

The Hotline

The Harris Hill PTA newsletter for the Harris Hill Community

April 2015

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<http://www.harrishill-pta.org>



Hello Harris Hill Families!

It is hard to believe we are already heading into the end of the school year. We still have lots of fun events coming up such as Bingo Night, Movie Night, Boys Night Out, Girls Night Out, and Red Wings Night to name a few. Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone who participated in Night of 1,000 Stars!

We are also looking for nominations to fill next year's PTA board positions. All positions are available, but we specifically need a Corresponding Secretary and a President (or Co-Presidents). If you are interested in a position please let us know by April 10th. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

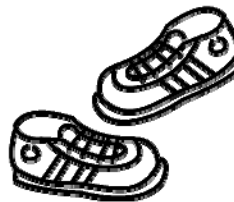
Happy Spring!

Patti Hickey and Steph Fuchs
 Harris Hill PTA Co-Presidents

Important Dates

- **April 8:** Suzuki Concert, 7pm, PHS Auditorium
- **April 10:** HH Bingo Night 6-8pm, HH Gym
- **April 13:** Parents Advisory Board Meeting, 7pm, PHS Library
- **April 14-16:** Gr. 3-8 NYS ELA Exam
- **April 17:** K-8 Independent Project Gala, 6-8 pm, Bay Trail
- **April 21:** BOE meeting, 7pm, PHS Library
- **April 22-24:** Gr. 3-8 NYS Math Exam
- **April 23:** Men's Night Out Concert, 7pm, PHS Auditorium
- **April 27:** K-5 Conference Day - No School
- **April 29:** SETPA meeting, 6:30 pm, BT Library

Harris Hill PTA...



A Bright Future Begins at Harris Hill!

Next Hotline deadline:
 May 1, 2015—3pm

It's easy to submit an article!
 Just type up your information
 and email it to:

HarrisHillHotline@gmail.com

HARRIS HILL ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

Harris Hill is an open school where passionate professionals embrace our community by teaching students to think critically, and develop a sense of responsibility and respect for all. The Harris Hill family promotes lifelong learning.

HARRIS HILL ELEMENTARY VISION STATEMENT

The students of Harris Hill Elementary will be critical thinkers, readers, and writers. They will be prepared to contribute as responsible leaders and learners in middle school and beyond.

PTA Meeting

Please join us for the next Harris Hill PTA Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th @7pm
Harris Hill Cafetorium



Conference Day Planned for April 27th

Please note that the district has added a conference day to the school calendar on Monday, April 27th. There will be NO SCHOOL for students in grades K-5 on this date. The additional day will provide time for elementary teachers to score the New York State ELA assessments completed by 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association - 2014 Fire Prevention Essay Contest Winner Announced!

Winning Theme:

"Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

On Wednesday, March 11, 2015, members of the Penfield Volunteer Fire Department and Marc Nelson, Harris Hill building principal, surprised **Andrew Williams** with an "Outstanding Essay" award and plaque.

Andrew is a 5th grader in Mr. Dan Playfair's class. His winning essay was selected from hundreds of submissions and will be forwarded to other contests sponsored by the Western New York Firemen's Associations.



Andrew with his parents, Heather and Scott Williams, and 2nd grade brother, Ben.

Confidentiality Statement

As we enter Harris Hill School as volunteers and employees, we will remember to respect the privacy of our children, their families and each other. All that we hear, see or read will remain confidential.

From the Desk of Mr. Nelson

Please visit the Harris Hill website for newsletters and podcasts from Mr. Nelson.

<http://www.penfield.edu/HarrisHill.cfm?subpage=194434>



NYS STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE 2014-2015

Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Tuesday, April 14 to Thursday, April 16th

Grades 3-8 NYS Math Wednesday, April 22 to Friday, April 24th

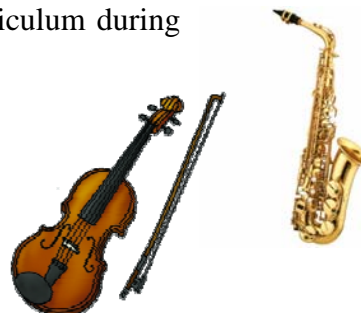
Grade 4 NYS Science Thursday, May 28/May 29th Performance Test Monday and June 1 Objective Test

The Penfield Music Department Flexible Lesson Program for Bay Trail and Penfield High School

All students in band or orchestra participate in small group music lessons at school. The Flexible Lesson Option provides a choice for students in band and orchestra at Bay Trail and Penfield High School to participate in the group lesson component of the curriculum during extended school day hours.

If you are interested in finding out more about the FLO program, please visit:

<http://www.penfield.edu/departments.cfm?subpage=31674> for more information. The deadline to register for this program is **May 1, 2015**.



Notes From the Nurse's Office

FIFTH GRADE PARENTS :Please be aware that according to New York State guidelines all children entering 6th grade in September will need to have a **booster shot for diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (also called Tdap)**. If you haven't already, you will be receiving a letter from Bay Trail Health Office with more details. Please take the time to fill out this form and return to Bay Trail Nurse's Office as soon as possible. Feel free to call me with any questions.



SCOLIOSIS: The New York State required scoliosis screening for the fifth grade students is almost complete. Scoliosis is a side wards curvature of the spine. This screening is state mandated at the elementary level in 5th grade only. If my findings are not within the New York State guidelines, I will notify you. As always, thank you to Mrs. Stark and Mr. Solomon for their assistance with this process.



ATTENDANCE: Parents please remember to notify the health office if your child is going to be out of school for vacations, personal reasons, etc, as well as illness. Teachers, please remember if you receive an email or parent contact regarding a student absence, forward email or call health office with information.

CLOTHING: Clothing in good condition is needed to stock the Health Office for loan to children who have accidents resulting in wet or soiled clothes during the school day. At this time I am requesting boys sweat pants or elastic band athletic pants. Any size welcome, however I am in greatest need of larger sizes. If your child(ren) has out-grown some of these items, I would appreciate having them in my Health Office supply.

Please feel free to call my office anytime with questions or concerns @ (585) 249-6607.

Yours in good health,

Kathy Richards, R.N.



Attention 5th Grade Parents— Mark your Calendars:

The following events for fifth graders are coming up at the end of the school year.

- 5th grade bash- Friday, June 12 from 6:30-9 at Harris Hill (we will need parent volunteers)
- Camp Arrowhead- June 19
- 5th Grade Breakfast and Slide Show- June 22 at 7:30 am at Harris Hill
- 5th Grade Talent Show- June 22- parent show in the evening



Harvest of the Month Calendar

Month/Date	Featured Item
Wednesday April 22, 2015	Onions
Thursday May 21, 2015	Radishes
Friday June 12, 2015	Peas

Attention 5th Grade Parents Bay Trail PTA Needs You!!!

Thinking of getting more involved at Bay Trail next year? We are looking for parents to fill the following positions. Thank you!

- Treasurer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Recording Secretary
- SDM Representative
- Correspondence Secretary
- WebMaster

Email your questions to: volunteercoord@baytrailpta.org



DID YOU KNOW...

- Bay Trail PTA funds scholarships to graduating seniors who attended Bay Trail
- Funds and organizes 8th grade moving up activities
- Supports Science Olympiad and many other student programs
- Provides student assistance in times of need
- Organizes Teacher Appreciation events

You don't need to volunteer your time just because you are a member!



State of Special Education in Penfield

Wed., April 29 @ 7pm
Bay Trail Library

Presenters: **Dr. Tom Putnam; Acting Superintendent**
James Peiffer; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Rick Boerman; Elementary Special Education Administrator
Joe Kruger; Middle School Special Education Administrator
Chris Brown; High School Special Education Administrator

Get an update of how special education is going in Penfield and any new trends that may be on the horizon. Penfield CSE chairs will talk about special education at the elementary, middle and high school level with a focus on transition from 5th to 6th grade and 8th to 9th grade. Learn what special education “looks” like at the different buildings.

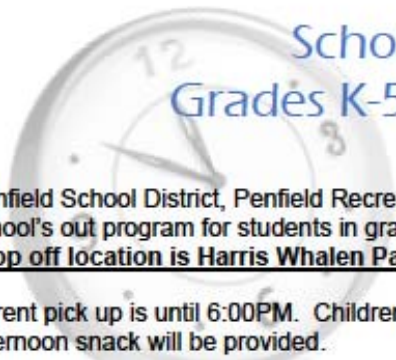
*****All are Welcome to Attend*****

For more information about SEPTA please contact SEPTA Co-Presidents:
Aimee Pfeiffer - pauaimp@frontiernet.net or Mary Salluzzo - salluzzo23@yahoo.com

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SEPTA is Penfield’s Special Education Parent Teacher Association. Our purpose is to create a positive, collaborative organization of parents and professionals to foster understanding, respect, support and appropriate education for all students with different abilities.





School's Out Program Grades K-5....Monday, April 27th

Penfield School District, Penfield Recreation and the Eastside YMCA are working together to offer a school's out program for students in grades K-5. **Just \$25 per child!** Program runs 7:00am-6:00pm **Drop off location is Harris Whalen Park Indoor Lodge (off Rte. 441 across from Wegmans).**

Parent pick up is until 6:00PM. Children participating should bring their lunch, a morning and afternoon snack will be provided.

Register your child today through Penfield Recreation on-line at www.penfieldrec.org or use the form below. Mail or drop off form to Penfield Recreation, 1985 Baird Rd., Penfield, NY 14526.



4/27 School's Out Program: #212620-A \$25.00 per child

Penfield Recreation Registration Form

(*Fill out form completely including signature; please print*)

PARTICIPANT NAME _____ SEX ___ DOB ___ / ___ / ___ AGE _____

GRADE _____ HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PICK UP PARENT NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____

2ND PARENT NAME (Addtl. Authorized pick up) _____ DAY PHONE _____

HOME PHONE _____ HOUSEHOLD E-MAIL _____

Special notice (allergies etc..) _____

PARENT CELL # _____ 2ND PARENT CELL # _____

Waiver for participation - In consideration of your accepting my entry, and understanding that a certain amount of risk is inherent to some recreational programs, I hereby, for my child, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against the Town of Penfield and its representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my child at any activity sponsored by these groups. Furthermore, in the event a refund is granted for myself or my child for whatever reason with the above stated activity, I do hereby authorize the Town of Penfield to execute a refund voucher on my behalf and submit for payment under the terms and conditions set forth in the Town of Penfield Refund and Registration Policy. Refunds are subject to a processing fee.

SIGNATURE _____ (PARENT/GUARDIAN)

*PLEASE LIST ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HERE (e.g. Special Needs/Medical Notes/Requests/Other):

Checks payable to "Penfield Recreation" VISA / MC / DISC Exp. Date ___ / ___

Account # _____ ||3-digit security code _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Authorized Signature _____



LITTLE LEAGUE DISTRICT 4 CHALLENGER SCOUTS ARE RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS AND BUDDIES

The Challenger Division provides opportunities for boys and girls with physical and developmental challenges to enjoy the benefits of Little League participation.

Help us grow our local programs by giving more of our children, and now adults, this great opportunity. Register your child in your town program.

You and/or your children can be Buddies for some of the players, too.

Pass the word on to family and friends. Many ways to get involved.

Contact us today!

Challenger Division
Ages 5-18
(22*)

NEW
Challenger Senior Division
Ages 15* & Up

Challenger Divisions in a Town Near You

Being A Buddy
A volunteer experience your child will truly enjoy and cherish!



Weekly Games & Special Events

Challenger World Series
at Frontier Field

Mark Muench Annual All-Star
Tournament/Family Picnic

CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN MORE; TO GET YOUR CHILD INVOLVED!

To register with Penfield Little League go to: www.penfieldbaseball.com

For general information go to: www.littleleague.org/media/challenger.htm

In Penfield contact Steve Pellow at spellow@kmmclub.org or 585.749.7515

Outside Penfield contact Bob Dayton at rdayton1023@gmail.com or 585.305.3413

* Challenger Division is up to 22 if player is still in a school program; ages 15 to 18 have the option of playing in either division

Mirror Images



SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAMS

Synchronized Skating Teams for the 2015-2016 Season On Ice Open Houses and Tryout Schedule

Open Houses: (no charge)

March 29 at Webster Ice Arena 4:00-5:00 pm

April 12th at Paul Louis Arena 4:30-5:30 pm

April 7th at Thomas Creek Ice Area 6:00-7:00 pm

Tryouts

April 15th at Thomas Creek Ice Area 6:00-8:00 pm

Come check out one of the fastest growing team sports! Synchronized skating is a team sport in which 8-20 skaters perform a program together. It is characterized by teamwork, speed, intricate formations and step sequences. Mirror Images is looking for skaters from USFS basic 4 to Senior level skaters to field their beginner to Collegiate level teams.

Competitions and ice shows keep the skaters busy throughout the skating season. The teams perform in the Thomas Creek FSC Show, skate at the Rochester American games and at other local exhibitions. Depending on the competition levels of the team, they attend between 3-5 competitions a year. Colonial Classics in Massachusetts, Reflections Synchro Invitational in Pennsylvania and The Eastern Sectional Skating Championship were 3 of the competitions attend this season.

Visit www.mirrorimageessynch.com
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