

## September PTO News

### *PTO Meeting Minutes*

You'll never believe how many things get discussed at monthly PTO meetings! Come be a part of the discussion and click here to read the latest minutes.

<http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/PTO%20Minutes%200921.pdf>

### *PTO Treasurer Report*

In brief: We voted to increase the Teacher Stipend allocation from \$3600 to \$4400 in order to increase the stipend for the new Special Ed Co-Teachers to \$200 to recognize their equal contributions to the classrooms as the general teachers. The new full-time school psychologist will also get \$200. The stipends reimburse teachers for classroom supplies and materials they purchase throughout the year. Read the 2009-2010 year-end report here, and check back on the website for the September report.

[http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/Hoover\\_Treas\\_09\\_105.pdf](http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/Hoover_Treas_09_105.pdf)

### *Citywide PTO*

Read what's happening district-wide in Melrose here.

<http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/sept%2014th%202010%20Citywide%20PTO.pdf>

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### **Note from Our PTO Co-Presidents**

We would like to thank Chandra Witkowski and all of the helpers and attendees who helped make the Hoover Hoe Down a great success. The day was great!

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### **IMPORTANT: Bullying Prevention Training for Parents**

MAAV (Melrose Alliance Against Violence) is presenting a Bullying Prevention Training for Hoover and Roosevelt Parents on Wednesday, September 29 at the Middle School Auditorium from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Last spring all Melrose teachers attended a workshop with MAAV and in November there will be training for students on this issue. The presentation will include: defining bullying and why the definition is important, forms of bullying, effects of bullying on bullies and targets, how to effectively respond to bullying, best practices in bullying prevention, creating a school climate that promotes student connectedness, and resources. Please come and join us for this interactive presentation.

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### **Volunteer at the Golf Classic!**

Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to help out at the Golf Classic! We still need volunteers to sit at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole during the day, and also to staff the raffle tables at the dinner/dance in the evening (shifts from 6:00 to the end). Please contact Donna George as soon as possible if you can help out!

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### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Scholastic Book Fair, Monday, Nov. 15 through Friday, Nov. 19. Volunteers will help set up the fair, assist classes with purchasing, and help pack up the fair. Please contact Kelly Marusich if you are interested in helping.

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### **PTO Meeting**

Next PTO meeting is October 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room. We will be voting on Site Council members. Your vote MATTERS! See you there!

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### **Time to Open the Hoover Library!**

We are in need of more volunteers for both Kindergarten classes. Mrs. Lacount's class meets on Thursdays, 1:35-2:05 p.m. and Mrs Abban's class meets on Fridays, 1:35-2:05 p.m. With the current volunteers and a few more, volunteers could expect to participate in their children's library class once every 4-6 weeks. Two volunteers are scheduled for each weekly session. Both volunteers read a book to the children, help them make book choices, and check the children's books in and out using the computer. It is a very light lift and the children love to see their parents, grandparents, etc.! Volunteers for all grade levels are welcome as well! If you are interested or want to learn more about volunteering in the Hoover library, please contact Karen Fogarty.

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### **It's Not Too Late for Hoover 50-50!**

Good news! You have until Friday, October 8 to still participate in the Hoover 50-50! This will guarantee entry in the next drawing at the PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 12. The number of drawings left is now seven (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May) but the odds are still great.

Friends and neighbors 18 and over are invited to participate! [Click here](#) for rules of the game and for the sign-up form.

<http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/Hover%2050%2050%20sign%20up.pdf>

September 50-50 winners were:

Ann Donovan (\$25)

Sean and Ann Marie Connolly (\$25)

Alison Ravins (\$25)

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**October 14 is Popcorn Day!**

Students can buy hot, fresh popcorn for \$1.00/bag on Thursday, October 14. Last year, the PTO purchased a popcorn popper to insure a fresh, hot snack that all children can enjoy because popcorn is gluten free, peanut free, and full of nutritious fiber. Proceeds will go to classroom teachers to buy supplies. We need volunteers to help pop 250-300 bags of popcorn that morning, and help sell to the kids and/or deliver bags to the classrooms! Please contact Lauren or Tammy if you can volunteer some time.

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**Volunteers Needed for the Hoover Copy Center**

We are currently in need of lots of volunteers to help teachers with photocopying. There are slots open every day from 11:00 - 11:45 (except Thursdays which are 10:00-10:45 and 1:00-1:45). A rotating schedule of volunteers has been created in an effort to keep the commitment to a minimum. This is an invaluable service that allows the teachers more prep time and is something they truly appreciate. Please contact Renee Sousa if interested.

**Volunteers Needed to Run the Cake Walk and Lucky Irish Bingo**

PTO co-presidents Lauren and Tammy are looking for volunteers for the Cake Walk and Lucky Irish Bingo this spring. We need two people for each event to run it and coordinate the volunteers and activities. The co-presidents will help! Please contact Lauren or Tammy if interested.

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## Terrific Early Release Day Enrichment Programs

To see the 2010-2011 early release day enrichment programs, click here to go to the Student Programs section of our Hoover website. Registration forms must be returned to the main office by October 25 to qualify for the full program discount.

[http://www.melroseschools.com/hoover/Early%20Release%20Day2010%20-%20registration%20form%20\\_1\\_.pdf](http://www.melroseschools.com/hoover/Early%20Release%20Day2010%20-%20registration%20form%20_1_.pdf)

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## Check Out what's Happening in 2S!

Parents can read about what the 2S super second graders are up to this year on Mrs. Stamos's and Ms. Torrey's class website! Click on the link on Mrs. Stamos's 2S class page or bookmark <http://www.wix.com/sophiastamos/2010-2011-2S> and check back regularly for updates.

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## Submit Information Online

Student contact information can be completed online! Even if your information has not changed since last year, the school needs a current contact information form. Families can submit all important and annual emergency contact information via an on-line form. Check out the Melrose school website home page, or click here.

<http://www.melroseschools.com/studentcontactinfo/index.cfm>

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## Join the Hoover Heroes Team

Martha Grover has formed the Hoover Heroes team for the 15th annual walk to raise money and support for the anti-bullying work at Melrose Alliance Against Violence. Please consider making a donation by visiting the FirstGiving page at <http://www.firstgiving.com/hooverheroes> and/or joining the walk (no sign-ups necessary!).

You can donate online with a credit card. All donations are secure and sent directly to Melrose Alliance Against Violence by FirstGiving, who will e-mail you a printable record of your donation. Please make a donation of any amount and join your Hoover friends at the MAAV Walk on Sunday, October 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the Middle School cafeteria.

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## Child Abuse Prevention Training Course

Shine the Light Melrose is offering a free, 2 1/2-hour child abuse prevention training course through Shine the Light Melrose and Darkness to Light, a nonprofit organization with the mission of empowering adults to prevent child sexual abuse. The course is geared toward the general public - parents, sports coaches, babysitters, grandparents, anyone who comes into contact with children. The course covers how to recognize sexual abuse, how to avoid potentially dangerous situations, and how to talk to children and adults about child sexual abuse.

The next session takes place on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Melrose Veteran's Memorial Middle School, Lynn Fells Parkway, Melrose. Pre-registration is required and the course is limited to the first 100 people who register. Registration is open and can be done online at <http://www.melroseymca.org/shine/>.

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## Cut it Out!

The Hoover School is once again participating in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. Last year we were able to raise approximately \$600 from box tops! The Hoover School receives ten cents for every box top logo that we redeem. In addition, you may log onto [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and follow the directions to "sign up now" for additional ways to help Hoover earn points. Box tops may be sent into school in an envelope with your child, or dropped off in the Box Tops for Education collection box located on the PTO shelf in the school lobby. For more information contact [Lauren Hitchman](#) or [Tammy O'Keefe](#).

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## Wait! Don't Throw That Out!

Did you know that over 300 million ink cartridges were thrown away last year alone? Consumers also replaced or threw away 30,000,000 cell phones! Hoover is involved in the FundingFactory Cartridge and Cell Phone Recycling Programs, which are FREE and easy but will not work without your support. Simply donate your empty printer cartridges and used cell phones to the Hoover School and we'll take it from there! We will recycle the cartridges and cell phones through the FundingFactory to earn points, which we can exchange for technology equipment, playground equipment, or cash.

The FundingFactory also has a Business Support Program which can allow your business to support Hoover School free of charge by providing them with prepaid shipping boxes. For more information about this program, please visit the FundingFactory Web site at <http://www.fundingfactory.com/programs/recycling/supporters.aspx>, or call toll-free, 1-888-883-8237.

Please donate your cell phones and cartridges by placing them in the collection box found in the school lobby. Together we can make this recycling program a huge success for Hoover.

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### **Home for Sale**

Hoover family is moving from an enchanting classic side entrance colonial at 25 Appleton Street with particularly lovely yard that has been thoroughly updated and meticulously maintained. 3 Bed, 1 Bath, 1,352 square feet. Motivated sellers ask that you pass the word along to any interested house hunters you may know. Contact RE/MAX Heritage at 781-979-0100 for more information, and take a virtual tour at [www.RemaxHeritageMelrose.com](http://www.RemaxHeritageMelrose.com).

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### **Corporate Connections?**

Parents, do you work for a company that could donate snacks, beverages, supplies, or corporate discounts for school events? Does your company have a donation-matching program? Your employer will enjoy a worthy tax deduction while the Hoover School benefits. If you have a connection to make, please contact Lauren Hitchman or Tammy O'Keefe.

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### **Who's Got Rhythm?**

The Melrose JazzFest is coming on October 3, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at Memorial Hall in Melrose. Ticket information is at [www.MelroseJazzFest.org](http://www.MelroseJazzFest.org), including a link to Brown Paper Tickets, an on-line ticket seller representing Melrose JazzFest. Check it out!

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### **The "Green" House Effect**

If you're interested in learning about the latest cutting-edge residential technologies, take the Green Building Open House Tour on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Organized by the Melrose Energy Commission in conjunction with the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, this self-guided tour is hosted by Melrose homeowners who would like to demonstrate how they're "going green." (This is not a sales pitch to sell you appliances or equipment. You'll be talking to the homeowners.)

Visit the MEC booth in front of City Hall to get the tour started. You can come down any time between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. You will receive directions to the host sites and information about the various technologies on display.

By taking the self-guided tour, you will see:

- \* solar panels
  - \* demonstration of blower-door and infrared camera testing
  - \* indoor LED lighting
  - \* combined heat and power technology
  - \* on-demand hot water heating
  - \* high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment
  - \* indoor and outdoor composting
- and more!

For further information, visit [www.melroseenergy.org](http://www.melroseenergy.org), send an e-mail to [info@melroseenergy.org](mailto:info@melroseenergy.org), or call 781-662-2616.

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## Mark Your Calendars

Please note these important upcoming dates, and link to the website calendar for complete listings. <http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/calendar.cfm>

- Sept. 29 Anti-bullying training, MMVMS, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1 Hoover Golf Classic, 1:00 p.m shotgun start, 6:00 p.m. dinner/dance
- Oct. 11 Columbus Day, no school
- Oct. 12 No school, professional development day
- Oct. 12 PTO meeting, 7:00 p.m., All-Purpose Room
- Oct. 14 Popcorn Day, \$1/bag
- Oct. 14 Shine the Light training course, MMVMS, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 26 Early release day, 12:30 dismissal (following lunch)
- Oct. 27 Early release day, 12:30 dismissal (following lunch)
- Nov. 15-19 Scholastic Book Fair

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*Have an E-Notice to send to the Hoover community? Send all submissions to [hooverhighlights@gmail.com](mailto:hooverhighlights@gmail.com). Do not reply directly to this E-Notice.*