

Haverhill Public Schools

Newsletter



January 2021

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
DR. MARGARET MAROTTA

I hope this finds you well. I am pleased that our return to in-person learning is underway. Our K-8 students have returned to hybrid learning, and HHS will be back in session on Monday, February 1, 2021. As you know, there has been significant work completed this year on the HVAC systems in each of our 15 school buildings, with Haverhill High and J.G. Whittier recently completing long-needed extensive repairs that will allow increased airflow and proper temperature regulation.

Vaccinations have begun for our school nurses who are in Phase One of the Governor's Vaccination plan. We are told that K-12 educators will be included in Phase II, which is scheduled to occur in February and March. While some details have been released, we look forward to specific dates in the near future.

We are currently in week two of COVID-19 pool testing. Pool testing is a testing method for COVID-19 that enables multiple samples to be combined in the same tube at the source of collection and sent to the lab together instead of individual samples being sent one at a time. A positive pool indicates that a member of that pool is or recently was COVID-19 positive. When we are notified of a positive pool, nursing staff then reaches out to the individuals in that pool directly and are provided individual Rapid Antigen tests. Only 2 of the 32 COVID pooled test samples from our first round were positive. We were able to internally test all the individuals in the 2 pools and quickly identify the 2 positive participants.

We are expanding our pool testing as part of our safer return to school initiative and encourage all staff and students participating in hybrid learning to join. Please watch our Joint Coronavirus Response Team (<https://www.haverhill-ps.org/pool-testing-5-minute-video/>) as they participate in the very first round of HPS Pooled COVID Testing. Please note that this is a pilot project, and like any COVID test requires written consent. Consent forms can be found at <https://www.haverhill-ps.org/school-health-services/consent-forms/>. Upon completion, return the consent to your child's school.

Great job by our nursing staff and an exciting move on our path forward!

Warmest Regards,

Margaret

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 THROUGH
FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

WALNUT SQUARE READING CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021

HHS WINTER PRODUCTION

A ROOM WITH A VIEW

7:00PM – LIVESTREAM PERFORMANCE

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH
FEBRUARY 5, 2021**

HAVERHILL'S PRESCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR

6:00PM – 7:30PM – NIGHTLY ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

HHS TERM 2 MARKS CLOSE

IEP DEVELOPMENT WITH GUEST SPEAKER

ALLAN BLUME - 9:00AM – 12:00PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

HHS TERM 3 BEGINS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

HHS TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

ISSUED IN PARENT PORTAL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

T.E.A.C.H - VALENTINE'S DAY PINATA

CONTEST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

K-8 TRIMESTER 2 PROGRESS REPORTS

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020 THROUGH
FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

NO SCHOOL – FEBRUARY VACATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

HHS TERM 3 PROGRESS REPORTS

ISSUED IN PARENT PORTAL

FEATURED ARTISTS

Kitchen Chaos

Ivy Ackerman

Grade 12

Haverhill High School

"I created the kitchen chaos art piece using a mixture of acrylic paints as well as collage cutouts that I found from a super cool LIFE magazine from the year 1962. I wanted to portray a kitchen scene that was both youthful, nostalgic and full of unquestionable disorder. I got lots of my inspiration from my own kitchen, as well as some of my favorite analog collage artists that I follow on social media."

~ Ivy Ackerman



Alphabet Soup

Eliam Ozuna Marty

Grade 1

Bradford Elementary



NURSES CORNER



Many of the recommendations from MDPH and CDC focus on preventative measures that are standard for any flu or cold virus. These simple precautions will help prevent the spread of the flu and other respiratory illnesses such as Coronavirus:

- Please cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, using a tissue or the inside of your elbow
- Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water frequently or use hand sanitizer when washing is not an option
- Maintain 6 feet physical distancing
- If you have a fever or feel sick, stay home and call your healthcare provider

Get the flu vaccine – it is not too late! Find more information on the flu and where to get a flu vaccine here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/what-should-i-know-about-flu>

These precautions should be everyday practices - applied when at home, in school, and when in public.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS



BRADFORD K-4
978-374-2443

CONSENTINO MIDDLE 5-8
978-374-5775

GOLDEN HILL K-4
978-374-5794

GREENLEAF ACADEMY 5-12
978-374-3487

HAVERHILL HIGH SCHOOL 9-12
978-374-5700 MAIN

HUNKING K-8
978-374-5787

MOODY PRE-K
978-347-3459

NETTLE MIDDLE 5-8
978-374-5792

PENTUCKET LAKE K-4
978-374-2421

SILVER HILL K-5
978-374-3448

T.E.A.C.H @ BARTLETT K-12
978-469-8735

TILTON LOWER K-3
978-374-3475

TILTON UPPER 4-5
978-374-3482

WALNUT SQUARE K-2
978-374-3471

J.G. WHITTIER MIDDLE 5-8
978-374-3471

CENTRAL OFFICE AT CITY HALL
978-374-3400

SPECIAL EDUCATION
978-374-3435

REGISTRATION CENTER AT BURNHAM
978-420-1951

TRANSPORTATION DEPT. AT BURNHAM
978-420-1921

HAVERHILL ATHLETICS

The Haverhill High School Winter Sports season kicked off with team practices on December 21st. Games and competitions began the week of January 11, 2021 and the season will run until February 21, 2021.

There are currently 175 student-athletes participating in the following Winter Sports:

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| ● | BOY'S BASKETBALL |
| ● | BOY'S ICE HOCKEY |
| ● | BOY'S SKI |
| ● | BOY'S SWIMMING |
| ● | GIRL'S BASKETBALL |
| ● | GIRL'S ICE HOCKEY |
| ● | GIRL'S SKI |
| ● | GYMNASTICS |

There have been numerous safety measures put in place for this winter sports season. The Hillie teams are strictly adhering to the protocols established by the Office of Environment and Energy Affairs (EEA) and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA). Additionally, the Haverhill Public Schools has implemented Covid-19 contracts and consent forms that all student-athletes and parents sign prior to participation.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the MIAA has moved some sports seasons around. The sports of football, cheerleading, girl's swimming, unified basketball, and indoor track have been moved to a "Fall II" season, which will start on February 22, 2021, and runs through April 26, 2021. Wrestling has been moved to the spring season, which will run from April 27 until June 30.

For schedules, registration, and other information on Hillie sports, please visit the Haverhill Athletics website at www.haverhillhillies.com.

Attendance Department Winter 2021 School Everyday Contest

We know times are difficult but we also know how important your education is. To recognize and thank every student who is able to attend in person or remote between Winter and February Break, we will enter their name in a raffle for a \$25 gift card.



Start building the habit of good attendance now and have a chance to win on February 12th.
Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Prizes per school: Bradford -2, Consentino-3, Crowell-1, JG Whittier-2, Golden Hill- 2, Greenleaf Academy- 1, Haverhill High School-4, Hunking-4, Nettle-2, Pentucket Lake-2, Silver Hill-2, TEACH-1, Tilton Lower-2, Tilton Upper-2, Walnut Square- 2
NOTE: Winners need to sign for prize

IEP DEVELOPMENT

With Special Education Guest Speaker **Allen Blume**

FEBRUARY 3, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The primary focus of this series is the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Allan Blume will discuss writing strategies and methods for making IEP writing a more focused process. He will review the development of operational definitions of accommodations and modifications, data collection for IEPs and current performance levels, strategies for writing effective current performance levels, goals, benchmarks, and more!

Sign Up on Teach Point



The **HHS Drama Club** is proud to present their winter production, ***A Room with a View***, by Tracy Wells.

This lighthearted show follows the guests and hotel staff of the Regency Arms Hotel and the "baggage" that they each bring.



To buy your virtual ticket to the livestreamed performance, please visit:

www.ticketstage.com/T/HaverhillHS

The link to the performance will be emailed to you when your ticket has been purchased.

We appreciate your support of the arts during this time!



BRADFORD ELEMENTARY



Bradford Elementary is in the Bradford section of Haverhill. It has about 525 students and 107 staff members. Mrs. Diane Seibold is the school principal, and Mrs. Nicole McGrain is the school's assistant principal.

Right from the start, Bradford Elementary students and families have been greeted by Mrs. Seibold and Mrs. McGrain daily with the new drop-off and pick-up procedure, allowing for families to drive around the school. Parents love it!

BES works hard to keep learning as a top priority, and expectations for being respectful, responsible, and safe are incorporated in the daily recorded Morning Messages from Mrs. Seibold and Mrs. McGrain. The students think they are Movie Stars.

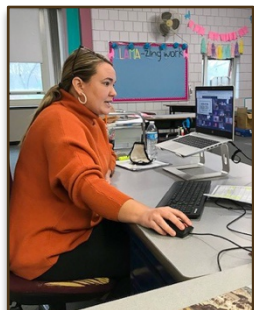
In October, the BES team and the BES PTO partnered with Boosterthon for a really fun Boosterthon fundraising event that culminated in a Dance Fit session for each grade and cohort. Teachers and students were Flossing to some great tunes outside. In December, The Kindness Collaborative provided a fun special visit from Batman, who arrived in his Batmobile. Batman stayed to answer questions and allow for a photo opportunity for all.



Everyone had fun during remote Spirit Week which included: Pajama Day, Festive Sweater Day, Red, Green, or White Day, Festive Socks Day, and Plaid or Flannel Day.

Upcoming events include:

- Title 1 Family curriculum Night
- Family Game Nights for each grade (Bingo, Family Trivia, Family Feud)
- Tucked in Tuesdays - Bedtime Stories (Administration and guest Staff will record a bedtime story to be shared with all students on Tuesday evenings)
- Field Day



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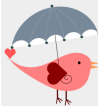






The YWCA Haverhill has been making the best to navigate through these difficult times. Remote learning has been challenging but rewarding! The YWCA staff are doing their best to provide the children with all the help they need.

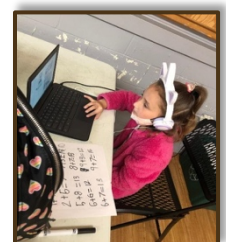
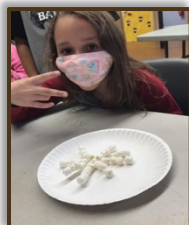
We thank you for your patience and we look forward to the New Year!

February

**Youth Services
Calendar
2021**

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| Themes | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|----------|
| Friendship Week  | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day  | 3 | 4 | 5 National wear red day!  | 6 |
| Valentines Day Week  | 8 | 9 National Pizza Day  | 10 Umbrella Day!  | 11 YWCA Virtual Valentines day dance 6-7pm  | 12 Chinese New Year Year of the Ox  | 13 |
| 14 Black History Month  | 15 YWCA CLOSED Presidents Day!  | 16 HPS Winter Vacation | 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day! | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Inventors and Inventors  | 22 | 23 World Spa Day!  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |



KIDS CORNER



Guess Who?



- ATTENDED THE 1989 MTV VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS SHOW IN LOS ANGELES & MET JON BON JOVI.
- WORKED AT CONTEMPORARY RESORT HOTEL IN WALT DISNEY WORLD.
- STARTED WORKING AT HPS AS A LUNCH MONITOR - CURRENTLY WORKING AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL AT BRADFORD ELEMENTARY

Triv?d

Which is the first Country to use paper money?

What is the name of Mulan's dragon?

When is Harry Potter's birthday?

How fast can a Road Runner run?

December's Cookie Decoration Contest Winner



Evelyn Leger
Grade 5
J.G. Whittier



School Word Search

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| H | E | C | A | F | E | T | E | R | I | A | H | S | E |
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CLASSROOM
HISTORY
RESPONSIBILITY
ACADEMICS
BOOKS
HOMEROOM
MATH
SCIENCE
SCHOOL
NOTEBOOK
MUSIC
ATHLETICS
CAFETERIA
EDUCATION
EXCITING
ADVENTURE
DESK
STUDENTS
WRITING
ENGLISH
FRIENDS
RECESS

December Trivia Answers:

- 1) Aurora had 18 speaking lines
- 2) New York Knicks won the very first NBA game
- 3) The Red Sea is the warmest sea on Earth

**Haverhill Public Schools
Mission Statement**

The Haverhill Public School system is dedicated to ensuring each learner meets or exceeds rigorous academic standards to become citizens with integrity, skills, and the resources to succeed in the global community.

**Employment
Opportunities**

- ⇒ **Haverhill-ps.org**
- ⇒ **Departments**
- ⇒ **Human Resources**
- ⇒ **Current Employment Opportunities**

Job vacancies and postings for all positions are available on our website. Job opportunities are posted as vacancies become available and will remain on the website until positions are filled. Applicants may access application information and forms from our website or visit the Human Resource Office at the School Department located at 4 Summer Street Room 104, Haverhill, MA 01830 - EOE

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HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Haverhill School Committee Approved Meeting Schedule
Thursday, January 28, 2021

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Thursday, February 25, 2021

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be broadcast over HCTV and WHAV until further notice. The full meeting recording will be posted on the HCTV and HPS websites the following day.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Baker issued an Emergency Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20. Public bodies otherwise governed by the OML are temporarily relieved from the requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means."

For additional information please visit the School Committee Department on our website:

<https://www.haverhill-ps.org/school-committee>



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