



September 30, 2016

HCS Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Getting into that all-important routine?

Routines are difficult to re-establish after a long and wonderful summer. It is so important, however, to establish that school day routine early in the year so that there is time for breakfast in the morning to ensure your child is nourished and ready for the long day ahead. There is also the important family time, either at dinner or before bedtime. Yes, there is also the homework time. When so many of our students are involved in sports, music and other after school activities, it can be difficult. That is why when my children were school-age, we made sure we spent time as a family at the dinner table because there was no other time during sports seasons. This may have only happened on weekends when the schedules for three children became busy, but we made sure to have it happen then. As a result, our family of adult children continues to be close and to communicate almost daily. It is the highlight of my day to hear the conversations my husband has had with any of our kids and to share with him whatever conversations I have had with them as well. I hope your family conversations bring you as much joy as ours do!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

Karen Raymond
Principal

Around School



Shyla Boisvert

Join us in welcoming Shyla Boisvert as the new 7/8th-grade social studies teacher. Ms. Boisvert earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern New Hampshire University and lives in Pembroke with her husband and three children. She joins HCS from the Merrimack High School.

We also welcome Megan Menczywor as our new speech language assistant. A recent UNH grad, Ms. Menczywor received her bachelor's in Communications Sciences and Disorders and minored in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Studies. She lives in Deerfield.



Megan Menczywor



Photo credit: Megan Henry
Caitlyn Wasserman signs her name as classmates McKenna Whittier & Lily Spalding look on.

Constitution Day at HCS

Third grade Henniker Community School students in Ms. Henry's class celebrated Constitution Day, the federal observance of the signing of the US Constitution, by learning about the Constitution and drafting their own while wearing the tricorner hats they had crafted using construction paper. The students signed their names in cursive, just like the Founding Fathers. Cursive is taught all year in third grade in Henniker as part of the Foundations program. Foundations is a Kindergarten through grade 3 program that includes handwriting, spelling, vocabulary, reading fluency, and phonics.

Grandparents Day at HCS

First and second-grade students at the Henniker Community School invited their grandparents to school for recess and lunch on September 16. Many enjoyed the pizza and apple crisp, while others brought their own lunch. No matter what they were eating, everyone was having a great time.



Megan Flaherty with her grandfather

First Grade Field Trip

Last week our first grade took their first field trip to [Gould Hill Apple Orchard](#) where students saw the mother Hampshire tree, the first tree of the Hampshire apple variety. While in the lower orchard, students picked Macintosh apples, visited the refrigeration building and made apple cider. Since returning, they have made applesauce, apple muffins, apple pie bread, and many more delicious recipes. They have also used the apples to measure things in their classroom such as desks, chairs, computers, and books. They also conducted



science experiments coming up with their hypothesis and testing to see if an apple will sink or float in water. Their conclusion– it floats! Thank you to all families who drove students to the orchard.

From the PTA

Henniker PTA Awards and Officers

The Henniker PTA recently hosted the Pizza Social prior to the Open House at the Henniker Community School. They have also named their 2016-17 slate of officers and awarded appreciation nods to 11 outstanding PTA members.

Awards were presented to the following: **Ben Fortner** for his dedicated leadership as PTA President for 2015-2016; **Mike Mosher, Becky Palmateer, Linda Dana, Tracy Brake, and Bethany Newcomb** for outstanding volunteer appreciation; **Joanna Puza** for serving the Scholastic Book Fair for nine years; **HCS Principal Karen Raymond** and **Assistant Principal Matt Colby** for PTA Commitment and Advocacy; **Joann Keirstead** received a PTA Lifetime Membership Award; and the **Davis and Towle Insurance Group** received an award for their partnership with the Henniker PTA and their generous donation of \$20,000 to the Henniker playground.



Tess Mosher & Principal Raymond at Open House

The slate of officers for the Henniker PTA for the 2016-17 school year are: Ben Fortner, President; Kristen Cochran, Vice President; Joshua Locke, Secretary; and Mike Mosher, Treasurer.

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 11 at 7pm in the school library.

Upcoming Events at HCS

[View the full school calendar](#)

- 10/5 School Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 10/7 No School-Teacher Workshop Day
- 10/11 Start E-Camp - Grade 7 (10/11-10/14)
- 10/10 No School-Columbus Day
- 10/13 Picture Retake & Preschool Picture Day
- 10/27 2nd Grade Field Trip To Montshire Museum
- 10/28 Early Release Day @12:30 PM

Community News

The Spirit of Henniker Organizational Team Presents:

MUSIC ON MAIN STREET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

9 AM - 4 PM

Bring the whole family - Rain or Shine!

in front of the Community Center
57 Main Street
Henniker

Don't forget to purchase your ticket for the great PING PONG DROP




- In addition to music:**
- Chamber Bed Race 1:30 pm
 - The Ping Pong Drop 3 pm
 - Free Children's Activities
 - Wonderful Vendors



This year's bands will include:

- The Complete Unknowns 9-10:45
- The Othereans 10:45-12:30
- Beechwood 12:30-4



Like the Spirit of Henniker page on  **Lots of parking and free shuttle available**

Basketball and Cheerleading registrations are open at www.hennikerathletics.org

Girls, are you interested in playing.....

VOLLEYBALL ??????????

Saturdays 9:00 am-10:30 am at JSRHS

Dates: Sept 17th, 24th and Oct 8th & 15th

Open to ALL AGES!!!!

Learn the skills to play, the rules and meet players/coaches!

We would be happy to see you there!

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