

# Haynes School Newsletter - January 2, 2017

## Happy New Year from Mrs. MacDonald and Mr. Mulcahy

I hope that all of our Haynes Families had a wonderful winter break. It was a great time to enjoy families and friends. School breaks give families and staff the opportunity to relax and refresh. The New Year gives us all a time for reflecting on our hopes and dreams and to examine what opportunities 2017 may hold for us. The New Year is a time of reflection and determined new action. As we look to the future, many people begin making new goals. One lesson that can be learned as we pay attention to these good intentions is that we should always act as if what we do makes a difference – because it does! Parents and teachers significantly influence children's lives each day. Young people are our greatest resource. Making a positive impact in the lives of our students is vital. Haynes School's dedicated staff, many volunteers and parents all work very hard to benefit children. What we do each day matters! This is a great time to reflect on what we can do to support student learning.

The [PBS parent website](#) offers these suggestions:

**Be a role model of learning:** When a child begins formal school, the parent's job is to show him how school can extend the learning you began together at home, and how exciting and meaningful this learning can be.

**Practice what your child learns at school:** Many teachers appreciate parents to go over what their children are learning in a non-pressured way and to practice what they may need extra help with. Set aside time to read together. Read aloud regularly, even to older kids. If your child is a reluctant reader, reading aloud will expose her to the structure and vocabulary of good literature and get her interested in reading more. "Reading the first two chapters of a book together can help, because these are often the toughest in terms of plot," notes Susan Becker, M. Ed. "Let kids pick the books they like. It's OK to read easy, interesting books instead of harder novels."

**Help your child take charge of his learning:** "We want to keep children in charge of their learning and become responsible for it," says Dalton Miller-Jones, Ph.D. "We want them to be responsible for their successes and failures, show them how engaging learning is, and that the motivations for learning should be the child's intrinsic interests, not an external reward."

**Learn something new yourself:** Learning something new yourself is a great way to model the learning process for your child. Take up a new language or craft, or read about an unfamiliar topic. Show your child what you are learning and how you may be struggling. Your child may learn study skills by watching you study. You might even establish a joint study time.

As we work together, our goal at Haynes is to fully meet the academic and social needs of all our students. With your continued support, we can make a great impact on every child attending the Josiah Haynes School. All the best as we head into 2017!

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## Lost and Found

All clothing left in the Lost and Found will be donated on Friday, 1/6/2017. Have your child check it one last time!!

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## SNOW DAY OPT-In

Please [click here](#) to receive a phone call regarding snow day information.

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## Attention Fifth Grade Families: School Store Information

Many of you know that our fifth graders are responsible for running the School Store. The first step in that process is advertising the days and hours it will be open.

This **Wednesday, January 4th**, any student who is interested is invited to bring a bag lunch and make posters to advertise the hours and days of school store.

Mr. Ilg kindly offered the gym as a place the students can work and eat a bag lunch. If your student is interested in helping, please send a nut free lunch.

We also need **parent volunteers** to help supervise this activity. Please consider volunteering from 12:35-1 (recess) or 1-1:25 (lunch). The children are welcome to make posters during either recess or lunch – or they can stay for both periods.

Parents, please also consider **donating poster board and/or markers**. Extra arts and crafts supplies are always welcome – that way we can be sure that every student can design and complete a poster.

Thank you so much for all of your help making fifth grade a successful year!

Contact either of us with questions or to volunteer.

Lisa Frigon <[lisafrigon@aol.com](mailto:lisafrigon@aol.com)> (Mia's mom)

Stephanie Lapat <[stephanie719@comcast.net](mailto:stephanie719@comcast.net)> (Gabby's mom)

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### **[School Committee Special Session - Tuesday, January 3rd!](#)**

The School Committee will convene in Special Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of Sudbury Police Station, located at 75 Hudson Road. The Notice and Agenda for this meeting is [here](#). If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact Justin Dulak at 978-639-3211.

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### **[HOP General Meeting - Wednesday, January 18th!](#)**

Please join us for the first HOP General Meeting of 2017! We will be meeting on Wednesday, January, 18th at 9:30am in the Haynes cafeteria. Join us to learn more about HOP happenings, volunteer opportunities and new events. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### **[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

<a href="#">Upcoming Events</a>	<a href="#">Community News</a>
1/6/17 - Prismatic Magic Laser Anti-Bullying Performance at All-School Meeting - 2:30 PM	<a href="#">LS Youth Lacrosse Spring Registration</a>
1/11/17 - Early Release (ILAP)	<a href="#">LS Youth Baseball Spring Registration 2017</a>
1/18/17 - HOP General Meeting 9:30am	<a href="#">Sudbury Girls Softball Registration Open</a>
1/25/17 - Early Release (ILAP)	School Start Time Committee Public Forum
	LSRHS Class of 2020 and Girls Basketball Fundraiser