

Haynes School Newsletter - December 6, 2016

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

Snack Packs for Maynard

The Haynes Student Leadership Group's first initiative is a partnership with the Haynes Committee Service Outreach Committee and Open Table in Maynard. Open Table provides "kid's bags" for students twelve and under and we are hoping to acquire grade level snack donations to build approximately 250 kid's bags.

We are **collecting donations this week (December 5th to the 9th)**! If you are interested in donating, please send the item listed below in with your child(ren) and the Student Leadership Group will use it to build the kid's bags on Friday, December 9th. Grades K, 1, and 2 students will also be decorating the kid's bags with colorful images and grades 3, 4, and 5 students will be writing a positive statement to include with the bag of snacks.

Below is a list of donation items for each grade level and a link to Open Table's Kid's Bag program:

Kindergarten and Ms. Lam's Class: Small bags of cookies, pretzels, or crackers

1st grade: Single Juice Boxes

2nd grade: Snack Sized Cereal

3rd grade: Snack sized applesauce, fruit cups, or puddings

4th grade (Gregg, Skahan, and White): Granola/snack bars

5th grade: Single Serving shelf-stable milk

<http://www.opentable.org/kids-bags/>

Thank you for your continued support.

The Student Leadership Group and Mr. Mulcahy

Show Support for Our Schools SPS FY18 Budget Hearing—December 7 Why This FY18 Budget Hearing Is Important to All of Us

Every year, our Sudbury Public School administration works with our School Committee to present a budget to the Sudbury Finance Committee. This iterative process takes into account guidelines presented

by the town's Finance Committee, but also evaluates ***our actual district needs to adequately serve our children and maintain the level of quality education*** our community expects and appreciates.

This year is unlike any other in recent history—***balancing the needs of our district within the budget guidelines dictated by the Finance Committee is not likely possible***. This note provides parents with some background and context for the upcoming budget decision, and asks for your support in advocating for the budget our school needs.

If you want to have your voice heard as important decisions are evaluated, this is your opportunity.

Finance Committee Instructions

For the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, the Finance Committee has instructed the School Committee to present a budget for SPS that represents a 2.25% increase. At the same time, contractual obligations require a 3.5% increase in compensation for teachers and staff. This means SPS will be required to cut the operating budget unless other alternatives are explored.

SPS Budget Implications

While ***we already spend below state average per student across our district***, this budget cut will involve a diligent review of current spending, and minimize the opportunities SPS has to improve and innovate next year and beyond. Given the severity of the existing budget, every expense will need to be thoroughly assessed, including:

- A continued moratorium on all technology purchases, limiting the ability to improve support in our classrooms.
- Analysis of current fees that may not be sufficient to cover club and other extra-curricular activity expenses.
- Analysis of costs of the one-to-one program at Curtis Middle School, which is currently offered at no cost to families.
- A selective reduction in staffing across schools, as staff compensation and benefits account for 85% of district expenses.

In addition, any budget cut will require a continued “hold” on several needs and improvement areas identified across the district, including but not limited to: additional nursing at the middle school, additional district-wide social worker staff, elementary school science coach, recommendations for special education oversight, and technology support staff.

Your Voice at the SPS FY18 Budget Hearing

Please consider attending the SPS FY18 Budget Hearing on December 7 at 7:00pm at Loring Elementary School. There will be a brief presentation about the FY18 budget development followed by your chance to have your voice heard and be part of this important process. ***We can all provide input to the SPS School Committee as they work to develop a budget.***

If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to visit the SPS Website and take advantage of the new [Let's Talk](#) feature to send the administration your thoughts and feedback. Select [Business & Finance](#) to indicate your topic area. On that page, you can also find links to prior year SPS budget documentation.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Bakers Needed for The Annual Cookie Swap!

The Haynes Hospitality Committee is looking for bakers! The **6th Annual Holiday Cookie Swap** for the faculty is on **Friday, Dec. 16th**. This is a great chance to show our thanks and appreciation for the entire Haynes staff and they really love it! We need a lot of bakers to make this successful. **Don't forget you can bake now and freeze for later!**

Please consider baking **3 dozen of your holiday favorites** and bringing them to Haynes by 9:00 a.m. on the 16th. **Place cookies on a dish or tray that you do NOT need returned!** Dropping off your children that morning? Someone will be available to collect your cookies at that time. Not interested in baking? Volunteer for a shift that fits into your schedule to help out with this cheerful event.

~ Please sign up below if you are willing to bake or volunteer and contact [Caryn Keegan](#) or [Martha Bixler](#) with any questions. We thank you!

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.

Richard Sobol to Visit Haynes

We are delighted to have nonfiction author and photojournalist Richard Sobol visit Haynes on December 14th to present to all grades. He will also be conducting individual classroom visits for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders on December 15th and 16th.

Some of his most popular books include: *Breakfast in the Rainforest*, *Elephant Twins*, and *Growing Peace*.

To learn more about Richard, visit his website: www.richardsobol.com. Richard's featured books during his visit are available for sale on the [webstore](#). Order deadline for books will be December 2nd.

'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!

Box Tops

Thank you to all who contributed to the Box Tops contest during the month of November. We collected over 2000 box tops! Thank you! It was a very close race but the winner of extra recess with 390 box tops was Miss Gumas' class! Congratulations!

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.

SPS District Strategic Planning Meetings

Part of the FY2017 district goals is to engage in a process of strategic planning and develop a 3-5 year plan for Sudbury Public Schools. There will be a district strategic planning forum for parents on 12/5/16 @7pm and 12/15/16 @4:30pm. Both forums are to be held at the Senior Center.

Mark Your Calendars:

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Community News</u>
12/5 - SPS Strategic Planning Forum at Senior Center 7pm	Dance Prism Presents the Nutcracker!
12/8 - 3rd Grade Star Lab	December Events at Goodnow Library
12/9 - Kindergarten Liquid and Solids Program	Sudbury Housing Authority Opens Waitlists
12/13 - 4th grade Immigrants program	L-S Youth Wrestling Registration Open
12/14 - Richard Sobol visit	Sudbury Girls Softball Registration Open
12/14 - early release ILAP	
12/15 - SPS Strategic Planning Forum at Senior Center 4:30pm	
12/16 - faculty cookie swap	
12/16 - food pantry	
12/26 - start of winter break	