



December 2009

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Yeah! The Hospitality dinner for the staff on November 18 was a huge success. The staff and the Hospitality chairperson would like to thank everyone who made it possible: Danielle Dixon, Lori Wright, Karen O'Brien, Becky Gladden, Susie Ishizeki, Amy Shook, Bobbi Wagner, Jennifer Perie, Becky Sims, Letty Schamp, Holly Taylor and Reassa Wagner. Thank you for your time and efforts.

5th ANNUAL CAROLING NIGHT

Come help spread Hoffman Holiday Cheer at our 5th annual Caroling Night. We will be collecting donations for the Ronald McDonald House

WHEN: 6:30 – 8:00 P.M – December 9th
WHERE TO MEET: Hoffman Trails Cafeteria



WHAT TO BRING: Bring your family. All students need to be accompanied by an adult. Dress warmly, bring flashlights for safety, and if needed an umbrella.

After caroling is over we will meet back in the cafeteria for hot chocolate. Please drop me an e-mail me that you can come or send in a note. Email – Tom_Root@hboe.org



Seasons Warmest Wishes
Mr. Root

COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

If you haven't purchased your Hoffman Trails Cookbook, you better hurry because they are going fast. The cookbook is \$7 for one or \$10 for two. (Checks can be made payable to HTE PTO). To purchase your cookbooks, you can stop by the office to fill out a form (with the payment). You can send in your order form printed from the school's website or send in your cash/check with your child's name, teacher's name and the amount of cookbooks needed.

ATTENDANCE



Parents: When your student is absent please call the school (614) 334-0505 before 9:00 a.m. Our answering machine is on 24 hours so feel free to leave a message anytime. If you leave a message, please leave your child's name, teacher's name and the reason for the absence. Please bring your doctor's excuse to the office when your student returns to school.

If your student is late to school, please make sure they check in the office before going to their classroom. We want children in the building at 9:00 a.m. and settled and ready to begin the day when class starts at 9:05 a.m.

USER FEES: - (REMINDER)



User fees of \$30.00 are collected from every elementary student in the district. This money is used for consumable goods and was due no later than October 1. If you have not yet paid, we would encourage you to pay these as soon as possible to avoid future grade card(s) being held. Checks should be made payable to Hilliard City Schools. Fees can be paid by VISA or MASTER CHARGE in the school office.



VOLUNTEERS

A background check is required for all volunteers that may be left alone with students. This background check will be completed by IntelliCorp. The Hilliard City Schools Department of Human Resources will perform all background checks at the district's Central Office, located at 5323 Cemetery Road. Walk-in appointments are accepted Tuesday through Thursday from 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm. You may schedule an appointment by contacting the Department of Human Resources at 614-921-7099. The cost for a background check is \$9, through IntelliCorp. If you have not lived in Ohio for 5 years, we require a nationwide background check, which is \$18.

VACATIONS

Parents if you are planning on taking a vacation during the school year please request a vacation form from the office 2 weeks prior to the vacation along with a note to the teacher and the office so both parties are aware of the situation.

WEATHER DELAYS



Now that cold weather has arrived, the possibility of snow could be in our future. Please be sure to stay tuned to the local news media for information about weather-related closings and delays. In the event of a closing or delay, please check with the following radio/television stations:

WCMH Channel 4, WBNS Channel 10, WSYX Fox Channel 28, WSYX Channel 6, 610 WTVN, 92.3 WCOL, 94.7 WSNY, or 97.9 WNCI. Ensure that your children are dressed properly for the weather which means hats, gloves, scarfs and possibly boots. Even on days that seem reasonable the wind is REALLY a factor behind our school on the playground. Our guidelines are that we will try to go outside unless the temperature dips below 20 degrees with windchill.



DISMISSAL NOTES – If you child is doing something other than his/her normal dismissal, please send a note to the teacher. Students without a note will be sent home the same way as usual.



Here is a cake or cupcake recipe that is “safe” for children with lots of food allergies. There is no nuts, butter, eggs or milk. It actually tastes good too!

It is called Chocolate Wonder Cake and seems simple to make. If you would like a copy sent to you via email please call the office at 334-0505.

Chocolate Wonder Cake

1 ¾ cups flour, 1 cup sugar, ¼ cup cocoa powder (check label for nut manufacturing disclaimer), 1 teasp. baking soda, ½ teasp. salt, 1/3 cup olive oil, 2 teasp. vanilla extract, 1 tablespoon vinegar & 1 cup cold water.

Mix dry ingredients together in a mixing bowl. Add remaining ingredients and beat until almost smooth. Pour into a greased & floured 9” baking pan or into a cupcake pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until tester comes out clean. Cupcakes bake for 15 minutes.

To make a white cake - omit cocoa and increased flour to 2 cups and increase vanilla extract to 3 teasps. Increase baking time to 45 minutes or 20 minutes for cupcakes.

Makes 12-16 cupcakes.



H1N1 VACCINATION CLINIC

There are 2 H1N1 Vaccination Clinics at the Church in Mill Run at 3500 Mill Run Dr., Hilliard on Friday, December 4th from 4-7 p.m. and one on Saturday, December 5th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. These clinic are open to children 6 months thru 24 years, adults 25 thru 64 years with medical conditions, pregnant women, caregivers of children less than 6 months of age and health care workers. If you are interested please check the website: www.columbuspandemic.com



IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER



December 9th - Holiday Caroling around
HTE Subdivision

December 14 - PTO Meeting -**CANCELLED**

December 15 - Market Day Pickup

December 18 - Class Parties - 2:15 p.m.

December 21, 2009-January 1, 2010 - Holiday Break

See you next year on Monday, January 4, 2010!!

