

HMPTO

The Horace Mann School PTO Newsletter



NEWSNOTES

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November 4, 2011



Every Tuesday
Pretzel Sales \$1.00
After school
Front/Back Lobbies

Saturday, Nov 5
Mystery Dinner

**Monday, Nov 7 –
Wednesday, Nov 9**
Book Fair

Friday, Nov 11
Veteran's Day
No School

Wednesday, Nov 23
12:00 dismissal

**Thursday, Nov 24 –
Friday, Nov 25**
Thanksgiving Break
No School

Thursday, Dec 1
Early Release, 12:30

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From Mark's Desk

Last Friday, October 28th, Barbara Coffey spent her last day behind the desk, marking the end of an era here at the Horace Mann School. Barbara has spent the last 23 years welcoming new families, holding bloody noses, monitoring bus duty, arranging coverage, tracking attendance, and doing anything else that needed to get done. She came to work every day always putting the children first, and helped truly make Horace Mann feel like one giant family. There is no doubt that she has left an indelible impact on all who have gone through HM (and if there was any trepidation about the timing of this retirement, the weather certainly cleared that up...no more long commutes). Barbara, best wishes to you. You will be missed!

We have spent the past few weeks screening and interviewing candidates for the executive assistant position as Barbara moves into retirement. At this point I am pleased to announce that Rose Mariano will be the next executive assistant for Horace Mann. Rose is coming to us from Brandeis University where she has had a wide range of experience working with faculty as well as outside agencies doing research grant acquisitions, policy review, and financial oversight among other things. Our hiring committee was impressed by Rose's calm demeanor, attention to detail and familiarity with the Horace Mann community, and her coworkers spoke highly of her candidacy. We are confident that Rose will be able to step in and assume the responsibilities that come with this position. As part of the transition, Barbara graciously has volunteered to take Rose under her wing for a few days to start teaching her the ropes. Rose will officially take over today, Friday, November 4th.

Modular Update: Work has begun on the modular in the past week. The work crew carefully removed the fence for the butterfly garden (which will be reassembled at the end), and started to clear the area in preparation for installing the footings as part of the foundation. In another week, they will return to begin installing the modular. The process from that point on will take approximately four weeks. Ms. Berardi and her students are still on target to begin use of the modular when we get back from the break in January. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

Technology: I wanted to thank the PTO for providing the funds that allowed us to upgrade our grade 3-5 laptop cart. We now have 22 laptops that are fully functional and up-to-date. These machines have made an immediate impact in several classrooms, allowing each child to use a computer individually while giving teachers greater flexibility in lesson planning. For example, in 5th grade classes, students are using GoogleDocs to complete many of their writing assignments. Each child is able to write using a laptop, view the revision history, share documents with the teacher, and get feedback electronically. In one of the 4th grade sections, students have been writing personal narratives, taking magnified digital snapshots of soil creatures using the Proscopes, and investigating how the lock system works on the Erie Canal. All of this is being done without having to wait for slow machines to access the internet, or worrying about having groups of 3-4 on every computer. Thanks again to the PTO and all Horace Mann families for making this possible!

Ready-Set-Go Day: Mr. Tynes continued the annual Ready, Set, Go! tradition with a day of activities last week. During this day, 1st through 5th graders spend 30 minutes with Mr. Tynes engaging in non-competitive group activities that stress teamwork, effort, and sportspersonship, all within a culture of inclusion. The climax of the event was when students used a rope to scale over a 10-foot wall. It was amazing to see the kids cheering one another on as they attempted to take on this challenging task. Kudos to Mr. Tynes for his efforts on this day!

5th Grade Leadership Initiative: I met with 5th grade teachers last week to discuss how we might inspire our current 5th graders to take on more leadership roles within the school community. As a first step, we asked each student to write (some using GoogleDocs) about why they might want to be a leader at Horace Mann, and also to share any ideas about how we can make our school a better place. The challenge was met with great enthusiasm; many of the children expressed creative and helpful ideas as well as an interest in taking on some form of leadership. The next step is for the 5th grade teachers and I to meet with the interested candidates and identify 7-8 initiatives that we would like to put into action. Hopefully, you will notice the changes when you visit school in the coming weeks.

From the PTO Officers

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser. Jill Ranalli has done a marvelous job keeping everyone informed and excited. All Innisbrook items will be delivered to school the week of December 1st. Please contact Jill at jradskn@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Our Road Race and Fun Run on October 23rd was a huge success! It was great seeing so many children and their families and friends running the Pumpkin Dash, One Mile Race or 5K Road Race. Over \$4000 was raised as at least 100 people tested their running along our 5K route. Bob Silagi, Sam Parkman, and Nani Bauza-Powderly deserve a HUGE thank you for successfully organizing this important Horace Mann event! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with registration, refreshments and along the route.

Picture Re-takes will take place at school on November 21, 2011.

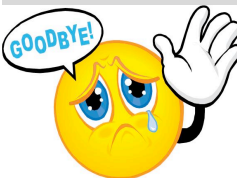
The Scholastic Book Fair will take place at school November 7th, 8th and 9th. Book sales will be 8-9 a.m. before school and 3-6 p.m. after school. On November 9th, we will also have an evening Book Fair Sale from 6-8 p.m. Please see the flyer in your child's backpack for more information. A portion of the proceeds from the Book Fair go towards the purchase of reading materials for our classrooms and library. Also, volunteers are needed to help staff the Book Fair. Please contact Sharon Russo ssrusso@comcast.net or Helen Rousseau hmrousseau@gmail.com for more information.

Students, parents and teachers said their tearful goodbyes on Friday, October 28th, to Mrs. Barbara Coffey, our longtime school secretary, who is now officially retired. Students presented her with a lovely keepsake book, containing class photos and special messages that commemorate how much she means to them. Also, since Barbara Coffey was often the woman with all the answers and information, the Horace Mann PTO has purchased a message board in her honor that will be installed in front of the school and used for important communication and reminders. Be on the look out for this important new board!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our dues campaign. So far, 30% of our families have contributed and we have raised just over \$10,000. It's not too late to participate, so send in your dues!

From HMSAC

It only takes \$25 to provide 100 kids with safe drinking water for a day, but last year the Horace Mann community raised \$938 through Trick or Treat for UNICEF for children and families in need throughout the world. Trick or Treat for UNICEF is a great way to mix a little caring and charity in with all that fun costumed frolicking and candy acquiring, and we hope your children filled those familiar little orange boxes on Halloween. **Collection bins will be located in the school front lobby starting Tuesday morning.** Additional information about Trick or Treat for UNICEF is available at <http://youth.unicefusa.org/>. Trick or Treat for UNICEF is also the annual kickoff of the Horace Mann Social Action Committee, a group of 4th and 5th graders determined to make a difference in their community and on their planet. Last year they raised money for UNICEF and for Shriners Hospital Boston, and went on field trips to Shriners and the MSPCA's large animal shelter in Dedham to learn more about what those organizations do. If your 4th or 5th grader is interested in being a member of the committee, or if you're a parent looking for a great way to help our kids find the altruist within, please e-mail HMSAC Parent Coordinator Ralph Ranalli at ralphranalli@gmail.com



thank you!

Social Action
2011/2012
Trick or Treat
for UNICEF

Community News

CAP Volunteers Needed

The Child Assault Prevention (CAP) program in Newton is looking for committed and dedicated child advocates to present its personal safety curriculum in local elementary schools. Join up with current and experienced volunteer Prevention Specialists to teach children to recognize and respond to verbal, physical and sexual assault and abuse. Potential volunteers are community members who believe that children have the right to information, skills and the support of adults. We offer a flexible schedule to volunteers who enjoy teamwork and can make a yearlong commitment of three or four mornings a month.

To make it easier for people with busy schedules to train we have decided to divide the training into two parts. Part 1 is scheduled for T. Jan. 3, (8:45 a.m. to noon), Th. Jan. 5 (8:45 a.m. to noon) and Sun. Jan. 8th (8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Part 1 of the training will prepare trainees to present one of the three facilitations and participate in all of the role plays. Part 2, on Review Time will be scheduled for late January, based on the trainees' availability. For information or to set up an interview call Gail Sommer, 617-969-5906, x143 or email, gsommer@ncscweb.org. Newton CAP is a program of Newton Community Service Center. Visit our webpage at www.ncscweb.org for a description of the program and of the volunteer Prevention Specialist position.

Become a Newton School Volunteer

Help a Newton elementary school student learn basic mathematics concepts. Adult volunteers are needed to tutor students in grades 2-5.

*Tutor a child once a week for 30-45 minutes.

*No teaching experience is needed.

*Tutors select their preferred school, grade, day, and time.

*Play special math games that reinforce skills and help students gain confidence.

*Training, Everyday Math books and learning materials, and ongoing support are provided.

For more information, please contact Ellen [Bender @ 617.559.6131](mailto:ellen_bender@newton.k12.ma.us) or ellen_bender@newton.k12.ma.us

Parent Management Training

Do you feel your kids don't listen to you? Does every request turn into a battle? Do you feel all alone with these issues? Are you ready for a solution? Join other parents of elementary-aged children and a professional facilitator to explore these issues and learn new strategies using Parent Management Training (PMT), an evidence-based program for parents developed by Alan Kazdin, Ph.D., of Yale University's Parenting Center and Child Conduct Clinic. PMT has been consistently proven to decrease behavioral problems and increase positive behavior in children. It is highly effective in reducing tantrums, fighting, and disruptiveness. If you have tried other methods of changing your child's problem behavior and haven't had any success, then PMT may be the solution for you. This group will be co-led by Rachel Nenner-Payton, LICSW and John Koegh. Rachel is a senior clinician at Riverside Community Care in Newton. She specializes in community-based treatment. She was trained in Alan Kazdin's Parent Management Training (PMT) in 2007. She is excited to offer this program to parents and caretakers of Newton's school-aged children. Meets for **six sessions** from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays (11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20) at Newton Outpatient Center, 64 Eldredge St, 02458. **Pre-registration required Call Rachel Nenner-Payton at 617-969-4925 x5958**

Newton Youth Players' Summer 2012

Registration is now open for the Summer, 2012 Newton Youth Players' adaptation of the Sound of Music which starred Julie Andrews in the title role. Open to students enter Grades 2-6 in the Fall of 2012, rehearsals run from June 25 - July 18 at the Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada St., Newtonville. Performance is on July 17 at 6:00pm. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs, Directed by Melissa Bernstein. On-line registration is at NewtonYouthPlayers.com or call 617-796-1540.

Understanding & Treating ADHD in Children & Teens

What is ADHD? How is it properly diagnosed and treated? Come hear Understanding & Treating ADHD in Children & Teens presented by psychiatrist Dr. Thor Bergersen, Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Oak Hill Middle School Auditorium, 130 Wheeler Rd. 02459. No registration is required for this free presentation sponsored by The Newton Partnership. Dr. Bergersen, founder of ADHD Boston and co-founder with Dr. Edward Hallowell of the Hallowell Center in New York, has specialized in the evaluation and treatment of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder for over a decade. Considered an expert on ADHD, he has appeared on CBS and Fox news, been interviewed by the Wall Street Journal, and recently spoke to the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society about ADHD at their annual meeting. He currently sees patients in Needham at ADHD Boston and in New York at the Hallowell Center, while consulting with high tech, biotech and pharmaceutical companies to advance the evaluation and treatment of ADHD for children and adults.

Last chance
DESTINATION
IMAGINATION
information meeting

What: Newton's newest academic extracurricular activity
When: Wednesday November 2nd, 2011 @ 5:00PM
Where: Burr Elementary School Library
Destination ImagiNation (DI) is an educational program in which student teams solve open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. DI is run by Newton parents for Newton students. The season runs from November through March. Teams choose challenges that are focused on robotics, performing arts, engineering and/or design. There is also a non-competitive Rising Stars! Challenge designed for students in pre-school through 2nd grade that introduces students to teamwork and creative thinking. If you have questions or cannot attend the meeting, please email Matthew Miller at newtondestinationimagination@gmail.com

Parenting in the
Digital Age

Parenting in the digital age can be challenging. Social media and technology have become such an important part of your child's daily life. Please join Amy Comeau M.Ed. and Rolanda Prophete LICSW for an interactive workshop where they will examine with you your child's use of technology, increase your awareness of the potential challenges around technology use, and offer practical parenting strategies to maintain connections with your child. This free parenting program, sponsored by The Newton Partnership, will be held on Tuesday, November 29th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Bigelow Middle School, 42 Vernon St., 02458 and also on Tuesday, December 13th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Brown Middle School, 125 Meadowbrook Rd, 02459. Amy is currently the Middle School Intervention and Prevention Counselor at Day and Bigelow Middle Schools. Rolanda is the Intervention and Prevention Counselor at Brown and Oak Hill Middle Schools.

The Hobbit

Dragons, treasures, and an exciting quest await Bilbo, the dwarves, and the many others they meet along the way in *The Hobbit*. This musical production features a cast of 1st through 5th graders, including Newton's own Carly LeBlanc, Sara Manning, Julia Miller, Lauren Miller, Riley Raker, Amelia Singer, Chloe Singer, Anna Weylman-Farwell, Nicholas Weylman-Farwell, Amelia Whitehouse, and Abigail DeVoe Wright, directed by Jessica Harms. Performances are November 18, 7 pm, November 19, 2 pm and 7 pm, and November 20, 2 pm, in the Charles Mosesian Theater at the Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown. Tickets are \$12 and will be available beginning October 25th through WCT's website at www.watertownchildrenstheatre.org or at 1-800-838-3006. For more information, visit WCT's website or call 617-926-ARTS.

Theatre Ink
Tartuffe

Theatre Ink 2011/12 season opens with Moliere's "Tartuffe" a hilarious and outrageous classic comedy directed by Dan Fabrizio. Tartuffe, a roguish imposter, worms his way into the orderly household of prosperous yet naive merchant Orgon. He sets out to marry the daughter, seduce the wife, imprison Orgon and get his hands on the family fortune. With thwarted lovers, eavesdropping and the famous 'under the table scene', one of the funniest comic set pieces ever written for the stage. Tartuffe is performed with a relevance that will delight modern-day audiences. Performances are on November 3, 4 and 5th at 7:30PM in the Performing Arts Center main auditorium at NNHS 457 Walnut Street, Newtonville. Tickets are \$7 for General Admission at www.theatreink.net <<http://www.theatreink.net>> or 617 559 6406.

Belmont World Film's 9th
Annual Family Film
Festival

Saturday, November 5: Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown
Friday, November 11: Studio Cinema, 376 Trapelo Road, Belmont
Belmont World Film presents its 9th Annual Family Film Festival: A cinematic kaleidoscope of cats, characters & circus dreams, featuring films about self-reliance and acceptance, creativity and imagination, the magic of books and reading, a mysterious cat living in Paris, a war on chocolate, and the chance to go behind the scenes of a traveling youth circus—a kaleidoscope of films for the whole family. Besides animated and live-action films, there will be a live performance by members of Circus Smirkus with a Q&A with Jacob Bloom, one of the performers featured in the film "Circus Dreams" who is a Belmont native. Tickets for the morning screenings are \$3; the afternoon programs are \$5 for children 12 and under and \$7 for adults and are available on day of show. For more information and a full schedule of films, visit www.belmontworldfilm.org or call 617-484-3980.

Creative Writing
Workshop for BOYS ONLY
with Karen Day, Grades 4
and 5!

Does your son have a big imagination? Is he interested in writing but doesn't know how to get started? In this workshop, local children's author Karen Day will introduce basic fiction writing techniques such as how to create strong characters and plots. Participants will brainstorm for ideas and leave with the start to their very own stories. No experience necessary! This workshop will be held on Sunday, November 6th, from 2pm-3pm at the Waban Library Center, 1608 Beacon Street. Please email us at wabanlibrary@gmail.com to register. Donation of \$20 per child is requested to be collected at the door. For more information check out our website at www.wabanlibrarycenter.org

Creative Writing Workshop with Karen Day for boys or girls kids in Grades 4 and 5!

Creating a strong narrative voice is one of the most important ingredients in fiction writing. Local children's book writer Karen Day will take participants through exercises she does when creating fictional characters. We will also talk about plot, setting and how to make narrators come alive! No experience necessary. This workshop will be held on Sunday, November 20th, from 2pm-3:30pm at the Waban Library Center, 1608 Beacon Street. Please email us at wabanlibrary@gmail.com to register. Donation of \$25 per child is requested to be collected at the door. For more information check out our website at www.wabanlibrarycenter.org

New Art Center

Late-Fall Classes for All Ages, at the New Art Center, 61 Washington Park, Newtonville. All Late-Fall classes begin **November 1**. Classes for adults, teens and children, and for all levels from beginner to advanced. Classes in Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media, Ceramics, Portfolio, Crafts, and more! Register today at www.newartcenter.org, or call 617-964-3424.

The Waban Library Center

The Waban Library Center has two excited workshops to keep you warm this winter. Located at 1608 Beacon Street, Newton, MA. More details can be found on our website: www.wabanlibrarycenter.org or by call 617 244-0700

Flamenco Dance Workshop for Adult beginners!

Thursday, Nov. 10th at the WLC Dance instruction 7pm - 8:15pm with Eve Agush. Refreshments and good company until 9pm. \$25 per person. Space is limited. Reserve your spot by emailing wabanlibrary@gmail.com

Belly Dance Workshop for Adult beginners!

Friday, Dec. 2nd at the WLC Dance instruction 7pm - 8:15pm with Johara & Snake Dance Productions. Refreshments and good company until 9pm. \$25 per person. Space is limited. Reserve your spot by emailing wabanlibrary@gmail.com

Keeping up our Circulation

A Nov. 29 forum "The Future of Transportation in Newton" organized by the LWV-Newton will explore how the City can grow and develop without more gridlock and parking woes. Presenters Stephanie Pollack, chair of the mayor's Transportation Advisory Committee, Eric Bourassa, transportation manager for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Jacqueline Douglas, director of Livable Streets, will examine the findings of studies on Routes 128 and 9, the year-long study by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), as well as transportation models that seek to balance the needs of all modes of transportation, including, pedestrians, bikes, cars and mass transit. At the Newton Free Library, 7 - 9 pm."

Angier Elementary School Celebrates 90! - Angier Through The Decades

On **November 18, 2011** The Albert Angier Elementary School is having a 90th Birthday Celebration at the Windsor Club, 1608 Beacon Street, at 7:30pm- "**Angier Through the Decades.**" All adults are invited! *The Angier Celebrates 90th Committee* is looking for Angier alumni. We are hoping that you will attend the celebration, "**Angier Through the Decades.**" and share your memories of Angier during your time at the school. If you have any class pictures that you want to share, we would welcome those photographs. You can send your memories and photos, as well as RSVP to angiercelebrates90@gmail.com. The donation for this event is \$25 per person. The proceeds from this event will benefit the preservation of Angier's historical documents and well as a Time Capsule for the next generation of students and neighbors. We hope that you will come and celebrate Angier with us on **Friday, November 18th at 7:30pm at the Windsor Club, 1608 Beacon Street.** RSVP or direct questions to angiercelebrates90@gmail.com.

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 AM-noon

BURYING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

It's time for our late-fall cleanup of one of Newton's most historic spaces—the East Parish Burying Ground. Help tidy up the premises and see the results of our now-completed headstone restoration. Please bring gloves and rakes if you have them! *Meet at the corner of Centre and Cotton Streets.* Free.

Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, noon-5:00 PM

NEWTON COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Newton residents are invited to enjoy free admission to the museum.

Historic Newton The Jackson Homestead

Monday, November 7, 7:00 PM

NEWTON'S REVOLUTIONARY ROOTS - THE NEWTON HISTORY SERIES

Edward Durant, Leading Citizen

Independent scholar Mary Fuhrer will discuss Edward Durant's role as a leader-socially and civically in late colonial Newton. Edward Durant was a leading citizen in many senses. Among the town's largest landowners, Durant was a man of means, setting standards of learning, refinement, and style. His townsmen looked to him for leadership, and never more so than when they believed their cherished rights to self-determination were under attack in the decade before 1776. *At the Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street.* Free.

**Thursday, November 10, 7:30 PM
HISTORIC NEWTON BOOK CLUB**

The next selection of Historic Newton's book club is *Mrs. Adams in Winter* by Michael O'Brien. The book tells the riveting story of Louisa Adams, wife of John Quincy Adams, and her harrowing 40 day journey from St. Petersburg to Paris in the winter of 1815. Travelling nearly alone, in the footsteps of Napoleon's retreating army, she and her son crossed war-torn Europe to meet her husband in Paris. O'Brien deals deftly with geographic and historical details and offers a peek into the family relationships of this prominent family. The book club is free and new members are always welcome.

**Friday, November 11
MUSEUM CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY**

**Thursday, November 17, 7:30 PM
FREEDOM AND STATES' RIGHTS: CONFLICTING VISIONS OF THE CIVIL WAR IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH**

At the outset of the Civil War, the Confederacy was consumed by the issue of preserving slavery, while the Union was profoundly ambivalent about emancipation. James DeWolf Perry, executive director of the Tracing Center on Histories and Legacies of Slavery, will explore the historical background which gave rise to these conflicting perspectives on the war. He will also discuss how the war eventually came to be seen, in the South, as a defense of states' rights and the southern way of life and, for the rest of the nation, as a righteous struggle to abolish slavery. Free.

**Saturday, November 19, 1:00-4:00 PM
IS "GREEN" A HISTORIC PAINT COLOR?**

Thinking about painting your historic home? Come to this hands-on workshop that will combine information about getting paint to stick to older homes and how to paint with historic colors while at the same time using "green" products. Nigel Costoloe of Catchlight Painting and Sally Zimmerman of Historic New England will lead the workshop and answer questions. Co-sponsored by Green Decade/Newton. \$30 per person (\$15 per Green Decade or Historic Newton members). To register, contact Green Decade at 617.965.1995 or visit www.greendecade.org.

**Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 PM
FOURTH ANNUAL NEWTON PRESERVATION AWARDS**

You are invited to attend the Fourth Annual Newton Preservation Awards! Help us celebrate individuals and projects that have chosen preservation as a sustainable reinvestment in the Newton community. To attend this event, please RSVP to 617-796-1450 or historicnewtonrsp@gmail.com by November 1. Light refreshments to be served. *Event will be held at Boston College Alumni House, 825 Centre Street.* Free.

**HAPPY 10th
BIRTHDAY, NEWTON
CPA!**

A Neighborhood Birthday Party for Nonantum, Newton Corner, & Newtonville (Wards 1 & 2)
Tuesday, November 15th at Newton North High School

Come to a birthday party for Nonantum, Newton Corner & Newtonville: Tuesday, November 15, 2011, from 7 to 9 pm in the Newton North High School Film Lecture Hall (enter from front lobby). Refreshments provided! Meet the Community Preservation Committee, find out how Newton has used the Community Preservation Act to fund affordable housing, historic resources, open space and recreation projects, and share your ideas about what should be funded next. Bring photos of past or potential projects for our interactive maps. Questions? See www.newtonma.gov/cpa or contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.

**Learn-to-Skate &
Learn-to-Play**

Sign up Now Available! Learn-to-Skate programs for kids 3-10 and Learn-to-Play hockey for kids 10 and under - both programs begin November 13. Most classes are on Saturdays mid day. Learn more and sign up online at www.newtonyouthhockey.com.

**Newton Girls
Basketball Registration
(NGBA)**

High school registration deadline is Tuesday, November 30. NGBA High School league is intended for girls who have played basketball and are seeking a fun and slightly more competitive experience. Players in the high school league generally are former grade 2-8 NGBA players interested in playing a recreational, competitive basketball game on Saturdays. NGBA second grade program provides a fun introduction to basketball for both players and parents. The program is lead by a professional basketball coach, with assistance from high school student coaches. The program is designed to teach the basics of basketball during the first part of the 50 minute session, and then organizes games/scrimmages for the second part. Sessions are Saturday mornings at Oak Hill Middle School. NGBA also has a limited number of slots available in Grades 2-8. For more information go to www.ngba.net.

Maine Arts Camp

Information Session
CHESTNUT HILL, MASSACHUSETTS
Sunday, November 13, 2011
1:00 - 4:00 pm
The Farm Condominiums
99 Florence St.
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

World Unity, Inc. 7th Annual Statewide Poetry Contest

World Unity, Inc. is co-sponsoring its 7th Annual Statewide poetry contest on Diversity and Equality. This is a great program to help address the bullying issue. The theme engages the student to think about what diversity and equality means.

Ben Speaks Louder Than Words

Ben Speaks Louder Than Words (www.benspeaks.org) is a nonprofit organization formed following the suicide death of 18-year-old Benjamin Giovangelo of Medway in April 2009. We are holding our 2nd annual fundraiser, "A Concert to Remember" at the First Baptist Church, 848 Beacon St., Newton Centre, on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the concert is to use music and the arts to help move people through the various stages of grief. We include a very moving candle lighting ceremony to remember those we have lost tragically to accidents, suicide and other tragic means. The mission of Ben Speaks is to help our young people find positive ways to "be the change" they wish to see in our world, and to Create Alternative Resources for_expression_ (C.A.R.E.) to these kids who are using drugs, alcohol, cutting and suicide to escape

Classifieds

The PTO publishes classifieds from the Horace Mann community free of charge. All other classifieds are published for a fee of \$10.00 per month or \$5.00 per issue. You can pay online at www.eventbrite.com/event/885072275, or send a check payable to "Horace Mann PTO" to Horace Mann School, Attn: PTO Classifieds, 687 Watertown Street, Newton, MA 02460.

PIANO LESSONS: Learn Jazz/Blues/Classical, theory, sightreading from a Berklee & New England Conservatory graduate with 30+ years teaching experience. Build a high quality musical foundation with a patient, upbeat, and caring instructor. Beginners welcome. Gloria Jasinski, phone: 617.566.9704, email: piano566@comcast.net

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<http://horacemannpto.org/newsnotes.html>.

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The next deadline for submissions is 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15.

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