



# Hanlon School Newsletters

October 2020

## From the Desk of Mrs. Cronin:

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October 14, 2020

Dear Hanlon Families,

The school year is up and running, and it is wonderful to have students back in the building! Children and staff are adapting well to the new learning environment. We continue to take things one day at a time as we learn what works well in the hybrid model, and what changes can be made to optimize the student experience. There is still work to be done, and we recognize and appreciate the patience, resilience, and grit of our students and families. One silver lining: the weather has been beautiful this fall, allowing for lots of teaching and learning outside.



Kindergartners learn throwing and catching with Mr. Chant in PE.

## Curriculum Night

Virtual Curriculum Night presentations are scheduled for the evening of Thursday, October 22nd. While this is typically an evening for adults to visit the classrooms, learn about the curriculum topics for the year, and hear about classroom expectations, this year will look a little different. Presentations will last 20-30 minutes, and will be delivered on Zoom or Google Meet platforms. Links will be sent directly to families on Wednesday or Thursday. Here is the schedule:

6:30: Principal Welcome

7:00: Grades 3-5

7:30: Grades K-2

## School Pictures

CoffeePond will host several opportunities for students to have school pictures taken at Hanlon next week. There will no group photos this year; rather a class picture will be assembled as a collage of individual student photos. CoffeePond will follow our health and safety protocols, and have [shared their guidelines](#)

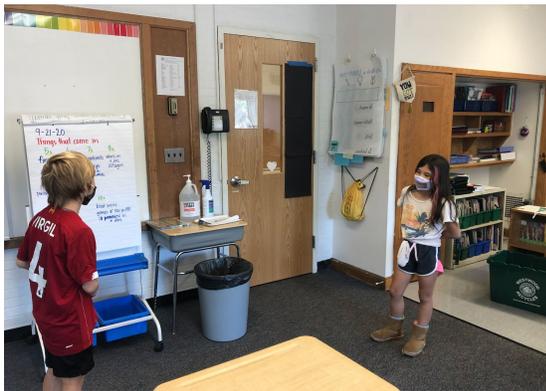
[here](#). Orders for photo packages may be placed online, and you do not have to print anything to send into school. [Here are the directions for ordering school pictures online](#). Paper order forms will go home backpacks before your child's assigned day, but we encourage online ordering to reduce the need for papers to go back and forth from home to school if possible. Confidential financial assistance is available for families in need. Please email Ms. Cronin at [scronin@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:scronin@westwood.k12.ma.us) by the end of the day on Friday 10/16 if you require assistance.

Monday, October 19: students in the Monday cohort

Friday, October 22: students in the Thursday cohort

Fully remote students in grades 3-5 may choose to come on either day between 2:00 and 3:30. Ms. Staulo will reach out to fully remote families in grades 3-5 to schedule a time for their school photos.

Fully remote students in grades K-2 will have their photos taken at Downey School.



3rd Graders share ideas for writing with physical distancing!

### **Safety Drills**

We've had two fire drills for students in grades K and 1, and one fire drill each for the Monday and Thursday cohorts. Students did a great job with both, and we evacuated the building both days in about three minutes.

### **Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home**

If your child has questions or gets logged out of Zoom on one of their home days, don't worry! We are here to support you. If you have a technology question, check out the tech supports available on the [Technology Support for Remote Learners website](#). If your child gets logged out of Zoom and finds themselves stuck in the waiting room for a period of time, you can call the main office at 781.326.7500.x7521 and we will help. Teachers are often unable to check email until the end of the day, so please don't email the homeroom teacher with time-sensitive questions. If your child has time-sensitive questions about lessons or assignments, students can wait until there is an appropriate time in the class (e.g., a breakout room, a time to use the chat, etc.) to ask. If your child has less urgent questions about lessons or assignments, email the teacher and they will respond within 24-28 hours.

### **School Lunch**

We are pleased to announce that, through a federal grant from the USDA, **ALL** Westwood Public Schools students can receive **FREE LUNCHES** from Tuesday, October 13 until December 31, 2020 (or until federal funds run out, which may be prior to December 31, 2020). We will offer the free lunch to students

for as long as the funds are available. Be on the lookout for an email from the District Office with more information.

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

Arrival and Dismissal seem to be going well. We appreciate that parents and caregivers have been modeling health and safety protocols by wearing masks on school property. School staff have asked me to remind parents and caregivers to maintain a 6 foot distance from non-family members, particularly at dismissal. Please do not walk within 6ft of a class that has gathered for dismissal outside. Instead, stand just outside of that distance 'bubble' and wait for the child to come to you. In the morning, parents should not enter the fenced-in area by the playground/hard top unless their child is having a hard time separating. Thank you for your help with this. If your child arrives after 8:50, they should enter school through the main entrance, as the classroom doors close at 8:50.

### **Specials Classes**

If you missed our Specialists' Introductory Video, click [here](#) to see Hanlon's Special Specialists! This week marks the end of the Specialists' first residency. In the Residency Model, students have the same Special every day for 25 minutes. The initial feedback on this model has been positive, and students and staff seem to enjoy the opportunity to build deeper relationships through daily classes versus weekly classes. Beginning on Monday, Grades K&1 will transition from PE to Art, Grades 2&3 move from Music to PE, and Grades 4&5 transition from Art to Music. This means students will have their new Special five days a week. PE and Music spend much of their time learning outside, so be sure to check the weather each day and send your child with layers and appropriate footwear.



Music with Ms. Pickering. Thank you for the new tree stumps, PTO!

**Staying Warm Inside and Outside of School** - Please be sure your child has a sweater or sweatshirt for school each day. We are leaving windows open to allow for the more fresh air to enter the classrooms. Even with the heat on, the rooms can be chilly in the mornings. We go outside EVERY DAY unless it is raining. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside weather.

### **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**

**Flu Vaccine**-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.

**Ticks**-Fall is a wonderful season in New England but ticks are still around. Children should be checked for ticks during bath/shower time each day/evening. The most important areas to check are: under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, back of the knees, in and around the hair, between the legs, and around the waist. Please see [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov) for more information.

**Sunscreen**-Please consider applying sunscreen to your child prior to coming to school. Your child may be eating, playing, taking PE class, or having a mask break outdoors. In addition to sunscreen, consider a cap or hat and lightweight cotton long sleeve clothing if the weather permits. See [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) for more information.

**Aspen-Emergency Information**-Please check your emergency information in Aspen and change if necessary. It is very important that you can be reached in an emergency.

**Health Questions or Concerns**-Does your child need to take medicine during the school day? Is there a change in their health status? If you have any health questions or concerns, please call Eileen Galvin RN 781 326-7500 Ext 8424. You can also check out the District website in the Student Services/[Health Services](#) section for forms and answers to frequently asked questions.

**Medications**-Medication orders are valid for one school year. All medications should be delivered by a parent or caregiver. Medication forms need to be updated yearly. If your child requires medication during the school day, I will need physician/provider's orders and parental consent. A reminder that medication forms can be found on the District website in the Student Services/[Health Services](#) section under "forms."

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**Sarah Cronin, Principal**

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