

Haynes School Newsletter – Week of August 23, 2016

We will be combining the Haynes School Newsletter and the HOP newsletter this year.

News from the Principal: Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at the Josiah Haynes School! I hope you all had a restful and fun summer filled with activities that exercised minds and bodies! It is so important that we all take time to "smell the roses" and "put our toes in the water". It is rejuvenating for all of us to enjoy some summer!

We are looking forward to welcoming students to an exciting and fun year at the Haynes School. The floors are waxed and shiny, the teachers are getting their classrooms ready, educators are preparing for a new year with professional development in curriculum and technology.

This year we have some new updates for you as you prepare for the school year ahead. Please take a few minutes to review these updates and be prepared for the first day of school on August 31st!

[Sharon MacDonald](#), Principal

News from the Haynes Organization of Parents: On behalf of the Haynes Organization of Parents (HOP), welcome to another year of fun-filled events, programs and opportunities. A special welcome to new families and staff! All parents and guardians are members of HOP. We look forward to working with you this year and encourage you to contact us with questions, ideas and suggestions.

HOP has open committee positions to fill. Whether you have a lot or a little time to give, there's something for you. Get a friend and join together – all positions are easy to share and perfect for new families or those who've been at Haynes for a while! We are looking forward to a great year!

We look forward to working with you! Please contact us with any questions, concerns or ideas.

[Mandy Sim](#) and [Dayna Buckley](#), 2016-2017 HOP Co-Chairs

Important Calendar events: All school events have been loaded onto the calendar on the HOP and Haynes School websites. Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming activities:

8/31 – First Day of School, 8:45 am

8/31 - Haynes Community Picnic from 5:00 -7:00 pm

9/2 – **NO School** – Labor Day weekend

9/5 – **NO School** – Labor Day

9/9 - New Family Orientation Coffee at 9:30 am

9/11 – Wally Bells On Road Race

9/13 - School Photo Day

9/15 – HOP Committee Chairs Meeting for all parent volunteers at 9:30 am

9/20 – Photo Re-take Day

9/27 - Back to School Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm

9/28 – **Early Dismissal 12:45 pm**

10/17 - HOP General Meeting at 7:30 pm

11/19 - Haynes Auction

Back to School Forms: All Back to School forms can be found on the [Forms and Publications](#) page.

Forms include, but are not limited to, health and emergency contact, permanent dismissal, and photographic permission. Students who require administration of medication and/or require an allergy care plan will need to complete various medical forms that can be found on the [SPS Nursing](#) page.

Parents wishing to volunteer are required to complete a parent volunteer form, CORI form and volunteer contract.

We encourage you to review the 2016-17 Dismissal Procedures and complete the 2016-17 Permanent Dismissal Form and Health and Emergency Information Form before school starts. **Return the completed forms to the front office on or before the first day of school.** Additional forms and information will be posted to the Forms and Publications page. Please check back frequently and send in your completed forms in a timely manner to ease the paperwork burden on the front office!

Follett Aspen Family Portal: Sudbury Public Schools administers and manages a database system where parents have online access to key components of children's student records including attendance, schedules, biographical information and competency reports. This system is called the Follett Aspen Family Portal. Parents should contact the front office for your login ID/password. [Click here](#) for more information and to access the Follett Aspen Family Portal.

Come celebrate with the Haynes Community! The 4th Annual Community Picnic is coming to Haynes! Mark your calendars as HOP will be hosting a Community Picnic on the first day of school from 5:00-7:00 PM! Come out to the Haynes playground on the evening of **August 31st** to celebrate the first day of school and the exciting year ahead. Please plan to join us for this fun and free event. There will be a DJ, face-painting and some amazing food trucks! We look forward to seeing you on August 31st!
Karen Trevisan and Allison Evans; Community Picnic Co-Chairs

Join the School Improvement Council: We need a parent representative for the School Improvement Council. It is a two-year term, elected by parents to represent the parent community to participate in advising the Principal in matters of School Improvement. The council is made of 2 Haynes staff members, a Community liaison, 3 parents and the Principal. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:00 – 9:00 am. If you are interested please send a biography of yourself to [Mandy Sim](#) or [Dayna Buckley](#). There will be an online election in September.

Save the Date – Adult Night Out! Save the date for an Adult Night Out. On **Saturday, November 19, 2016**, HOP will be hosting the largest fundraiser of the year at Wedgewood Pines Country Club in Stow. More information coming soon!

Volunteer Spots Available: HOP has open committee positions to fill for this school year. Whether you have a lot or a little time to give, there's something for you. Now is a great time to get involved! You can even join together with a friend – all positions are easy to share and perfect for new incoming families! If you are interested [Click here to learn more](#). Or contact [Mandy Sim](#) or [Dayna Buckley](#).

School Supplies for 2016-17: Thank you to everyone who participated in the SchoolKidz school supply kit program last spring! Regretfully, no more orders can be taken for kits. Kits will be delivered to each classroom before the first day of school. If you did not purchase a kit for your child, the 2016-17 school supply lists for each grade can be found [HERE](#).

Your Company Can Support Haynes: NEW THIS YEAR! If you work for an area business that would like to advertise to our community, as well as support HOP, consider placing an ad in our school directory. In honor of the Olympics, we are offering bronze, silver and gold sponsorship levels. Our families use the Directory to stay in touch with each other throughout the year. Advertising in the directory also allows the Haynes community to show their support for businesses that support Haynes. If you would like to learn more, please e-mail HOP Fundraising Co-Chair, Rory Richards (roryrichards@gmail.com)

We look forward to a great year together and hope you will contact us if you have any questions in the upcoming months!