

NOVEMBER

2011



# Haines Newsletter

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## A Message From the Principal



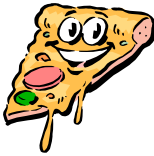

October was full of fun, learning and planning! All students enjoyed learning how to Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best with our yo-yos and friend NED. Those that participated in the fundraiser got to throw a water balloon at the principal (of course, this principal was able to wear a rain poncho, hard hat and goggles). The Haines School Improvement Team completed our plan for the year and the District-wide Improvement plan was formulated. Everyone is well underway with the use of the new Language Arts series and the parent component of Power School and Storytown is up and running. The second and third graders visited Lincoln-Way High School for a play and the first graders had an "in-house" field trip with the New Lenox Fire Department and their safety house, ambulance and fire-truck. They also learned about the importance of 911, with a visit from a representative from the Will County 911 System. Our summer readers have all their ratings and rankings of their books proudly displayed on the large wall by the computer lab – thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Knutsen. Finally, thanks to all of our parent volunteers, all the classrooms had some really fun Halloween parties!

November will feature our annual American Education Week celebration with our Drop Everything and Read Breakfast for all of our Haines families (on November 18) followed by Parent-Teacher conferences the following week on November 23 and 24. The entire Haines staff dedicates itself to continuing the educational process you, as parents, began with the birth of your child. The breakfast allows us to celebrate this educational process and to thank all of you for allowing us to be a part of your family's educational team. Report cards will go home on Nov. 18, allowing you time to look over the report, and formulate questions and comments before attending the Parent/Teacher conferences. The conferences will provide an opportunity for the sharing of experiences, progress, perspectives, and for planning future collaboration.

November is also the ideal time to take a few moments to reflect on our blessings and giving thanks for those blessings. Gratitude is an attitude.....all great people have grateful attitudes. This is a great community with many great people and I, for one, am very grateful to be a part of this great community!

Jackie Miller

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November	6	Turn clocks back 1 hour	
	10	End of 1st trimester	
	11	No School— Veteran's Day	
	14-18	American Education Week	
	15	Picture Retake Day	
	16	School Board Meeting 7:00 @ Haven Admin. Center	
	17	PTO Meeting	
		Market Day Pick-up / 4:30-6:30	
	17	Pride Day / Marchelloni Pizza Day	
	18	D.E.A.R. Breakfast — <b>Watch for your invitation to be coming home soon!</b>	
	18	1/2 day School Improvement Day 12:15 dismissal	
		Report Cards issued	
	21-22	Parent — Teacher Conferences—NO SCHOOL	
	23-25	Thanksgiving Break / No School	

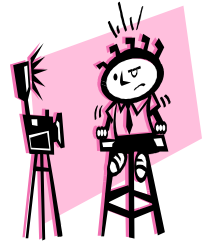
## School and Office Hours

- The school office hours are 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- During those hours, someone is available to answer the phone.
- The school is open from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. each day if parents need to retrieve something from a classroom.



## Picture retakes

Picture retakes will be on Tuesday, November 15. Please let the office know and return your proof sheet if you would like your child's picture retaken. If your child was absent on our original picture day, their picture will be taken on retake day. Wear your smiles!



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

The Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 21 and 22. Please be prompt for your conference. Teachers have many parents to see and schedule conferences back to back. If you are unable to attend your scheduled conference, call the Haines office at 485-2115 to cancel. The teacher will contact you to reschedule the conference. Also, please take a few minutes to complete a school survey. Your input about our school is valuable to us. You may drop the survey into one of the boxes located on the survey tables or return it to school with your child. We look forward to seeing you.



## Conference Tips

It is wise for parents to prepare for Parent Teacher conferences just as Teachers do.

- How does my child think he/she is doing?
- Is there anything your child would like you to ask or tell the teacher?

Approach your conference with a positive attitude. Here are some possible questions to ask your child's teacher:

- How are my child's work habits?
- Does my child work at levels that you expect for his/her grade?
- Does my child get along well with other students?
- What can I do at home to help my child be more successful?

The key to a successful conference is communication. By exchanging information, parents and teachers can set the stage for a great school year!

## Lunch-Time News

This past month we tried a new approach and sent out forms to pre-order Marchelloni Pizza in an attempt to get exact counts.....and discovered that this procedure caused more difficulty and confusion than it was worth!! Based on this experience – we will go back to the regular way of ordering lunch with no special pre-order system for Marchelloni pizza. Hip, Hip, Hooray for Pizza Day!!

Ice-cream sales is a completely separate system from lunch and lunch payments. Please don't send ice-cream money with lunch payments. Simply send a dollar with your child on those days that ice-cream is available (usually on Tuesday and Friday) and they can pay for their treat as they make their selection in the cafeteria. Just a reminder....we don't sell ice-cream on Marchelloni pizza days.

## **Preschool Screening**

Lincoln Way Area District 843 will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive and speech and language development. Early Childhood educators will present “game like” activities to your child to assess various developmental skills. These screenings are held at Cherry Hill School once a month. Children must be 3 years old on the day of screening. The following is a list of upcoming screenings:

October 7, 2011 February 10, 2012

November 4, 2011 March 9, 2012

December 16, 2011 April 20, 2012

January 13, 2012 May 4, 2012

All preschoolers who reside in our district are eligible to be screened free of charge. Please call Cherry Hill School at 815-462-7831 to schedule an appointment.



### DISTRICT 122

### VIRTUAL BACKPACK



New Lenox School District is proud to support the “Going Green” initiative by implementing a new approach to communicating messages from our community partners, government agencies and select businesses with our students and their families. We will rarely be sending fliers home in backpacks with our students, but rather posting them through a virtual backpack link on our website homepage. You can find the virtual backpack on the New Lenox School District website at [www.nlsd122.org](http://www.nlsd122.org). Head down to the bottom of the page and click on virtual backpack.

## **Target Store - THANK YOU! WE JUST RECEIVED A CHECK FOR \$1382.76!**

If you shop at Target, you can help Haines School. All you have to do is open a Target charge account and designate Haines as the school you wish to help. Every time you use your Target charge card, Target will donate 1% of your purchase, and it doesn't cost you anything. For more information, you may visit the Target website at [target.com](http://target.com). Thank you for helping Haines School.



## **Outdoor Recess**

Weather permitting, all children go outside for recess. Be sure your child has the proper clothing for the outdoors as the days become cooler. Children are not allowed to remain indoors for recess unless they have a note from a doctor stating the reason for this. The fresh air and exercise are important for children.

## **Weapons Policy**

New Lenox District #122 has a weapons policy. No weapons are allowed at school at any time. The policy is explained in the Parent Handbook. Please make sure that your child doesn't bring toy weapons to school. This includes water pistols, pocketknives, and air-soft guns. We appreciate your support.



### **What is the difference between the cold and flu?**

The common cold and the flu are both respiratory illnesses with similar symptoms. So how can you differentiate between the two?

The main difference between the common cold and the flu (influenza) is the severity of the symptoms.

Flu symptoms generally:

- Come on quickly and severely.
- Include fever, which tend to be higher and last longer (3 to 4 days) than the occasional low-grade fever that may accompany a cold.
- Include body aches and severe tiredness or fatigue.

Common cold symptoms:

- Gradually get worse over a few days.
- Are more likely to include runny or stuffy nose than the flu.
- Often include a sore throat, while flu rarely does.
- May cause tiredness, but it is much less severe than the exhaustion that comes with the flu.
- Do not usually result in serious health problems and hospitalizations.

Tests are also available to diagnose the flu but there are no such tests for colds. A quick flu test can be done in the doctor's office and the results are usually available within a few minutes.

Wishing you a healthy holiday,

Christine Goepner RN, IL/NCSN



### **The Reading Corner**

Things to do with your child before, during and after reading.

Encourage your child to guess what the story is about.

Praise your child when an idea or word is used that you know will come up in the story.

Ask questions like:

“What can you tell about the story from the picture?”

“What do you think will happen in the story?”

Read from the pictures, encouraging your child to build up a story before looking at the print.

Talk about the start of the story, what happened by the end of the story, the people in the story.....etc.

Mention things like:

- The person who wrote the story - the author
- The person who did the illustrations - the illustrator

Find these people on the front cover of the book. Where else can you find their names?

## NOVEMBER ASSET OF THE MONTH

New Lenox District 122 is joining other community businesses, service clubs, Lincoln-Way High School, churches and New Lenox Family Services Commission in focusing in on an "Asset of the Month". These assets are based upon 40 concrete developmental assets that all children need to make their way safely and successfully into adulthood. We, along with our community, encourage you to be an asset to our community by being an asset builder for our children.

ASSET TYPE- Positive Values

ASSET NAME- Responsibility

DEFINITION-Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.

At Home:

- Model responsibility in your daily life. When you make a commitment, follow through.
- Keep track of responsibilities with things-to-do lists. Encourage your children to make lists of their own.
- Create a family chores chart and list everyone's responsibility.
- Give your children opportunities to be responsible.
- Make time to teach responsibility. Don't squeeze your children when you are in a hurry.
- Don't nag or rescue your kids when they forget to follow through on a responsibility.

## Gym Shorts

★ Boy, have we been busy in PE! Third grade finished up their football unit, first and second grade refined their underhand tossing and overhand throwing skills and we played fitness games such as "Sharks & Sailors" and "Tunnel Tag."

★ "Howl for Your Health" has begun. It is a fitness incentive we are participating in sponsored by the Chicago Wolves Hockey team. Each child will be tested in four areas of health related fitness twice during this school year. Students may be eligible to earn free tickets to a Wolves Hockey game if they show improvement in three or more tests. I am really excited about this program as it allows students to set goals for their own personal growth, rather than focusing on meeting a set criteria.

★ Students visited "The Bone Zone" at the conclusion of all class periods in October. They were introduced to the anatomical names of the skeletal bones. We shared many chuckles as most children found names such as phalanges, humerus, fibula and pelvis to sound rather silly.

★ In addition to our normal activities, exercises and games we found time to have some Halloween fun. The gym lights were turned off and flashlights lit our paths as we searched for paper ghosts that were hidden throughout the gym. We all had a "spook"tacular time.

★ Sneakers and comfortable clothing are required for participation to ensure the safety of all students. Please help your child be responsible for coming ready for activity on PE days.

★ During Parent/Teacher conferences I will be available on a walk-in basis in the PE office. Please stop by if you have questions, comments or concerns to share with me.

★ Up next: Sport Stacking  
WSSA Stack Up 2011  
Speed Stacks ordering opportunity



Mrs. Cooke



## LIBRARY NEWS

October in the LRC was a month of exciting experiences for our students. The children were introduced to our new reading program Book Adventure. All students at Haines have a username and password. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions regarding the program. This program is optional for students. Prior to reading a book visit the Book Adventure website and type in the title of the book to ensure that there is a test for the title.

All children heard the book The Juice Box Bully. It is the story of a student who is new to a school where the students have taken a pledge to treat everyone in a fair manner. Haines students agreed to abide by the same pledge and showed their commitment by printing their name on a t-shirt that is on display in our hallway.

We were honored to have Dana Russell from the New Lenox Public Library share some Halloween stories with the students. We appreciate the time she takes from her busy schedule to interact with our students and are looking forward to future visits.

National Children's Book Week will be observed November 14-18, 2011. On Thursday, November 17th, Family Reading Night will be celebrated. This is a state event sponsored by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian, as well as the Illinois State Library. Each year, Illinois parents, children, teachers, and librarians participate in family Reading Night events. We hope that your family will have time to sit and read together that evening or any evening during that week. Students will receive a bookmark to celebrate the occasion.

To encourage reading throughout the year, block out some uninterrupted time for family reading as often as you can. Visit the library regularly as a family. Make a special place for books in your home. Give books and magazines as gifts. Read aloud to your children throughout all grades, even when they are old enough to be confident readers themselves.



WE ARE STARTING OUR NEXT CONTEST OF THE YEAR AND  
HOPE TO INCREASE OUR COLLECTION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



We have collected over \$900 in Boxtops this year and over 9,181 Soup Labels. Our New Contest has started. Please help in collecting those little Box Tops and labels. These funds help supply students with new technology and many classroom rewards. Please ask your neighbors, co workers and relatives to collect for us. **They do not accept expired boxtops.** Only paste ten to a sheet and keep the boxtops and soup labels separate. Thank you for all your support.

Don't forget to check the website for Boxtop contests too. [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

For the collection of Campbell Soup labels, please cut only the UPC code and point value section and send them in a separate envelope to school.

Thank you.

## Notes from the Easel



Hello to all parents and guardians of Haines students. This is Mr. McDivitt with a few notes from the easel.

If you would like to help out the art department, I could use clean recycled yogurt cups (Yoplait brand preferred) for a paper Mache project. Please send them to school with your child.

Please remember to join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade music/art show on December 20<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade show on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions about art projects, sketchbooks, or art shows feel free to contact me through phone or email and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you very much for supporting the arts in school.



## November PTO Corner



Help support our schools by purchasing delicious food items at our monthly sales. Up to twenty percent of total pre-tax dollars can be earned and returned to the PTO for distribution to our schools. Place your order at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). **THANK YOU** to all who ordered from Market Day in October and to the staff from Nelson Prairie and Nelson Ridge who volunteered at our October sale. We appreciate everyone who comes out to help! **Our next sale is November 17th. Check the PTO website for Market Day special promotions for November.**

Set-up starts at 2:50 p.m. and the sale is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with an after-sale at 6:40 p.m. If you have any extra time to volunteer at any of our **Market Day** sales, please come to the Bentley school gym (513 E. Illinois Hwy). Free babysitting is available.

### **NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS**

- **DESSERT BONUS DAYS** The more we sell, the more we earn. Up to 45% profit!
- **Free 4-pack Chic-N-Steaks with \$90 on-line purchase. Use Promo Code: NOVBONUS**

Jr. High parents, contact Denise or Kathy to have order forms sent home monthly with your student.

**Denise McAvoy:** 815-462-5322  
**Kathy Klevorn:** 815-462-0773

### **Fundraising - Gift Cards & Golden Opportunities**

**Purchasing gift cards is an easy way to help raise money.** Please take advantage of this fundraiser by using the gift cards as gifts or for your personal shopping. Lots of local businesses are participating. Gift card order forms were sent home and are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Orders can be picked up on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Martino Jr. H.S. from 9-11am or 4-6pm. Look for another opportunity to order gift cards in December.

**Golden Opportunities books are still available. Contact Kris @ 815-485-2875**

### **Room Parents**

Thank you to all of the room parents for the great Halloween parties! Please be sure to include all room parents in the planning of the Holiday parties. If you need ideas for games for the parties, check out the Room Parent page of the PTO website.

Please join us at our next PTO meeting on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Peace Lutheran Church (across from LW Central). Free babysitting is available. Come get the inside scoop on the Spotlight School: **Tyler and Bentley**

More information on your PTO can be found on the PTO website: [www.nlsd122.org](http://www.nlsd122.org), click on link at the bottom left or access the PTO through any school website