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Bingo Night

Thanks to all of our parents who helped out with this year's Bingo Night. We had a full house – and lots of Bingo games and prizes. Our PTO sponsored the Bingo Night and many thanks go out to the parents who helped plan and organize this great Hiawatha family activity!

Technology Award

On Thursday Mrs. Frankenhoff's third grade classroom traveled to the Statehouse in Montpelier to receive a technology award from Governor Douglas. The award was sponsored by EDS, a technology firm from Williston. Mrs. Frankenhoff wrote a grant that will enable her students to communicate via the World Wide Web (WWW) with students from Japan and Italy. The communication will use both audio and video. This is a wonderful step in using technology in a meaningful way to open our doors and connect with students in our global community. Accepting the award on Mrs. Frankenhoff's behalf was Mr. Dave Davidson, our technology Integration specialist. Since Mrs. Frankenhoff was not able to be at the award ceremony, we are trying to see if Governor Douglas can come to Hiawatha when he is in Chittenden County to present the award, vis-à-vis, to Mrs. Frankenhoff. Congratulations Mrs. Frankenhoff!

Placement Process

A gentle reminder that parents should not request specific teachers for next year's classroom placements. I do want to thank everyone who completed the student surveys for next year's placement. I am in the process of reviewing every one of those forms, before submitting them to our placement teams. We hope to complete the placement process in mid-May; then inform parents of placements by the end of May. Please let me know if you have any questions whatsoever about student placement.

PreKindergarten License

Congratulations to our PreKindergarten program! Dianne Sweeney, Laurie Redel, and Carol Hinchey, our PreKindergarten teachers have received notification from the State of Vermont that our application for certification and licensure has been approved. Our Prekindergarten team has spent a significant amount of time and effort in working on meeting licensure requirements. This is an important step as our PreKindergarten program continues to grow and become a much more integral part of our Hiawatha learning community.

Web Page

A quick note to let you know that our Web Page has a link for the lyrics to the Jon Gailmor songs that our students wrote during Jon's artist-in-residency. You can find the information on our site – look for the link and click! Many thanks to Connie Beliveau for posting this work!

Third Grade Talent Show

The 9th Annual Third Grade Talent Show is coming! The show will be scheduled sometime in late May or early June. It's not too early for third graders to start thinking about a possible act. I'll send out more detailed information after the April vacation.

Thank you for all that you do & hope you are enjoying the warmer weath

APRIL 2008

4-21 thru 4-25 – Spring Break – No School for staff and students

4-29 – Green Mountain Sing at 8:15a.m.

4-28 thru 5-9 – Hiawatha PTO tee shirt-sweatshirt sale

MAY 2008

5-1 – All students attend play (The Jungle Book) at Essex High School at 1p.m.

5-13 – PTO in the Staff Room at 6:30p.m.

5-16 – John Schraven – Storyteller for K's and first graders

5-16 – PTO sponsored Italian Night

5-22 – Mrs. Ruggles' class visits the Audubon from 11:30 to 2:30p.m.

5-23 – Memorial Day Assembly and Walk

JUNE 2008

6-5 - Schoolwide Bar-B-Q

6-6 – Third grade picnic/outing at Maple Street Park

6-9 – Field Day starting at 1p.m.

6-12 – Last Day of School

THANK YOU FROM THE HIAWATHA PTO!

The Flower Power fundraiser appears to be a tremendous success! Parents, and your families and neighbors, we thank you for your generous support of the PTO by your purchases of flowers and bulbs. The PTO's profit from this fundraiser is approximately \$775.00. You should receive your purchases within the next 2 weeks. Any questions, call Aimee Cronin at 878-0255.

HIAWATHA TEE SHIRT-SWEATHSHIRT FUNDRAISER IS BACK

"THEY'RE BACK! Hiawatha Elementary School logo tee shirts and sweatshirts are back again this year! Show your school spirit with an affordable and locally-printed tee shirt or sweatshirt, created by Essex Junction's own East Coast Printers. Sample tee shirts will be available in the Hiawatha lobby if you want to check out the sizing before ordering (the shirts are cut very generously and the sizes run big). Youth and adult tees - \$12.00. Youth and adult sweatshirts - \$16.00. Order forms will go home with students, and extra order forms are available in the lobby. All orders must be returned to school by MAY 9th! Please make your check payable to "Hiawatha PTO." Thanks for participating and supporting the PTO. Any questions, call Aimee Cronin at 878-0255."

CONSTRUCTION AT FIVE (5) CORNERS

Starting April 28, 2008 thru October construction will begin at the Five Corners in Essex Junction. The construction will start at approximately 6:30a.m. and stop at 4:30p.m. daily. The Essex Police Department is requesting motorists seek alternative routes if possible during these times, as expected there will be traffic delays. Local businesses will be open for business as usual.