

Harbor Hill School

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We would like to thank our December PFA events committees for all their hard work this past month. The PFA Community Service Committee organized an incredible toy drive through the John Theissen Foundation. We had over 100 toys! Thank you to the Fifth Grade Committee and parents for supporting the Holiday Boutique. Also, we would like to send a big thank you from the HH staff for the Holiday Luncheon. What a treat!

Although saying thank you and listening to feedback may come easily for some, it does not come easy to the main character, RJ, in January's Book of the Month. In Thanks for the Feedback by Julia Cook, RJ learns how to respond to a compliment and how to use feedback to learn and grow. Throughout the month, students will learn the importance of optimism and how to use feedback to achieve goals. Please look out for the letter and the goals that your child identified during the month.

On Monday, January 15th, school is closed in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Students in all classes will be learning about this important Civil Rights leader and his advocacy for tolerance, peace and equality.

On Friday, January 19th, Greg Wasserman, Director of Guidance, will be presenting parent advice for navigating technology in the 21st century. Attendees will learn about specific technology tools, apps, and programs that parents should be aware of. Hear about the latest fads and websites that are grabbing our kids' attention, while also learning the best ways to continue protecting them. The focus will be on cyber safety and security for children of all ages. The presentation is sponsored by the Heights, East Hills and Harbor Hill PFAs. It will take place at 9:30 am at East Hills School.

On Tuesday, January 23rd, all third grade students will participate in a Cultural Arts assembly program presented by Mike Harrold. Mr. Harrold will showcase, through pictures and artifacts, communities around the world. Students will participate in an assembly and small group workshop.

The Harbor Hill School community will participate in two important philanthropic drives. The first drive is for Valentines for Veterans sponsored by Assemblyman Anthony D'Urso. In classrooms, students will write valentines to veterans thanking them for their service. Additionally, we are collecting donations for this cause. All donations can be dropped off by students in the lobby.

Suggested items include: non-slip socks, winter hats, gloves, scarves, sweatpants, sweatshirts, electric toothbrushes, electric razors, iTunes and phone cards, DVD movies (new releases, action, Broadway hits, comedy, and classics), CDs (Big Band, Jazz, Old Time Rock 'n Roll, Motown, and Patriotic), and toiletries. The second philanthropic drive is called The *Souper* Bowl. Students are encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item and add it to a collection box in their classroom. Each class will tally their items and the class with the most donations will be announced on the loud speaker. They will then be able to help us organize and present the boxes of food to Long Island Harvest. All items will be collected from Monday, January 22nd- Monday, January 29th.

Saturday, January 27th is the HH PFA School Fair! Join us anytime from 11-3 for games, bouncers and treats. The PFA will be collecting some items from parents to help with the fair. You may also drop off any donations towards Valentines for Veterans or the *Souper* Bowl on Saturday as well. We hope to see you all there!

We are continuing with our No Place For Hate initiative. Students are participating in a school-wide project in which they discuss and celebrate their unique differences. After listening to the book, *We Are All Wonders*, students express how they are each unique wonders and then create a unique snowflake to celebrate their differences. We hope you enjoy seeing our beautiful snowflakes hung by Student Council throughout the building.

Mark your calendar--- February 2nd is our kick off for Jump Rope for a Healthy Heart. Students are encouraged to wear red on Friday, February 2nd as part of National Wear Red Day for Heart Health.