

# Haynes School Newsletter - February 28, 2017

## [March 2 - 4th Grade Odyssey: Parent Information Night](#)

The **4th Grade Parent Information Night for Odyssey** will be held at **Curtis Middle School on March 2nd from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** Parents will receive all the information about the three day trip (May 24-26 for Haynes students), as well as have time to ask questions. If you've never had a child go on the trip, please make attending this meeting a priority! Cost, food menu, allergies, medication distribution, list of items to bring, chaperone information and more will be discussed. Each family will receive an information packet, including required forms. For more information, please visit the [Odyssey website](#).

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## [Bingo Night is This Friday, March 3rd!](#)

**Bingo Night is this Friday, March 3rd at Curtis Middle School. This week is your last opportunity to reserve tickets and [pre-order](#) pizza and salads!** No tickets will be sold at the door and due to fire code requirements, all attendees (even event volunteers) will need an admission ticket. [RESERVE ONLINE](#)

Have fun playing bingo with friends & many of your favorite teachers calling out the bingo numbers! **There are two seatings: 5:30 – 7:00p.m. and 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person (children under 3 are free), or \$20 per family.**

Come to the Haynes Lobby and check out the 20 fabulous raffle baskets! **Raffle tickets are \$2 each and you do not need to be present to win. You can purchase tickets at the event, through your backpack flyer, and in the Haynes lobby on March 1st and 2nd starting at 3pm.** Any questions contact Laura Broderick or Adina Goodman at [LBCBroderick@gmail.com](mailto:LBCBroderick@gmail.com) or [Adinamgoodman@gmail.com](mailto:Adinamgoodman@gmail.com).

Tickets and payments can be dropped in the raffle ticket box in the lobby, please make checks payable to HOP!

## [Volunteer at Bingo Night!](#)

Once you decide which session your family will attend, please [volunteer](#) for a shift. Volunteers are needed for registration, refreshments, recorders, spotters and the raffle and prize tables. There are volunteer opportunities for the 5th graders as well! Visit the [Bingo Volunteer Page](#) for a list of all open positions and book your spot online by clicking on the job you are interested in. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you!

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## [March 16th STEaM Carnival - A New Look for the Science Fair](#)

This year, the Science Fair is changing focus. Rather than being an evening to showcase experiments conducted at home, this will be a daytime event - a STEAM Carnival where all of Haynes students will join in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math focused exploration.

The STEAM Carnival will be held during the school day on March 16th. There will be: virtual and augmented reality stations where students will explore other times and places; obstacle courses to challenge the laws of physics; simple machines used to create Rube Goldberg devices; Stop action animation; Coding; Robotics, and more. A STEAM Carnival is a hands-on, immersive experience for students.

All students will rotate through many different experiences-some will also demonstrate and guide other students. We would love to have volunteers for the actual event itself, but if you do not have time to come, please consider donating some of the consumables ( such as origami paper, straws, paper towel tubes, etc. ) or loaning items ( like drones, marble runs, and erector sets.) The students will be learning all about it in Friday meeting soon, and I know they will be as excited as we are!

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### [HOP General Meeting: Tuesday, March 21st](#)

Please join us on Tuesday evening, March 21st at 7:30 p.m.in the Haynes library for the third HOP General Meeting of the year. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

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### [HOP Nominating Committee](#)

Step right up to be part of shaping HOP's future. We will have four open HOP Board positions for the 2017-2018 school year, including HOP Co-Chair, Fundraising Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. 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.

Dayna Buckley and Alison Riquier will serve on this committee and are searching for three additional volunteers. Please contact Dayna or Alison if you are interested in helping.

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### [March 22 - 5th Grade Science Investigations](#)

The 5th grade **Science Investigations** will be **Wednesday, March 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** This fun, curriculum-based festival is the last grade-wide festival experience for our Haynes 5th graders. Volunteers are needed to run activity stations, put together a mystery, be a photographer, and help with setup/cleanup. Click [HERE](#) to view all volunteer opportunities.

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

There is NO science background needed to help with this festival. For each station, Holly Estes, Sudbury's Science Coordinator, will provide materials and guidance. We need many 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!

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### [Time for Another Box Tops Contest!](#)

It's almost March and that means it's time for another Box Tops Contest!

The class that collects the most box tops until March 31st will win extra gym time!

Contest rules:

- All box tops must either be in a zip loc plastic bag or on a collection sheet (insert link for collection sheet here).
- Box tops cannot be expired.
- Please make sure your name and teacher's name are clearly labeled so you get credit.
- Please place box tops in the Box Top mailbox at the front desk.

Good luck!

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## [SPS Annual Book Drive at Haynes](#)

Haynes will be participating in the annual Book Drive to benefit the Fitchburg Public Schools. **This year's collection will be March 3rd-17th!** Collection bins will be in front of the Haynes Library beginning on March 3rd. 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! We have already pre-collected over 800 books to put to our tally. Let's aim BIG and try for 3,000 books for 2017!!!!

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 ok.) 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 3rd, please contact [Roz Hawk](#).

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## [March 28 - Screenagers Movie Presentation](#)

**The Sudbury PTOs and Parent Education of Sudbury are very excited to bring the film SCREENAGERS to Sudbury March 28, 7 - 9 pm at Ephraim Curtis Middle School.**

Award-winning SCREENAGERS probes the impact of the digital age on children and how to help them minimize harmful effects of too much screen time, and find balance. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists, the film suggests some solutions as to how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

To register, visit <https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-sudbury-public-schools-1622>

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## [March 29 - It's Time for Japan Festival!](#)

Kon'nichiwa First Grade Families! Soon the first graders will begin their study of Japan, and planning for this year's Japan Festival has already begun. The festival will be on the morning of **Wednesday, March 29 from 9:00am – 12:00pm** and parent volunteers make the festival possible. We are excited about this event and hope that you can join us to make it a fun and memorable occasion. There are many volunteer opportunities to fit different schedules.

All volunteers will be given detailed instructions and guidelines on how their station is run. We have several years of notes to make sure all volunteers know exactly what needs to be done to execute a great festival. Visit the [HOP website](#) to learn more about volunteer opportunities and to sign up. Please make arrangements for siblings since the event is only open to first graders.

If you plan to attend by volunteering, please be sure to have an updated CORI check. If you are unsure about whether your CORI form is up-to-date, please check with Marcy Sawin at the school front desk by March 1st. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you would like to receive additional information. If you would like to volunteer, please click [here](#) to sign up through the HOP website.

Arigato (thanks) in advance for your help in making this year's festival a success!

Japan Festival Co-Chairs – [Cheri Ando](#) & [Valerie Frissora](#)

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## **[Hear Ye! Hear Ye! It's Time for the Haynes Colonial Festival!](#)**

The 3rd Grade Colonial Festival is on Wednesday morning, April 12th from 9:00am – 12pm.

This is a very fun festival, with very fun volunteer opportunities! Third Grade families can sign up [ONLINE](#) to help. If you have any questions about what is involved with any of the stations, please contact the Colonial Festival Co-Chairs.

[Mandy Sim](#), [Jen Burke](#), or [Tara Helgeson](#)

## **[Olé! Volunteer at the Mexico Festival!](#)**

Save the date - The **second graders** will be celebrating their **Mexico Festival** on Wednesday morning, **April 26th**. Many volunteers are needed . . . come join the fun!

## **[Snow Gear Request](#)**

If you have an extra pair of snow pants, boots or winter jackets that you no longer need, Haynes could use a few extras for when kids forget their snow gear at home. Feel free to leave at the front reception area of school. Thank you!

## **[Important: Haynes MCAS 2.0 Schedule for Spring 2017](#)**

Included below is the specific schedule for the upcoming MCAS test. These are the exact dates your child(ren) will be taking the exam. Please encourage your child to get sufficient rest the night before any test sessions, to eat breakfast, and to extend their best effort. Children should also be encouraged to bring a water bottle to school; hydration is a key to concentration. It is imperative that all children be in school during testing. Please try to avoid any appointments or trips that will prevent your child from attending school.

Grade/Test Session	Dates
Grade 3 MCAS: ELA	April 3rd, 4th, and 5th
Grade 3 MCAS: Math	May 3rd and 4th
Grade 4 MCAS: ELA	April 5th, 6th, and 7th
Grade 4 MCAS: Math	May 11th and 12th
Grade 5 MCAS: ELA	April 25th, 27th, and May 1st
Grade 5 MCAS: Math	May 8th and 9th
Grade 5 MCAS: Science, Technology, Engineering	May 16th and 17th

A hard copy of this letter was sent home on Friday, January 6th with your child. Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement during the testing.

Sincerely,

Sharon and Scott

\* This year, all Massachusetts students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be assessed using Computer-based Testing (CBT). In order to prepare our students for this testing, 4th grade students are participating in a keyboarding program from [www.TypingClub.com](http://www.TypingClub.com). All students have accounts and passwords. We encourage students to practice keyboarding at home to prepare for the writing portions of the test. If you have questions about accessing the website or account information, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

<a href="#">Upcoming Events</a>	<a href="#">Community News</a>
3/2/17 - 4th grade parents: Odyssey information night at Curtis, 7PM	<a href="#">An Evening of Note - Goodnow Fundraiser</a>
3/3/17 - Bingo Night	<a href="#">LS Youth Lacrosse Spring Registration</a>
3/8/17 - Early Release (ILAP)	<a href="#">Sudbury Girls Softball Registration Open</a>
	<a href="#">Annual family and Friends Skating Social in Boston</a>