



PTA

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Important Dates

- **Dec. 5:** SEPTA Book Fair (Mr. Nelson reads at 10:00 a.m.)
- **Dec. 7:** Delivery date for Square 1 Art Orders
- **Dec. 8:** BOE Meeting, 7:00 pm, PHS Library
- **Dec. 8:** HH Concert, 7:00 pm, PHS Auditorium
- **Dec. 18:** PHS Dance Team Kids' Movie Night, 6:30—9:00 pm, BT Cafeteria
- **Dec. 21:** George DeMott Benefit Concert, 7:00 pm, PHS Auditorium
- **Dec. 23—Jan. 1st:** Holiday Recess—No School

Next Hotline deadline:
January 1st—3pm

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

harrishillhotline@gmail.com

December 2015

Harris Hill Families,

We hope you enjoyed the long Thanksgiving weekend! As we head into this busy time of year, we'd like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year at our January PTA meeting. This meeting is being held on January 12th at 7pm in the HH cafeteria.



Krista Hart
Michelle McElduff
HH PTA Co-Presidents

The Hotline

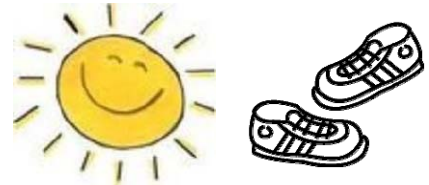
The Harris Hill PTA newsletter for the Harris Hill Community

Find us on the web

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

We have a lot of fun and exciting activities coming in the New Year including our annual Reading Challenge, Boys' Night Out and Girl's Night out as well as many other fun events. We are very thankful for all our parent volunteers that help make these events so successful and make Harris Hill such a great community for our children.

Harris Hill PTA...



A Bright Future Begins at Harris Hill!

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.

From the Principal's Desk

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

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



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Harvest of the Month 2015-2016

Month/Date	Featured Item
Friday January 8, 2016	Sweet Potato/Yams
Wednesday February 10, 2016	Beans
Thursday March 17, 2016	Squash
Wednesday April 20, 2016	Spring Sprouts
Thursday May 19, 2016	Asparagus
Thursday June 9, 2016	Cherries





Harris Hill's Community Project



11/20/15

It's the time of the year where we like to reflect on how lucky we are to be a part of the Harris Hill community and how we can give back to a part of the Rochester-area community who are less fortunate than we may be.

This year we have decided to support **Cameron Communities**, an urban outreach community center in downtown Rochester. They offer many services like after-school and summer programs for youths at risk, along with hot meal programs, an emergency food pantry and a clothing house that serves youths and adults.

Our community project will run from ***Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 11th***. This is just TWO SHORT WEEKS! We are asking that different grade levels support different programs of the Cameron Communities.

- **Kindergarten/First Grade:** Children's warm clothing - coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves. These items can be for children of all ages and may be new or *gently* used.
- **Second/Third Grades:** School supplies-composition notebooks, folders, colored pencils, markers, scissors, glue.
- **Fourth/Fifth Grades:** Hygiene Items-shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, adult toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream. These items can be full size or trial size.
- **Faculty and Staff** may align themselves with one of the groups above.

The 5th grade Student Connection Team will provide boxes to each cluster for their donations, and will pick up items daily. They will deliver all items collected to the Cameron Community and get a tour of the facilities on Tuesday, December 15th. We appreciate any support your family can give, but of course, you are not obligated to participate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Nelson at 585-249-6602 or email to MNelson@penfield.edu. Thank you for your consideration.

Cameron Community-Nurturing Families.....Inside and Out



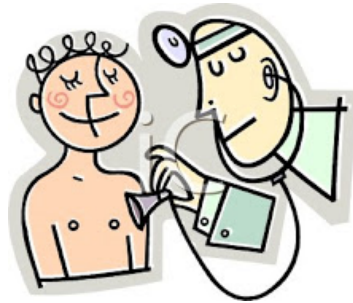
The Penfield Central School District has an urgent need for substitute employees in all capacities including teachers, teaching assistants, clerical, lunchroom monitors, hall monitors, custodial, bus aides and bus drivers. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions (or know someone who might be interested), please visit the district webpage at www.penfield.edu and click on the job opportunities link. This is a wonderful way for you to become more involved with the schools and to help support our students!



Notes from the Nurse's Office

HEALTH APPRAISALS

I would like to once again say thank you to all parents/guardians who have turned in completed physical forms for the 2015-2016 school year. If your child is new to Harris Hill, or in 2nd or 4th grade, New York State requires that a physical form must be on file in the Health Office. This physical must have been completed by your child's doctor anytime after 9/2/14. Please have completed Health Appraisal Forms returned to the Health Office as soon as possible. If your child is scheduled to have a physical, please contact my office to let me know when that will be done. I will be sending another round of reminder letters soon.



ABSENCES

Remember, whenever you keep your child home from school, please call me @ (585) 249-6607 in advance of the start of the school day and leave a detailed message of why your child will be absent.

OUTDOOR PLAY

With the cold weather upon us, parents please remember to have your child dressed for the weather. They should bring their fabulous five to school each and every day. Final decisions for outside play are frequently made shortly before recess when the temperature tends to be warmer than the beginning of the school day. Recess participation is a vital part of the well-rounded student and we want each of them to enjoy it in a safe and healthy manner.



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Notes from the Nurse's Office... continued

HAS YOUR CHILD HAD HIS OR HER FLU SHOT YET? IF NOT, PLEASE READ BELOW

Would you like to have your child vaccinated against influenza during the school day? This flu season, **SKIPP** (School Kids Influenza Prevention Program) will give the same flu vaccine that your child would receive at the doctor's office in school!

SKIPP is a partnership between our school district, Monroe County Department of Public Health, and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Our school has been selected to have a one-day flu clinic this flu season.

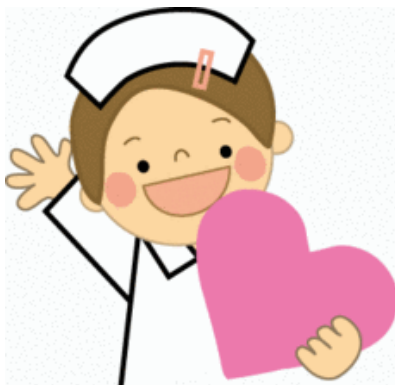
We think this is important because:

- Flu spreads rapidly through schools.
- Flu may cause fever, chills, headache, body aches and tiredness.
- Children may be sick for a week or more and miss a lot of school.
- Also, school children can spread the disease to babies and grandparents who may not be able to fight off the virus.



You will receive an email with more information and instructions on how to participate coming very soon.

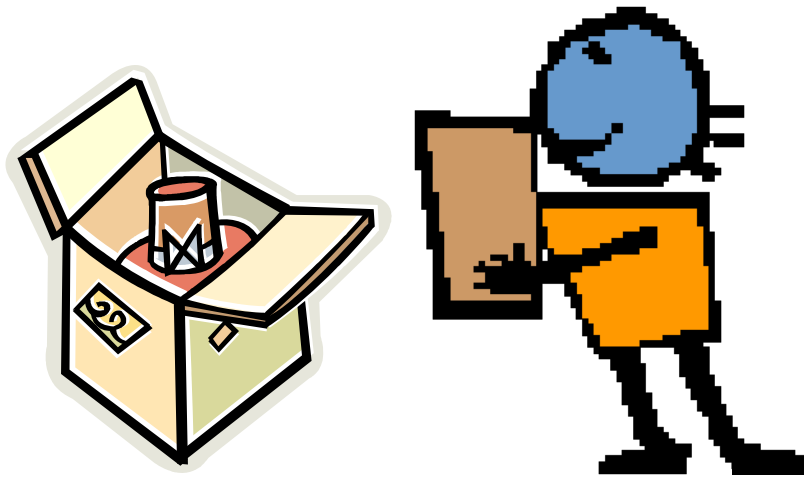
Please feel free to call my office anytime with questions or concerns @ (585) 249-6607.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Yours in good health -
Kathy Richards, R.N.

Attention Harris Hill!!!
Thank you for the 545 stuffing
bags/boxes donated to the
Penfield Food Shelf



5th graders
donated the most stuffing

Great Job!

Thank you to all students and their families for
“walking the talk” in our community and
supporting families in need
this holiday season

Mrs. Kristen Brolsma, School Counselor

Email: KBrolsma@penfield.edu



SEPTA Bookfair

9:30 – String Performance w/Mrs. Facklam

10am – Mr. Nelson Storytime / 10:30 – Yoga with Miss Sponholz

Saturday, Dec. 5 9am-10pm

Barnes & Noble in Webster – 1070 Ridge Road, Webster



Artwork by: Jameson Case, SEPTA 2014 Poster Contest Winner

Story Times	Music	Art	Pet Therapy	Yoga	Lego Master Builder
Music Therapy	Scott Pitoniak	Art Therapy	Jumbo Shrimp	Poster Contest	

Money raised goes toward purchasing books for all PCSD libraries and to fund scholarships for PHS seniors

Check out <http://penfield-septa.org> for the schedule of events



Penfield SEPTA Bookfair Voucher #: 11705324

Present this voucher at the register or online during 12/5-12/11/15 and a portion of the proceeds will go to Penfield SEPTA

Upcoming Programs at Penfield Public Library

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Penfield Public Library. Programs are free, but registration is required. You can register online at www.penfieldlibrary.org, or call 340-8720.

MINECRAFT MONDAYS

December 7 & 21

4:15—5:15 pm

Grades 2-8

Meet up with other Minecraft fans at the library! Bring your own device with the game or username and password to sign onto a library laptop. The library also has 5 Minecraft licenses and a PS3 edition which participants can take turns using. Registration is not required.



HOLIDAY BREAK PROGRAMS

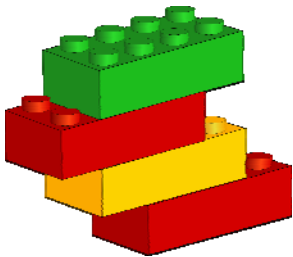
LIBRARY LEGO LAB

Monday, December 28; 10:30 – 11:45 AM

For children ages 6 – 11 yrs. Old

Do you love to build with Legos? Come join other Lego fans for our Library Lego Lab! We'll provide all the Legos, you bring your imagination. Creations will be photographed then dismantled for our next Lego Lab!

REGISTRATION begins Monday, December 14.



STAR WARS

Monday, December 28; 2:30 – 3:30 PM

For children ages 3 and up, accompanied by an adult

Come meet two of our favorite Jedis and have your photo taken with them! Learn some Jedi moves in the training academy and have some fun with Star Wars Bingo.

REGISTRATION begins Monday, December 14.



DOLL'S WINTER TEA PARTY

Wednesday, December 30; 2:00 – 3:30 PM

For children in grades K – 5

You and your favorite doll are invited to our “fancy” winter tea party. We'll enjoy sweet refreshments, make a craft, and talk about our dolls. Please dress up (and your doll too) in your favorite “party clothes” so you'll be ready to stroll down our red carpet!

REGISTRATION begins Wednesday, December 16.



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Upcoming Programs at Penfield Public Library... *Continued*

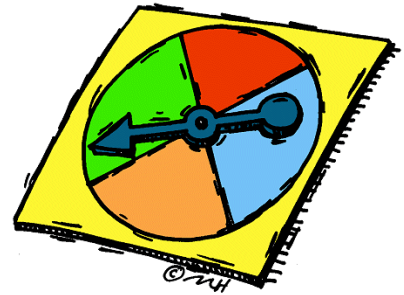
HAPPY "NEW YEAR" GAME DAY

Thursday, December 31; 2:00 – 3:00 PM

For ages 4 and up, must be accompanied by an adult

(Children under 4 will be unable to attend the program)

Let's ring in 2016 with a rousing family game. Prizes! Refreshments! Excitement! Don't miss this special afternoon of family fun! **REGISTRATION** begins Thursday, December 17.



Harris Hill Book Fair

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



This year's **Book Fair** was a busy time of browsing and buying and, most especially, a celebration of how exciting it is to examine new books. The library staff would like to thank all of the teachers who allowed their students to come shop. Thank you to all of the students and families who participated to make the book fair a tremendous success.

Special thanks to Michelle Woodside and Meg Cutter for being our Book Fair Chairs. We are grateful for all their hard work.

Many thanks to our devoted book fair volunteers:

Emily Dailor, Richie DeJohn, Liz Gard, Kelly Gibbs, Jennifer Glen, Kristen LaFay, Wendy Mann, Michelle McElduff, Robin Motsay, Susan Mraz, Dhruvi Naik, Holly Ottney, Chrissy Pavone, Danyelle Peiffer, Michelle Pellicano, Jennifer Shoemaker, Melanie Simon, Dara Slovik, Becky Spector.

We could not have carried out such a spectacular event without you. Also, thank you to our regular library volunteers who jumped in to help out with the fair at a moment's notice.

See you next year at the fair!

Lisa Edborg and Bridget Bounds



WINGS OF LIGHT

CELEBRATING THE ANGELS IN OUR LIVES

*Honor and remember all the angels in your life, past and present
and help light up a long winter's night.*

Monday, December 14, 2015, from 5-7:30 pm at Shepherd Home



~ Wings of Light 2012 ~

*Luminaries are \$10 each, personalized with the name of your loved one.
All proceeds will benefit the residents and caring work of Penfield's own comfort care home.*

To purchase your personalized luminaria, please visit our website:

www.shepherdhome.org

or stop by Shepherd Home at 1959 Five Mile Line Road

Please feel free to join us that evening to enjoy the luminaries, hot cocoa, cookies and fellowship.

Purchase your luminaries by December 11th!

PHS Dance Team presents...

11th Annual Dance Showcase
Saturday, January 23rd @ 7pm
 PHS Auditorium Stage

Featuring: 2015-2016 Penfield High School Dance Team



Special Guests:

Phoenix (Traditional Chinese Dance)	DancEncounters (Argentine Tango)
Drumcliffe (Irish Dance)	Draper (Ballet)
McLaughlin Goodwin O'Shanecy (Irish Dance)	Inikori Dance Studio (Latin)
Bharata School of Indian Dance (Classical Indian dance)	
Saaz Indian Music & Entertainment (Indian Folk/Bollywood)	
University of Rochester Dance Team	Spins Dance Studio
Fitzsimmons Dance Factory	

Purchase Advance sale tickets \$6:

www.phsdanceteam.myevent.com

or

7-8:30pm @ PHS Boys Varsity Basketball Home Games (PDT table in gym hallway)
December 9, 11, 16, 21, 28, 30th and January 8, 20th

***** The PHS Dance Team will be performing *HALF TIME* 12/11, 12/23, 1/8, 1/20 games *****

Tickets @ door night of event: \$8

Important: Morning Drop-Off and Parent Pick-Up

Due to safety concerns in the Morning Drop-Off and Parent Pick-Up line, we will be closing off the parking spots in front of the building at 8:20 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each day.

Please park in a designated spot in the parking lot or at Harris Whalen Park if you need to enter the building during those times. Thank you for your understanding.



Penfield CSD Launches Facebook Page, Twitter Account!

In order to enhance our communication with the Penfield Schools Community and provide you with the most timely, accurate information, the District has launched an official Facebook Page and Twitter account!

You can find us on:

Facebook at: www.facebook.com/PenfieldCSD and

Twitter at www.twitter.com/PenfieldCSD.

Please "like" and share our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter today! We look forward to sharing all of the great things happening in our District as we kick off another school year!



2015-2016 School Year

Guidelines for Visitors/Volunteers at Harris Hill

The involvement of volunteers at Harris Hill, both on a regular and occasional basis, is valued by everyone as a VERY important part of the overall program. Whatever your skills or schedule, we appreciate your help. Please follow these guidelines:

- ◆ *Always check in and out at the security desk.*
- ◆ *Please have an updated yellow district volunteer form on file annually.*
- ◆ *Volunteers are expected to abide by district policies and regulations.*
- ◆ *Appropriate dress & language for an elementary school is always necessary.*
- ◆ *Volunteers should honor all students as learners.*

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

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

If you are volunteering, we ask that you remain in your volunteering location. To maintain a safe and secure environment, we will be minimizing the traffic of visitors throughout the building. Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

Guidelines for Visitors Eating Lunch in the Harris Hill Cafeteria

Lunch is a time for children to interact with peers and develop social skills. If you choose to join us for lunch, it is important that you follow these guidelines:

- ◆ *Always check in and out at the security desk.*
- ◆ *Cafeteria rules need to be followed at all times.*
- ◆ *Appropriate dress & language for an elementary school is always necessary.*
- ◆ *Food cannot be given to children other than your own.*
- ◆ *Please say your goodbyes in the café , we are asking that you do not go back to the cluster after lunch.*
- ◆ *Recess is considered part of the school day and a necessary time for children to interact with peers. We are asking that visitors not join this independent play time.*

Thank you for your cooperation in helping the children develop these important social skills on their own. If you have concerns about your child's social development, please feel free to call Harris Hill School Counselor, Mrs. Broolsma @ 585-249-6611 or e-mail KBrolsma@penfield.edu.



Communicating with the Harris Hill Community

Please use the following links to send information that you would like communicated to the Harris Hill Community:

The Hotline (The monthly PTA newsletter): harrishillhotline@gmail.com

Enews (weekly electronic newsletter published every Friday): harrishillnews@gmail.com

Also, follow Mr. Nelson on Twitter at @harrishillpcsd



The Hotline Schedule

The Harris Hill PTA newsletter, The Hotline, is published on a monthly basis. Anyone can contribute information to be published in the Hotline. If you have information to share with the other members of the Harris Hill community about school or community events, student accomplishments, pictures of school events, etc., then please submit the articles to harrishillhotline@gmail.com. Deadlines for an upcoming issue are the last Friday of the month.

Articles for the January edition of The Hotline are due in by Friday, January 1st.

If you have information that you would like to communicate in between editions of The Hotline, feel free to utilize the weekly email blasts that are sent out from the PTA. You can submit information to enews at harrishillnews@gmail.com.

