

Haynes School Newsletter - December 13, 2016

Dear Haynes Families,

My hope for each of you is that you have a peaceful and healthy holiday. We are always so very busy running around and keeping up with schedules that it is easy to forget the excitement and wonder that holidays bring to our children. I hope you can enjoy this special time with your families and friends. We are so very thankful for all of your support and truly appreciate having your children as our students.

Happy Holidays from the Haynes School Staff!

Teacher Gift Guidelines

With the holidays fast approaching here is an explanation of the policies for gift-giving to teachers, not only at Haynes, but for the state of MA.

At Haynes, it is not the room parent's responsibility to organize teacher gifts. If an individual would like to collect money and purchase a gift from the entire class that is fine. They just need to stick to the acceptable monetary amount for the state. If families wish to give an individual gift that is also acceptable, again staying with the guidelines. Please find the state guidelines for gift giving here:

http://www.sudbury.k12.ma.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=159:gifts-to-teachers&catid=65:parent-handbook

There are several other options including ACE (Appreciation of Champions in Education) awards (<http://serfsudbury.org/give-a-n-ace-award.html>), buying an item from a teacher's wish list (you may ask your child's teacher if they have a wish list or ask your room parent) or purchasing a book or two either from their list made during the book fair or just a family favorite.

During this time of year it is nice to recognize your children's teachers hard work. However, it is not required or recommended to spend a lot of money. Simple and meaningful gifts are just as special. If you have any questions or concerns please contact [Michela Van Patten](#).

The Annual Faculty Cookie Swap Was a Success!

Last week, the faculty enjoyed beautiful, yummy-looking (and reportedly tasty) cookies to take home for the holidays. Many thanks to all who helped, including our 30+ bakers and the behind-the-scenes volunteers. It could not have been a success without you!

Thank you again for your time and effort! Happy Holidays!

Make Sure You Opt-In for Snow Cancellation/Delay Phone Calls!

2016-2017 Snow Cancellation Phone Calls!!! Please enter your name and phone number [HERE](#) if you wish to opt-in to receive a phone message when school opening has been impacted by weather conditions. SPS is opening this up again for additional signups if you missed it earlier this year. It will remain open only until **December 21st!**

LOST AND FOUND - Last Call - Check the Lost and Found! All items left over the break will be donated to charity!

Haynes School Phone System Changes

A new telephone system was recently installed at Haynes School. Please note telephone options and extensions have changed throughout the building.

Our main telephone number is unchanged - [978-443-1093](tel:978-443-1093).

Changes to phone options

To access the staff directory, press *

To call the front office, press 0

To report an absent or tardy, press 1.

To reach the school nurse, press 2

If you have any questions, please contact the front office.

Mrs. Nancy Carbutt - extension 1200

Mrs. Marcy Sawin - extension 1201

Gift of Reading Program

Feeling thankful for someone at Haynes that is making your child's experience an especially great one? Show your gratitude and support the Haynes library all at the same time by sponsoring a book through the Gift of Reading program. Click [HERE](#) to access our school library wish list. Pick a book from this list, generated by students' interests and ideas, and sponsor the title to be added to our school's circulating collection. Be sure to note in the "Gift Message" box, who is donating the book and the name of anyone you may be honoring with this donation. Gift of Reading books are also a great idea for birthdays, holidays, or celebrating someone special "just because". Thanks so much for supporting our library. Please contact [Jodi Sparks](#) with any questions.

'Tis the Season for ACE Awards!!

Looking for ways to recognize your outstanding educator during the holidays? Honor them with an ACE Award (Appreciation of Champions in Education). When you make a donation to SERF (Sudbury Education Resource Fund) in honor of a teacher, specialist, tutor or administrator, the honored educator receives an ACE Award Certificate indicating that a donation has been made to SERF in their name as a "Champion in Education." The school principal also receives notice of the award, so that the honoree can be recognized among the school's faculty and staff. Your donation improves the classroom experience by enabling SERF to fund grant requests made by Sudbury educators (K-12) for innovative projects, technology and materials.

Order your tax-deductible ACE Awards online on the [SERF website](#). The deadline for Holiday ACE Award requests is Thursday, December 15. Your donation will benefit teachers and students by funding SERF grants requested by our educators. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about past and current grants for all K-12 students!

Shutterfly & Tiny Prints

For those of you starting to order your holiday cards, if you shop Shutterfly through the Haynes Storefront, you can use one of the promo codes listed [here](#). Each code is good for **\$10 off a \$50 purchase**, through 12/31/16.

Please note, you must click through the [Haynes storefront](#) so that each order will be tracked and Haynes will receive full credit.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Community News</u>
12/26 - Start of Winter Break through 1/2/17	<u>Sudbury Art Association Holiday Market</u>
1/6/17 - Laser Team Anti-Bullying Performance at All-School Meeting	<u>December Events at Goodnow Library</u>
1/11/17 - early release day	<u>LS Youth Lacrosse Spring Registration</u>
	<u>LS Youth Baseball Spring Registration 2017</u>
	<u>Sudbury Girls Softball Registration Open</u>
	<u>W4W Game, T-shirts and Wristbands</u>
	School Start Time Committee Public Forum