



Visit the HM Website!

Don't forget to visit the Horace Mann Website for all your school information needs!

<http://www.melroseschools.com/horacemann/>

You may email comments and/or suggestions regarding the HM web site to our fabulous webmaster, Jackie Bishop at JBishop.design@gmail.com

Wanted:

Do you have any older furnishings you are planning to replace? We are looking to refresh some older, worn furniture in the classrooms and seeking donations of gently used couches, chairs, dining tables, area rugs, etc. If you have something you think might be useful at the school, please contact Jen Waden or Debbie Brooks at hmpto@yahoo.com.



Coming Soon...



Our Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser will run from September 10-24, 2010. This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year, as the school receives 50% of all of our sales! Simple online ordering process makes it easy for out-of-town friends and family to participate. Kids can earn prizes for selling, and you'll have your gift wrap in time for the holiday season. Watch for your information packet in your child's backpack.

Ink Cartridge Recycling Program

Horace Mann participates in the Staples Rewards program for recycling ink/laser toner cartridges. This really is an easy way to help us raise money that can be spent on supplies at Staples. ALL name brands of cartridges are accepted. There is a box outside the main office under the desk where ink cartridges can be dropped off. If you have a large quantity of cartridges and/or you have any questions, please contact Sharon Lavery at sklavery@comcast.net or 781-662-9347



HM PTO Welcomes You

The PTO has many great activities planned for the school year. The primary purpose of the PTO is to support and organize programs that will enrich our students' educational experience and help foster communication between school and home. Thriving on parent involvement, the Horace Mann PTO offers diverse opportunities to contribute time and talent – whether behind the scenes, or leading a fundraiser.

All parents are invited to attend monthly PTO meetings. **The First PTO meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.** Meetings provide a great way to contribute ideas, articulate concerns, have a voice in decisions and meet other members of the Horace Mann School community. You don't have to be an active volunteer to attend meetings (nor do you have to attend meetings to be an active volunteer)! All meetings take place in the All Purpose Room. If you don't have a sitter for your children and would like to attend a PTO meeting, **sitting services are offered free of charge in the Kindergarten classroom.** Meetings are typically one hour in length, and include the attendance of the principal and some faculty members.

Save the Dates for the following PTO Meetings:

Wednesday, October 20
Thursday, November 18
Wednesday, December 15

HM PTO Board 2010-2011

Jen Waden, Co-President
Debbie Brooks, Co-President
Jen Ward, Co-Vice President
Jackie Skane, Co-Vice President
Bev Mate, Co-Secretary
Jen Wulleman, Co-Secretary
Colleen Levesque, Co-Treasurer
Wendy Deeds, Co-Treasurer

We can be reached at hmpto@yahoo.com, by sending in a note to school addressed to any of the above officers, or by phone to Bev Mate @617-909-8519. She will do her best to provide feedback or put you in touch with the appropriate contact. We are all looking forward to a great school year!

Box Tops

Want to get rid of those piles of Box Tops? Send them in now! Please put the box tops in a clear plastic bag with your child's class on it. In order to get credit just the box top should be sent in with the expiration date in tact.

Deadline is September 30, 2010



School Spirit T-Shirts

This year, we really want to show off our school spirit! We will have Horace Mann t-shirts for every student, which will be used to promote school spirit at various events throughout the year. For example, we will suggest that all the kids wear their shirts for Monday Monthly Meeting, HM Family Cookout, Rollerworld, etc. These will also be great for class fieldtrips.

We will be distributing the shirts in the classrooms in early September. Please send in \$5 per student to cover the cost of your child's shirt.

Clip and return to school with your child:

Parent Name _____

Child(ren) Name(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

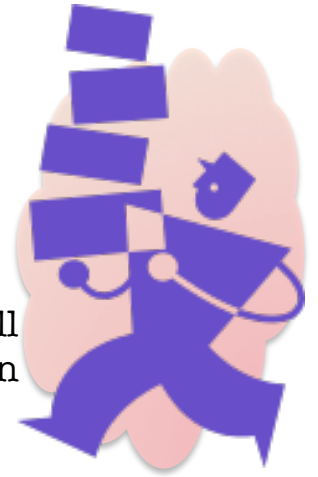
Amount enclosed (\$5 per student) _____

(Please send cash or check made payable to Horace Mann PTO)

Help Wanted

Welcome back to a new school year at Horace Mann! And to the new families, welcome!

Please be on the lookout for your Volunteer Interest form coming home with your student this week. This form will list all the volunteer opportunities we have here at the school. You can check off the ones you are interested in and someone will be in touch with you to get you going on your volunteer project!



I understand that time is a valuable commodity for everyone. We have all kinds of positions, from a couple hours at one event, to a regular weekly opportunity. When you receive the survey, please look it over and consider a new opportunity. It is a great way to possibly familiarize yourself with a new aspect of the school and meet some new people.

If you are even considering volunteering this year, please take a few minutes to fill out the required paperwork to register for the Bridge. CORI checks must be done every three years; the Bridge form and a confidentiality guideline reminder must be filled out every year. Once again, we will have representatives from the Bridge at the Horace Mann Open House to assist people with filling out their paperwork. They will also have lists of re-registering volunteers that are due to fill out CORI forms.

If you have any questions about volunteering at Horace Mann, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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