



**HORACE MANN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

2010-2011

Horace Mann Elementary School Fall Open House Agenda



7:00 – 7:45 Visit Classrooms

- Grades 1, 3 & 5 from 7:00-7:20
- Grades K, 2 & 4 from 7:25 – 7:45

7:50 – 8:30 Welcome Back General Session

(in All Purpose Room)

- Staff Introductions and HM overview by Mr. Strasnick
- PTO Overview
- Volunteer Opportunities

Questions & Answers

KINDERGARTEN

- Wendy Florino
- Kathy Tarpey
- Nicole Wells
- Karen LiCausi
- Lori Wheeler
- Alexandra Gabriel



FIRST GRADE

- Lisa Pellegrini
- Gia Raia
- Laura Meyers



SECOND GRADE

- Valerie Kostandos
- Lindsay Shanahan
- Melissa Giordano



THIRD GRADE

- Kim Barbagallo
- Maureen Skehan
- Jillian Meuse



FOURTH GRADE

- Laurel LaVita
- Kelsey Kirkpatrick
- Renee Sarasin
- Gail Williams



FIFTH GRADE

- Lisa Capaldo
- Nicole Goodhue
- Jennine Stevens
- Deb Rees
- Anne Sullivan



SPECIALISTS

- Billy Goodwin – physical education
- Emily Wilcox-Freeburg – music
- Dawn Benski – art
- Joy Indrelli – instrumental music
- Gene Meadows – 2nd grade health
- Ellen Coghlan – library and media specialist
- Marie Nyland – 5th grade Italian



SUPPORT STAFF



- Jennifer Papasodoro – occupational therapist
- Elena Govostas – physical therapist
- Jil Barros – speech and language therapist
- Jamie Hickey – school psychologist
- Brenda Pearse – educational team facilitator
- Taylor Rubbins – METCO aid
- Amy Morrison – METCO aid

OFFICE STAFF

- Linda Jeffrey – secretary
- Marsha Gibbons – nurse
- Emma Lydon – after school site coordinator
- Mr. Jack - custodian



2010 MCAS Results



Horace Mann School has again made
Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in Math and ELA

Horace Mann Improvements



- New Library and Media Center
 - Thank you volunteers (parents), the maintenance office, technology office, and teachers!
- Technology
 - 5 SmartBoards
 - 5 new computers for the Library and Media Center
 - 9 32” Flat Screen TV’s
 - Discovery Education Streaming
 - LEXIA reading intervention program (October)
 - More wireless hot-spots to improve wireless connections
 - Learning A-Z online subscription
- Multi-grade special education classroom has a much larger space.

Horace Mann Improvements



- Co-Teaching

- Co-teaching is two or more people sharing responsibility for teaching all of the students assigned to a classroom. It involves the distribution of responsibility among people for planning, instruction, and evaluation for a classroom of students.
- Initially it's a way to better educate students with special needs, however it's a model of instruction that benefits all students.
- Horace Mann had 1.5 special education teachers in 2008 and now has 4 available to the general education classrooms.
- In the single taught classrooms it provides the teacher with a more narrow range of ability levels, thus creating a much more teachable classroom.
- It allows the possibility of flexible grouping students between classrooms and increases the amount of small group instruction for all ability levels.
- Horace Mann has full time co-teachers in one 3rd grade classroom and one 4th grade classroom.
- The other grades share the remaining 2 special education teachers allowing the special education teachers to focus on two grade levels, rather than 6.
- We are limited to the number of special education teachers available to us which is determined by the number of students with special needs.
- The co-teaching classrooms are NOT the special education classrooms.

Funding for Improvements



- Fundraising
 - Comedy Show Fundraiser raised \$2700 which paid for the SmartBoards
- Early Release Day Programs
 - Raised enough money for the TV's, Discovery Education Streaming Subscription, and the LEXIA reading intervention program.

Bullying



- Partnership with MAAV (Melrose Alliance Against Violence)
- Horace Mann staff began last year with training and developed a behavior rubric that has since been modified and adopted by the district.
- We have a Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST) in place to support students, both targets and offenders of bullying.
- Parent workshop Wednesday September 22nd from 7pm – 8:30 pm in the HM all-purpose room.
- Student enrichment with MAAV will be on Monday November 8th.
- Melrose is currently developing a district-wide anti- bullying and harassment policy.

Things to know...



- Student Safety
 - Visitors (parents too) and volunteers check in with the main office, which includes scheduling appointments with staff
 - Parking in the street during the day
 - Either send in a note or call the main office if your child is to be picked up by someone other than you
- Monday Monthly Meetings
 - Typically the first Monday of every month. The website has the schedule for the year
 - Planned around the theme for the month
 - A celebration of things happening at Horace Mann
 - A time for us to come together as a community
 - A time for students to practice responsible behaviors
 - Parents are always welcome to attend!
- Birthday Celebrations
- The Website

School Site Council



- Helps develop the School Improvement Plan
- Reviews school budgetary priorities
- Assists in developing school policies and procedures
- Reviews the district's Parent/Student Handbook to recommend revisions
- Meets at least once a month
- Members may co-present the school improvement plan to the School Committee in the spring
- Looking for one more parent representative