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BINGO Night is This Friday at Curtis Middle School

Bingo Night is coming! **It's Friday, February 26th.** There are two seatings: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person (children under 3 are free), or \$20 per family. Reservations must be made in advance, no "tickets" will be sold at the door and due to fire code requirements, all attendees (even event volunteers) will need an admission ticket. Print the [Bingo Reservation Form](#) or [RESERVE ONLINE!](#)

We'll have pizza, salads, snacks and raffle baskets! Have fun playing Bingo with friends and many of your favorite teachers calling the Bingo numbers!

Come to the Haynes Lobby and check out the [20 fabulous raffle baskets](#) to be won on Bingo Night! Raffle tickets are \$2 each. Tickets and payment can be dropped in the raffle ticket box in the lobby. Please make checks payable to HOP. Click [HERE](#) to print a sheet of raffle tickets.

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!

-[Jill Kushinsky](#) and [Maggie Walsh](#)

2016 Bingo Co-Chairs

School Store Clearance Sale!

The Haynes Hawk's Nest school store is having a CLEARANCE SALE from **8:45 - 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 and Thursday, Feb. 25!** Grades 1, 2 and 3 are invited to shop Tuesday morning and Kindergarten, 4th and 5th graders will be able to shop Thursday morning. Don't miss out . . . the store will not reopen until next year!

In addition to being an excellent leadership opportunity for our 5th grade class, all proceeds go to fund fifth grade end-of-year activities, as well as a class gift to the Haynes School Community.

Fifth grade parents and guardians are needed to help the students run the store! We need four adult volunteers per morning for approximately 45 minutes from 8:30 -9:15 a.m. Parents, please consider [SIGNING UP](#) to help out!

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 on the [HOP website](#) 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!

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!

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](#) by Monday, February 29th if you are interested in helping.

February Box Tops Contest

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

As of Friday, February 12th our class leaders in the Box Top Contest are Mrs. Stone (87), Mrs. Hufnagel (51), and Mrs. Whitehead (48).

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](#).

Help Plan the 2016 Auction!

The HOP Board is actively looking for an auction team for next year. The duties tend to break down as donations (usually 2 co-chairs), publicity (1 co-chair), and event planning (1-2 co-chairs).

The auction is the largest fundraiser of the year, as well as one of our largest community events. It accounts for 80% of the HOP budget which provides funds for grade-level festivals, cultural and science enrichment, technology in the classrooms, playground equipment and so much more.

The auction will take place in November 2016, but we are trying to bring this new team together sooner rather than later, because some planning decisions need to be made in advance. Right now, everything is on the table and it will be up to the new auction team to decide what direction it takes. We would like to have a meeting with potential co-chairs (you do not have to commit to being a co-chair, just have an interest) after February break to discuss venue, format, and other ideas for how to make the auction a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Please let us know if you would be interested in being part of the team. If you are interested, but have questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email Rory or Lisa.

- [Rory Richards](#) and [Lisa Frigon](#)
HOP Fundraising Co-Chairs

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!

Upcoming Events

[School Store: Clearance Sale](#)

February 23 and 25

[Early Release \(ILAP\)](#)

February 24

[SPS Safety Training Parent Info Night](#)

February 25

[Bingo Night](#)

February 26

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

March 1-3

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

March 1

[SPS Family Math Night](#)

March 3

Community News

[Curtis Theatre Troupe Lotus Blossom Fundraiser: Feb. 23](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[MetroWest Youth Rugby Season Kickoff Clinic: Apr. 2](#)

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

[Sudbury SEPAC Workshops and Social Events](#)

For more information, please visit www.HaynesPTO.org or contact us by email: HOP@HaynesPTO.org.