

JUNE:

June 06: Dungeons and Dragons 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

June 08: Art Reception at Worthington Library - 1:00p.m.

June 10: PTO Meeting at 3:30p.m. in the library

June 11: Book Swap Day

June 12: Coffee with the Principal at 8:30 a.m. in library

June 13: School Committee Meeting at 6:30p.m. in cafeteria

June 14: Last day of Preschool

June 19: (NEW DATE) Field day for all students

June 20: Dungeons and Dragons 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

June 20: Sixth Grade Graduation - 2:00 in the cafeteria.

June 21: Last day of School - Dismissal at Noon



Hello! Your children know me as Ms. Heather. Our school year is almost over, so I want to leave you with some great tips to help our students keep their math skills fresh during the summer. Some students need to strengthen their multiplication facts which is a skill they will need for many math classes to come. A great way to do this is with flashcards! Flashcards can be purchased at Target, Wal-Mart, Barnes & Nobles and Amazon and prices range from \$2.99-\$5.99, or you can make your own. These are great because you can mix them up each time and as your child gets better at them, you can do lightning rounds with them or make a game out of it by seeing if they can get more correct than you.

For our tech savvy students, there are a few web sites that offer games with multiplication (and all other types of math as well). The website [Timestables.com](https://www.timestables.com) has two really fun multiplication games: one is Times Tables Shooting where the student needs to aim at the correct target with the correct answer, and the second game is called Times Table Rally where the student has to pick the correct answer to make the race car move faster. Another great website is [Education.com](https://www.education.com). This website not only offers games but has free printable worksheets and guided lessons. A few other safe and great sites are [Multiplication.com](https://www.multiplication.com), [Splashmath.com](https://www.splashmath.com) and [Adaptedmind.com](https://www.adaptedmind.com).

There are also several math apps you can download. I believe that Splash Math also lets you monitor progress or has a progress dashboard. As always there are good old math work books which I know that both Barnes & Noble and Walmart have a great selection.

Your child will benefit greatly from all of this, even if they are only working on adding and subtracting. Have them practice their math skills right after

breakfast or right after dinner, that way they have the whole day to play. Give rewards out if they have mastered their 6,7, or 8 times tables. Maybe they earn an extra hour of video games or maybe they get to go out for ice cream. Make this fun for both them and you! Have a great summer!



News from the library: Get ready for summer with an end of the year book swap. Clean out your bookshelves and get some "new" books to read over the summer. Bring in up to five gently used books and swap them for "new" books on Tuesday, June 11. Books will be collected May 28 - June 7 in the library.

Notes from Nurse Meghan:

It is finally spring time, and eventually the sun will be shining! As we move into the warmer weather your students will be spending more time outdoors learning, planting, exploring, and playing. With increased time outdoors, I wanted to touch base about skin protection and sunscreen. Practicing sun safety during childhood and adolescence plays an important role in the prevention of skin cancer. Sunscreen is considered a medication. Due to the wide range of sunscreen options and ingredients, and possible individual reactions, families should be aware the Health Office does not stock or dispense sunscreen. Sunscreen will not be applied to your children while they are at school.

To provide the best possible sun protection for your child, we encourage:

- +Prior to leaving for school, a thorough application of sunscreen that offers protection from UVA and UVB rays with an SPF of 15 or higher.

- +A lip balm with SPF of 15 or higher (this also needs to be applied before school and should not be sent in with your student).

- +A wide-brimmed hat to protect your child's face, neck, and ears (baseball caps do not shield their neck, ears, or cheeks).

In addition to sun safety, bug bites and ticks are another concern this time of year. As you know, your students spend time in both the field and the woods. For the same reasons as sunscreen, bug spray is not stocked in the Health Office and cannot be applied while at school. Therefore, we also encourage:

- +Clothing that will cover your child's skin: long pants/long sleeve shirts when possible.

- +Prior to leaving for school, an application of bug repellent.

Don't forget to thoroughly check skin for ticks every night. If a tick is found on your child it will be removed following our standing protocol and you will be notified. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

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

PTO NEWS: Next meeting is Monday, 6/10/19 at 3:30 p.m. Please come if you can, we are going to discuss field day and the volunteer opportunities. We hope you can join us but if you can't you can still be a part of the PTO. Contact Jaime Ricci at jaimer Ricci@verizon.net.

NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY: 6 potato sacks, and at least 7 volunteers to assist at the stations.

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.

Art Reception at the Worthington Library - June 8 at 1:00

Meet the artists of the future at the library. The talent of the R.H. Conwell Elementary School is on display throughout the library. There will be a reception at 1:00pm on Saturday, June 8 so you can meet the artists and see their work. Refreshments will be served.

If any parents are interesting in bringing some refreshments to this event or to otherwise help out, we would be very grateful. Please contact Leona at [413-238-5565](tel:413-238-5565).

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Please check out the link below from our friends at Hilltown Families. It is a list of over 60 summer camps and programs!

<https://hilltownfamilies.wordpress.com/2019/05/08/over-60-summer-camps-programs-in-western-ma-beyond/>