

Haynes School Newsletter - November 28, 2016

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.

Fun For the Entire Family...Movie Night!

Don't miss Movie Night on Thursday, December 1st!

Showing: **Finding Dory**

Doors will open at 6 p.m. Movie will start at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Pizzas and also Caesar Salad with Chicken and Greek Salad with Chicken (salads from Sudbury Coffee Works) are available by pre-order. Popcorn, Candy and Drinks (water, lemonade and flavored seltzer) will also be for sale during the movie. [RESERVE your spot and your dinner online](#) or if you prefer to send in a check, download the [Reservation Form](#). Please put the reservation form and a check (payable to HOP, Inc.) in the box located in the front lobby of the school.

5th grade parents and students: volunteer to help out at the event [here!](#)

****Movie Night is sponsored by the 5th grade class. All proceeds go to the 5th grade to fund the 5th grade Fun Night & Moving on Ceremony!****

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 going to **collect donations the week of 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

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.

Get Ready to Read! Book Fair is coming Nov 28th – Dec. 2nd

The HAYNES BOOK FAIR will be held Mon-Fri, Nov. 28th – Dec. 2nd in the Haynes library.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, Nov. 28	10:00am – 3:45pm
Tuesday, Nov. 29	8:45am – 3:45pm
Wednesday, Nov. 30	8:45am – 12:45pm
Thursday, Dec.1	8:45am – 3:45pm, Movie Night 6:00-8:00pm
Friday, Dec. 2	8:45am – 11:00am

Each child's class will visit the book fair once during the week. [Click here](#) to see a complete class schedule, and [click here](#) to volunteer for the Book Fair. Please feel free to visit with your child's class or during any of the hours listed above.

The Fall Book Fair is a great time to purchase books for holidays, birthdays, trips and just good reading. There will be books for pre-school, elementary, young adult and adult readers. Wish lists for teachers and specialists will be available for book donations.

Held in connection with Scholastic Book Fairs.

District Wide Textile Bin Contest

When cleaning out your closets, re-decorating , or updating your household linens, support Haynes!

Please drop your clean yet unwanted clothes, footwear, accessories (hats, gloves), linens (sheets, blankets, washcloths) and stuffed animals in the bin located behind the school! HOP is given money based on per ton donated. The bin will remain outside the school, near the pickup and drop-off line, all year long. However, from now until November 30th there is a district wide contest and we can received even more money based on our donations. Please click [here](#) for more information on prize money and a list of items accepted for donations.

'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 have been cutting and saving those Box Tops! Our November contest is off to a good start! Currently, in first place is Miss Gumas' class with 157 Box Tops and not too far behind is Mrs. Rosenbaum's class with 121 collected! Keep submitting those Box Tops – you have until Friday, December 2nd to try and have your class win extra recess!

Contest rules:

- All box tops must either be in a zip loc plastic bag or on a collection sheet (click [here](#) for collection sheet).
- 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!

Please click [here](#) to print out a collection sheet.

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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Reminder

Classroom teachers are using Sign-Up Genius to schedule conferences. Please check with your child's classroom teacher to get the link.

Conference days are Early Release Days - November 9th, 16th, 30th.

[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>
11/28-12/2 Fall Book Fair	<u>Dance Prism Presents the Nutcracker!</u>
12/1 - Movie Night	<u>November Events at Goodnow Library</u>
12/5 - SPS Strategic Planning Forum at Senior Center 7pm	<u>Sudbury Housing Authority Opens Waitlists</u>
12/8 - 3rd Grade Star Lab	<u>L-S Youth Wrestling Registration Open</u>
12/8 - G5 to Blue Hills (Rosenbaum-Rescheduled)	<u>Save the Date, December 3rd, Mattress Fundraiser</u>
12/9 - Kindergarten Liquid and Solids Program	<u>Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Public Information Meeting</u>
<u>12/15 - SPS Strategic Planning Forum at Senior Center 4:30pm</u>	