



Haynes  
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## MCAS Testing and School Improvement Council Book Group

Dear Haynes Families,

As we spring ahead, I wanted to share with you a couple of updates.

### **MCAS Testing:**

This week students in grades 3-5 will participate in a practice MCAS session. These sessions are short, consisting of only one question. Our objectives are to flush out any potential administration glitches, practice testing routines, and ensure that the resources are in place to provide the accommodations outlined in student support plans.

Next week we begin the actual administration. During testing sessions, access to the building is limited to school personnel. If you visit, you will be asked to wait in the lobby until escorted to your destination.

On testing days, our schedule will be modified to meet the security requirements of the Department of Education. Whichever grade level is testing will have the last lunch session (12:30 PM), in order to provide an uninterrupted morning administration window. Although the MCAS is not timed, our experience has been that many students require a longer window than outlined by the state. Please make sure that your child has a hearty breakfast on testing days and that he or she brings a healthy snack. Students will have a chance to eat a quick snack and take a motion break upon arrival at school, before testing begins. Students participating in testing will have recess in the afternoon, upon completion of the MCAS.

We know that the MCAS can be tiring and stressful for some students. Please echo our reassurances that doing one's best is all that is expected. Please do not hesitate to contact Krystin Traversi, Guidance, your child's teacher, or me, if you have specific concerns.

### **School Improvement Council Book Group:**

For the last several years, the Haynes staff has been in conversation about the work of Carol Dweck. Dweck's work focuses on helping individuals foster a growth mindset. Dweck posits that intelligence and ability are not fixed and can grow. As educators, we have been practicing giving feedback and setting goals that help students overcome obstacles, persevere through challenges and recognize the intrinsic rewards of hard and meaningful work.

The School Improvement Council invites the Haynes community to join in a discussion of Carol Dweck's most recent mass publication, *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* from **7:30-9:00 PM on April 15th** in the Haynes library. The Haynes staff read this book two summers ago and found it very helpful in the work we do with students and as individuals. More information about the book group, including registration and additional links to Dweck's work, will be forthcoming. However, if you would like a sneak preview, click on the following link for an informative graphic that captures the salient features of a growth mindset and its opposite, a fixed mindset:

[http://plp.okstate.edu/ecen4243/dweck\\_mindset.pdf](http://plp.okstate.edu/ecen4243/dweck_mindset.pdf).

As we head into mud season, please make sure that your child has the proper clothing in order to enjoy outdoor recess. We will go out whenever possible, including if it is misting or very lightly raining.

Puddles make wonderful play things, especially when wearing a sturdy pair of rubber boots. Enjoy the longer days and warm spring sun.

With gratitude,

Kim Swain, Principal

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## Hola! The 2nd Grade Mexico Festival is Coming!

The planning has begun for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Mexico Festival, and we are excited for this very fun and energetic festival. For those who have not experienced this festival before, it includes piñata's, a real marketplace for the students to purchase items, a traditional tissue flower craft, super fun and active games, and food stations where students will make their own salsa, learn about and sample Mexican hot chocolate and try a traditional watermelon drink and sample rainforest fruits.

Please consider volunteering and visit the [Mexico Festival sign-up page](#).

### Important festival-related dates:

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** - Festival meeting (time TBD) - we will go through the festival closet and talk through all of the stations/equipment/wish-list, etc.

**Tuesday, April 29** - afternoon set-up for the festival in the Cafetorium

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** - MEXICO FESTIVAL DAY! 9am - 12:15pm

Thank you, we are looking forward to a great festival!

Your Mexico Festival Co-Chairs: [Rory Richards](#), [Maggie Walsh](#) & [Mandy Sim](#)

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## HOP General Meeting

Mark your calendars to join us on **Tuesday evening, March 18th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Haynes library for the third **HOP General Meeting** of the year. At this meeting, Dr. Wilson will be presenting and discussing the SPS budget and enrollment information for next year, and we will be reporting on the latest happenings at Haynes. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

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## Odyssey Information for 4th Grade Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians of 4th-Graders:

Don't forget - **Friday, March 14th is the deadline for Odyssey forms!** This includes:

1. **Odyssey Clothing Order Form** - please note that the Youth Large hooded sweatshirt does \*not\* have the drawstrings that all the kids seem to want. If you order the YL, please put a sticky note on the order form telling us that you know this and it's okay with your child. Otherwise, we will contact you to make sure, since every year parents try to return the YL hoodies . . . Also note that the sweatpants run very large - please double-check the size measurements on the back of the form and make sure they will fit your child. Clothing order checks should be payable to "Town of Sudbury - Odyssey."

2. **Student Permission Form**

3. **Health Information Sheet** (2 copies)

4. **\$100 Deposit** - checks should be made payable to S.P.S.

5. **Potential Chaperone Forms** (optional) - Interest in Chaperoning Form, CORI Form, and Confidentiality Statement

If you have misplaced your clothing order form or your parent packet with all the other forms, just go to the [District's Odyssey website](#) and download the "Odyssey Gear Order Form" and the "Odyssey Parent Packet 2014." There is a lot of additional information about the Odyssey program on the website, too.

**Also, health requirements to attend Odyssey include having an updated MD physical form dated after June 2013 on file in the health office.** Please send in a current physical to Mrs. Nigrelli if you have not done so.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

Thanks,

[Julie Gibowicz](#), [Natalie Massarotti](#) and [Kristine Mitchell](#)

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## METCO Potluck Dinner - Thursday, March 13

Please join us for a chance to gather with new and old friends, socialize and enjoy a great meal together.

**When: Thursday, March 13, 2014 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Where: Roxbury, YMCA**  
285 Martin Luther King Blvd  
Roxbury, MA, 02119

**RSVP:** (let us know the number of people & what food you will bring) [Stefanie Reinhorn](#) or [Judy Merra](#)

The first four Boston families to reply will get a free three-day guest pass to the YMCA of Greater Boston.

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## Veggie Tasting - Thursday, March 13

On **Thursday, March 13th**, Whitsons will be offering **Veggie Tasting** during lunch! Introducing our children to new vegetables and giving them the chance to try them is an important way to build good eating habits for a lifetime. This month's veggie is Spinach. All students will be offered a sample, regardless of whether they purchase the school lunch or bring lunch from home. No one will be required to take it, but encourage your child to give it a try!

Food allergy precautions have been taken and the school nurses have provided our parent volunteers with a list of children with documented allergies to spinach. Fruit & Veggie tastings will take place each month in 2014. Look for the Fruit or Vegetable of the Month on the Whitsons menu!

If you are interested in volunteering during lunch (11:30 - 12:55), please email [Lisa Eppich](#) or [Elizabeth Mossi](#).

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## Food Pantry is Friday, March 14 - Theme is St. Patrick's Day

Congratulations Haynes! We have collected **7,043 food items** so far this year!!! We are well on our way to our goal of **10,000 items by June!**

This month, the theme is **St. Patrick's Day**. So get out your **green** wigs, wear your shamrocks, and come to school Friday showing your **SPIRIT**, all the while supporting the Food Pantry! Please see the list of [requested items](#) for March. Thank you for your support!

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## Open HOP Board Positions 2014-15

HOP is excited to announce three open positions for the 2014-15 HOP Board. A Nominating Committee has been formed to assist in filling the open board positions of HOP Co-Chair, Fundraising Co-Chair and Assistant Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like more information, we would love to hear from you! Please contact [Joanne Minassian](#) or [Maggie Walsh](#). Nominees for these positions will be announced in the HOP newsletter during the first week in April.

HOP 2014 Nominating Committee: Lauren McIver, Joanne Minassian, Rory Richards, Trina Waitkunas and Maggie Walsh

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## Join the Planning Team for Your Child's Festival

The following festivals are in need of coordinators:

**SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS** - The fifth graders will be celebrating their Science Investigations on Wednesday morning, **April 9, 2014**. Further information and volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming, but we **need two or three 5th grade parent/guardian co-chairs** to help Ms. Duckett with the planning of this festival.

**JAPAN FESTIVAL** - The first graders will be celebrating the Japan Festival on Wednesday morning, **May 21, 2014**. Further information and volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming. Two parents have volunteered to co-chair this event, but we **would love to have one more 1st grade parent/guardian co-chair** join the planning team to help Mrs. McWeeney with the planning of this festival.

**LIBRARY SPRING BOOK FAIR** - The library will be hosting its annual Spring Book Fair from **May 21 to 27, 2014**. Further information and volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming, but we need **one or two parent/guardian co-chairs** to assist Mrs. Calareso with planning of this event.

If you are interested in co-chairing any of these festivals, please contact [Jill Marsh](#) or [Joanne Minassian](#).

Thanks for your consideration!

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## SERF College Fair at L-S on Saturday, March 22

Have children in high school? Curious about the college process? Come visit SERF's 6th Annual College Fair on **Saturday, March 22nd** at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School from 1-4 p.m. With an exhibit hall of over 100 colleges and gap year programs, as well as informational seminars presented by industry professionals, SERF provides invaluable resources right here at home. More info at [www.serfsudbury.org](http://www.serfsudbury.org).

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## Upcoming Events

### [Colonial Life Festival](#)

March 12

### [Early Release - ILAP](#)

March 12

### [METCO Stay and Play](#)

March 12

### [METCO Potluck Dinner](#)

March 13

### [Food Pantry](#)

March 14

### [MCAS Testing - Grade 5 E/LA](#)

March 17 and 19

### [MCAS Testing - Grade 4 Long Comp.](#)

March 18

### [HOP General Meeting](#)

March 18

### [Bay Colony Educators - Grade 3](#)

March 19

### [MCAS Testing - Grade 3 Reading](#)

March 20 and 21

## Community News

[Sudbury SEPAC - Workshop On How To Use The IPAD To Improve Communication Skills, Tuesday, March 11](#)

[ECMS Theater Troupe Presents, The Little Mermaid, Jr.](#)

[Sudbury SEPAC Parents' Night - Saturday, March 15](#)

[2014 Annual Mattress Sale Fundraiser](#)

[LSRHS Jamaica Jammin' Fundraiser: Tuesday, March 18](#)

[Commonwealth Ballet Company's "The Secret Garden"](#)

[Sudbury SEPAC Parent Coffee - Friday, March 28](#)

[Fundraiser - Recycle With Friends of L-S Softball - March 29](#)

[League of Women's Voters Presents, "6th Annual Civics Bee ": Sunday, March 30](#)

[Goodnow Library - March 2014 Elementary - Aged Events](#)

[Sudbury SEPAC Parents' Night - Saturday, April 10](#)

[Concord Conservatory of Music: Tom Chapin Family Concert - Sunday, April 13](#)

[Annual Kids' Stuff Tag Sale](#)

For more information, please visit [www.HaynesPTO.org](http://www.HaynesPTO.org) or contact us by email: [HOP@HaynesPTO.org](mailto:HOP@HaynesPTO.org).