship Week in a variety of ways, both as a whole school and in individual classrooms.

How can families be involved?

- Ask your child about how he or she is celebrating Friendship Week in school.
- Have a conversation at dinner or in the car about what makes a good friend.
- Check out Pragna's website [FriendshipWeek.org](http://FriendshipWeek.org) or her [Facebook Page](#).
- Choose an activity from the [Friendship Week Activity Guide](#) to complete at home, and submit a form to receive your Friendship Week Certificate.

We are proud of Pragna's leadership around this important cause. It's remarkable to note that one young person can have such a big impact.

### **Book Fair**

PTO will sponsor this year's virtual Book Fair through Park Street Books in Medfield. Families will be able shop online for one week, Monday, November 16- Friday, November 20. Books will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, December 2nd from 2:30-5:00PM outside at Hanlon. More information will come from PTO.



A second grader ready for a great day!

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### **School Pictures**

If you ordered school pictures, you can expect them to arrive around Thanksgiving. Picture Retakes and Makeups for absent students are scheduled for Monday November 30th (4 Day students and Monday Cohort) and Friday December 4th (Thursday Cohort and anyone absent for the Monday retakes). If your child had their picture taken, but you are not happy with the image, they can attend the retake as well. Please be sure to send the original package in with your child that day. If you have any questions regarding the portraits, payments or ordering images, please contact:

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**Box Tops**

PTO is collecting both physical and virtual Box Tops. Clipped Box Tops can be sent to the main office through your child's backpack. If you haven't downloaded and set up the Box Tops app, directions will be coming soon from PTO. The class with the highest number of Box Tops at the end of January will earn a hot chocolate party. So far the rankings are:

First Place 3W

Second Place 4R

Third Place 2S

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