

Haynes School Newsletter - March 14, 2017

5th Grade Family Volunteers Still Needed!

There are still openings to volunteer for the **5th grade Science Investigations Festival on Wednesday, March 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** There is NO science background needed to help with this festival. Still wondering if you are qualified? Take this quiz!

- would you enjoy seeing our kids in lab coats?
- do you use electricity?
- do you like liquids?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please click [here](#) to volunteer. For each activity, Holly Estes, Sudbury's Science Coordinator, will provide materials and guidance. We need many volunteers for a successful festival, so please join us and see how much fun science can be!

STeAM Carnival, March 16th

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.)**

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](#).

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. Superintendent Dr. Anne Wilson will be presenting the 2017-2018 budget and will be joined by members of the School Committee. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

[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.

[Order Your Haynes Yearbook Today!](#)

Class pictures, candid, teacher and staff photos, all the big school events, and school portraits of every student will be included in the yearbook to create a beautiful, full-color book of school memories. It's not just for 5th graders! Students of all ages get excited when they see themselves in the yearbook.

Can't remember if you have already ordered? Check the link [here](#) to see if your child's name is one it. Order [ONLINE](#) at the HOP Webstore or click [here](#) for a paper form. Questions? Contact [Kelly Pacific](#).

Attention 5th grade parents!! We need your photos for the 5th grade Memory pages! We would love any high resolution (non-iPhone) images you'd like to share from your 5th graders' years at Haynes!! Just email to [CariAnne Kreml](#).

[Coming Soon!– Square1 Art Catalog Featuring Your Child's Artwork](#)

Your little artists have been working hard! Keep your eyes open for their Square1 Art order forms and art catalog that will be coming home sometime around March 27th. The students spent January and February working on original works of art with art teacher Mrs. Sahely, and Square1 Art turns this artwork into amazing items like thermal mugs, pillow covers, coasters, necklace charms and so much more. The order deadline will be April 10th, and all items will arrive in time for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation. This is our final HOP fundraiser of the year, and all the profits from this fundraiser continue to fund end of the year HOP events like festivals, field day and grade-level crafts.

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

It's 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!

Important: Haynes MCAS 2.0 Schedule for Spring 2017

NOTE CHANGE for 5th Grade ELA - NOW April 25th, 27th, and May 1st

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 4th 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. 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.

Upcoming Events	Community News
3/8/17 - Chandikra - Traditional Kathak Dance and Storyteller (@10:15am K-2 and 11:30am Grades 3-5)	LS Youth Lacrosse Spring Registration

3/8/17 - Early Release (ILAP)	Sudbury Girls Softball Registration Open
3/10/17 - Food Pantry Collection	Annual family and Friends Skating Social in Boston
3/15/17 - Early Release (ILAP)	
3/16/17- STEaM Carnival	
3/21/17 - HOP General Meeting 7:30pm	
3/22/17 - 5th Grade Science Investigations	
3/29/17 - 1st Grade Japan Festival	

Here are upcoming events for March:

March 3-17 - Haynes Book Drive

March 8 - Chhandika: Kathak Dance of Northern India

March 8 - Early Release (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

March 9 - Physical Changes of Matter (Grade 5)

March 10 - Food Pantry

March 14 - Simple Machines (Grade 3)

March 15 - Early Release (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

March 16 - STEAM Carnival

March 21 - HOP General Meeting at 7:30pm

March 22 - Science Investigations (Grade 5)

March 29 - Japan Festival (Grade 1)

March 29 - Early Release (ILAP)

March 30 - 5th Grade Parent Night