

APRIL:

- April 08: PTO Meeting (CANCELLED)
- April 11: School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- April 15 - 19: SPRING BREAK
- April 22: Classes resume
- April 25: Positive Discipline 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in library
- April 26: Preschool closed for screening and registration
- April 26: Family Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

MAY:

- May 02: Dungeons and Dragons 3:30p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- May 02: Positive Discipline 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in library
- May 04: Town Meeting
- May 06: MCAS Math - 3/4 Classes
- May 06: PTO Meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library
- May 07: MCAS Math - 5/6 Classes
- May 08: MCAS Math - 3/4 Classes
- May 09: MCAS Math - 5/6 Classes
- May 09: School Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria
- May 14: MCAS Science - 5th Grade
- May 16: MCAS Science - 5th Grade
- May 17: PD Day - Dismissal at Noon
- May 27: Memorial Day - No School

Last day of Preschool is June 14, 2019
Last day of School is now June 21, 2019.



Greetings, Conwell families. My name is Allen Livermore and I have the privilege of teaching music on Wednesdays. We have begun ukuleles in grades 3-6, made possible by the generous donation from PTO of six Kala Waterman ukuleles. Thank you, PTO! The ukulele has been undergoing a renaissance since the early 2000s. One of the leading ukulele manufacturers, the Magic Fluke Company is even based nearby in Sheffield, MA. The students were very excited to hold and strum the instrument. We will be learning the chords of C, G and F, which will allow us to accompany ourselves singing songs such as "Rock Around the Clock," "Down on the Corner," and "This Land Is Your Land." We are also learning these chords on the xylophones and combining the sound of those instruments with the ukuleles.

During the last few weeks, we have had great fun singing the song "Nasty Dan." Perhaps you have heard a child or two sing it at home. Johnny Cash recorded the song in 1975 for his children's album and there is a clip on YouTube of him singing the song on Sesame Street with Oscar the Grouch. During the last All School Sing, it was wonderful hearing the entire school sing it.

Students in grades 3-6 are continuing their study of clarinet and trumpet in Band and have been practicing reading and playing five note songs, such as "Merrily We Roll Along" and "Go Tell Aunt Rhody." I encourage each student to create a profile on www.essentialelementsinteractive.com and use the interactive component of the Essential Elements book. Students can practice with a band, piano, and other accompaniments online. It is fun and an effective aid to learning. Please email me if I can be of any help with this: alivermore@hr-k12.org.



Thank you so much to the Thayer family and Owen's Sugar House. The kindergartners, first and second graders were able to go and visit and learn all about the maple syrup making process as well as sample the syrup!

School Committee Meetings: The School Committee holds their monthly meetings the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on **April 11 at 6:30 p.m.** Meetings are held in the school cafeteria. All are invited to attend.

PTO NEWS: Next meeting is Monday, 5/6/19 at 3:30 p.m. We hope you can join us but if you can't you can still be a part of the PTO. Contact Jaime Ricci at jaimericci@verizon.net

Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! Thanks to your generosity, we earned \$1000 Scholastic Dollars that is being given to Mrs. Sharron for the library. Thank you all so much!

The Hilltown Community Health Centers will offer "Parents: The Positive Discipline Way," Thursday evenings for seven sessions. The next session is April 25 in the library from 5:00PM - 7:00PM.

Research has demonstrated the importance of social and emotional learning, even above academics. "Positive Discipline" parenting tools teach valuable social and life skills without using any form of punishment, rewards, praise, permissiveness and even logical consequences -- at least hardly ever.

The workshop is limited to 15 participants. The \$5 fee includes materials. To register, contact Kim Savery, Director of Programs and family support, at [413-685-3500](tel:413-685-3500) or ksavery@hchweb.org.

SAVINGS MAKES CENTS: Please send in those pennies and dollars! Mrs. Chase will be at the school each Thursday morning to collect deposits. We have some new goodies in the box!

Community Announcements

Community members are encouraged to forward their news and announcements to louellet@hr-k12.org Entries must be received by Friday at noon to be included in the following week's newsletter. Please include the words "newsletter entry" in the subject of your email.