



Haynes
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Parents



Co-Chairs March Newsletter

We've had a busy and successful school year thanks to our amazing volunteers and parent community! Bingo Night last week was so much fun and a great success and would not have been possible without your time and support, so thank you!

As we move into "festival season," please consider volunteering with your child's class. It is a great way to get involved, meet other parents and see students in action. We are still in need of parents to run the Chicken Festival for Kindergarten and the Mexico Festival for Grade 2, please consider volunteering!

We are also in search of a team to run next year's auction. The auction is crucial to funding so many of the great programs that enrich the lives of our students. In the month of March alone, HOP is funding the Artist in Residence, Physical Changes in Matter for Grade 5, Simple Machines for Grade 3, Brian Lies for Grade 2, and Tales from Ghana for Grade 1. Without an auction team, there is no auction and without an auction, programs such as these are in jeopardy of being cut.

You can contact [Molly](#) or [Mandy](#) if you're interested in joining the auction team or chairing a festival.

Here are upcoming events for March:

March 1-3 - Giles Laroche/Artist in Residence (Grades K-2)

March 1 - 4th Grade Odyssey Parent Information Meeting

March 3 - SPS Family Math Night

March 9 - Early Release (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

March 10 - Physical Changes of Matter (Grade 5)

March 10 - Giles Laroche: Meet the Artist Family Night at 6:30 p.m.

March 11 - Food Pantry

March 12 - SPS/METCO Annual Frog Pond Skating Social

March 15 - Simple Machines (Grade 3)

March 16 - Early Release (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

March 16 - SPS Jessica Minahan Parent Presentation on Anxiety

March 17 - Brian Lies (Grade 2)

March 22 - HOP General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

March 24 - Tales from Ghana (Grade 1)

March 25 - No School (Good Friday)

March 31 - 5th Grade Parent Night at Curtis

As always, thank you for making our school a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.

Best,
Molly and Mandy

Volunteer With Giles Laroche, Haynes' Artist-In-Residence

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to have artist Giles Laroche join the students at Haynes School for a full six days of art. In January, he visited with Grades 3, 4 and 5. He will return March 1-3 to visit with the younger grades. He will demonstrate his special artwork and book illustrations created with cut paper. Each grade level will have a full day to work with Giles and create a curriculum related piece of art to share with the school. Through a SERF grant and HOP funding our students will experience a fun and creative activity that will support their curriculum. Please check out Giles' work on his [website](#).

We have the opportunity to purchase books by Giles Laroche from the [HOP webstore](#). Books will be delivered to students' classrooms during the week the artist comes to Haynes.

Of course we need lots of hands to help the children create their artwork. Please [SIGN UP](#) to volunteer in your child's class. We are currently in need of volunteers for kindergarten and grades 1 and 2. We are also looking for volunteers to make lunch for our Artist-In-Residence. He is not picky and has no restrictions!

Join the Haynes Community for An Evening with the Artist

On **Thursday evening, March 10**, we would like to invite families to come and see the artwork the students have created with Giles Laroche. Join us at **6:30 p.m. in the Haynes Library** for a short presentation by Mr. Laroche. Following that, you may visit the Haynes Art Gallery and get your books autographed. Still need to order books? You can do so at the [HOP webstore](#). Books will be delivered to classrooms.

This wonderful opportunity has been possible thanks to a SERF grant and HOP funding. Please check out Giles Laroche's [website](#).

We will be serving light refreshments on this special night. **Please [RSVP](#) by March 9 so that we may plan accordingly.** Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. for An Evening with the Artist!

February Box Tops Contest

Thank you to all of you who keep cutting and submitting your Box Tops.

Keep up the great work! The class that collects the most box tops will receive extra gym time with Mr. Ilg.

The contest will run until **March 2nd**.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jennifer Burke](#).

HOP Nominating Committee

Step right up to be part of shaping HOP's future. **We will have three open HOP Board positions for the 2016-2017 school year, including HOP Co-Chair, Fundraising Co-Chair, and Assistant Treasurer.** We are in search of a Nominating Committee to help identify possible candidates for these positions. The committee will meet once or twice in March and will aim to identify individuals who would work well in these roles.

Rory Richards and Mandy Sim will serve on this committee and are searching for three additional volunteers. Please contact [Rory](#) or [Mandy](#) if you are interested in helping.

Save the Date for the 1st Grade Japan Festival

This year the **1st Grade Japan Festival will be on Wednesday morning, May 18th.** First grade parents, please mark the date on your calendars! Stay tuned for further details and volunteer sign-ups.

-Your 2016 Japan Festival Co-Chairs,
Kristen Boretti, Nalini Luthra and Shrina Pilipski

Volunteers Needed for 5th Grade Science Investigations Festival

The 5th grade **Science Investigations** festival will take place on **Wednesday, April 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** This curriculum-based, stimulating festival marks the end of the grade-wide festival experience for our Haynes 5th graders.

Don't miss the chance to guide and observe your budding scientists as they explore these areas of science: Solid or Liquid; Journey Through the Solar System; Brilliant Light; Traveling Sounds; Generations of Traits; Rocks and Minerals; and It's Electric and Magnetic!

There is NO science background needed to help with this festival. We need many 5th grade parent/guardian volunteers to make this a successful festival for our 5th graders, so please **VOLUNTEER** today. Join us and see how much fun science can be!

Any questions, please contact [Candace Graff](#).

Thanks in advance for your help!

Annual Book Drive at Haynes

Once again, Haynes will be participating in the annual Book Drive to benefit the Fitchburg Public Schools.

This year's collection will be **March 28th - April 8th 2016.**

Collection bins will be in front of the Haynes Library beginning on March 28th.

Last year, Haynes collected over 2,000 books to help SPS reach its goal of donating 10,000 books - let's collect even more this year!

So, PLEASE look on your book shelves, your attic or your basement . . . ask your friends and neighbors to look . . . for new or gently used books that could help a child (Pre-K to 8th grade) learn the joy of reading. (PLEASE NO TEXT BOOKS, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, or RELIGIOUS BOOKS, but holiday books are okay.)

The Red Raiders Lending Libraries of Fitchburg are grateful for your donations! For more details or if you want to donate your books before March 28th, please contact [Roz Hawk](#).

- The Community Service Committee

SPS/METCO Annual Frog Pond Skating Social

On **Saturday, March 12 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**, SPS and Metco will be hosting their annual Frog Pond skating social. This is a chance for SPS families to meet up with other SPS families for an afternoon of skating in Boston. There are skate rentals available at the Frog Pond. Hope to see you there!

Discovery Museums Visits Second and Fifth Grades

This month, [The Discovery Museums](#) visited second and fifth grades at Haynes, courtesy of HOP.

Second graders participated in the **Light and Lasers** workshop. The students examined the properties of light (reflection / refraction) and learned the difference between white and laser light. They saw how white light splits into a rainbow as it travels through a prism, but laser light does not (since there is only one wave length in laser). The students had hands on practice with prisms and various color filters.

Fifth graders participated in the **Kitchen Chemistry** workshop. Students explored the difference between a physical and chemical reaction while they changed and monitored the pH of various household liquids. They learned about common acid and base indicators found in the kitchen.

Upcoming Events

[Giles Laroche/Artist in Residence Visit \(Grades K-2\)](#)

March 1-3

[4th Grade Odyssey Parent Info Night](#)

March 1

[SPS Family Math Night](#)

March 3

Community News

[Sudbury SEPAC Lotus Blossom Fundraiser: Mar. 1](#)

[Goodnow Library Family Adventures in Reading: Mar. 5 - Apr. 16 \(Saturdays\)](#)

[Liz Buchanan Family Concert: Mar. 5](#)

[Sudbury LWV Civics Bee: Mar. 6](#)

[Early Release \(Parent/Teacher Conferences\)](#)

March 9

[Physical Changes of Matter \(Grade 5\)](#)

March 10

[An Evening With Artist Giles Laroche](#)

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[Food Pantry Collection](#)

March 11

[SPS/METCO Frog Pond Ice Skating Social](#)

March 12

[LS Jamaica Jammin' Lotus Blossom Fundraiser: Mar. 8](#)

[Goodnow Library Mystery Authors Evening: Mar. 8](#)

[Curtis Theatre Troupe Presents "A Year with Frog and Toad": Mar. 10-13](#)

[Free Panel Discussion on Children's Issues: Mar. 11](#)

[Commonwealth Ballet Company's "The Nightingale": Mar. 12-13](#)

[Goodnow Library Children's Programs and Events Calendar](#)

[Spring Fling Family FUNdraiser: Apr. 2](#)

[MetroWest Youth Rugby Season Kickoff Clinic: Apr. 3](#)

[Bridges Together - Spring Into Summer Brunch & Bid: Apr. 3](#)

[Sudbury SEPAC Workshops and Social Events](#)

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