

# The Hotline

The Harris Hill PTA newsletter for the Harris Hill Community

March 2016

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# PTA

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## Important Dates

- **March 8th:** PTA Meeting, 7pm, HH Cafeteria
- **March 10th:** State of the District, 7pm, PHS Library
- **March 11th:** Parent Teacher Conference Day—NO SCHOOL
- **March 14th:** Parent Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, PHS Library
- **March 15th:** PACE Meeting: Helping Students Deal With Stress, 7:00 pm, BT Library
- **March 16th:** SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, BT Library
- **March 23rd:** BOE Meeting, 7 pm, PHS Library
- **March 25th:** Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
- **March 28—April 1st:** Spring Recess—NO SCHOOL

Hello Harris Hill Families!

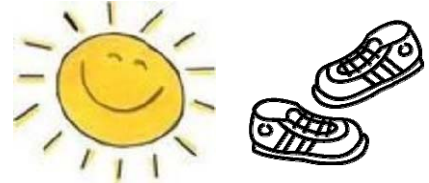
We are slowly moving into nicer weather with spring just around the corner. We still have lots of fun events coming up such as Girls Night Out and Red Wings Night to name a few. Thank you to all of the volunteers and everyone who has participated in supporting our events so far this school year! The most important thing we can do for our children is to be supportive and stay involved.

Don't let the March weather stop you from attending the District's Conversation on Education at 7 pm Thursday, March 10th in the High School Library for an overview of Educating the Whole Student, the 2016-17 Budget, the 2016 Capital Project and the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). The goal of this discussion is to provide information and engage the community in a thoughtful conversation on the topics.

March is a PTA meeting month and we hope to see YOU at our next PTA meeting on March 8th at 7pm in the HH cafeteria. We are looking forward to great discussions, as always, and we are also looking for nominations to fill next year's PTA board positions. If you are interested in a position please let us know by April 1st. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Stay Warm!  
Krista Hart & Michelle McElduff  
HH PTA Co-Presidents  
[www.harrishill-pta.org](http://www.harrishill-pta.org)

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.*

Next Hotline deadline:  
March 25th—3pm

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

[harrishillhotline@gmail.com](mailto:harrishillhotline@gmail.com)

## From the Principal's Desk

Please follow Mr. Nelson on Twitter



<https://twitter.com/harrishillpcsd>



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## SAVE THE DATE

### *"SPRINGO"*

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> ; 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

A fun night of **bingo** for the entire family!  
More details coming soon

Sponsored by the Harris Hill PTA  
Interested in helping? Call Meghan Wagner (678-4854) or Linda Walsh (455-7775)



## Message from the Nurse

### Change in Medication Administration in the Health Office

Just a reminder that the District medication policy changed last February (2015). The Nurses in the District are no longer allowed to apply Vaseline, Calamine, Aloe and Unscented lotion, as well as administer cough drops or other OTC oral medications in the health office without a doctors order. In the past we were supported by a standing order from our District Physician to administer these things but the orders are no longer available to us and the New York State Education Department does not allow any medication, prescription or OTC (oral as well as topicals) to be administered without a doctors order. So, going forward if your child needs to have lotion for their dry skin, Vaseline for their chapped lips or a cough drop at school, I will need to have a doctor's order and this includes oral medications (prescription or OTC) as well. Last spring I sent home the District OTC Medication Administration form with every student, if you are in need of another copy please feel free to contact me . You can also find this form on the website, at [www.penfield.edu](http://www.penfield.edu). It is located under "**quick links**"- **files and documents** and then the **Health Forms** tab. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

### Attendance

Parents, please remember to notify the health office at [\(585\) 249-6607](tel:5852496607) if your child is going to be out of school for vacations, personal reasons, etc. as well as illness.

### 5th Grade Parents

#### Scoliosis Screening:

I started the New York State mandated Scoliosis Screening for 5th grade students the week of 02/22 during Physical Education Classes. If I have received a Health Appraisal form for your child for 5th grade AND the doctor has documented a scoliosis screening, your student will not be screened at school. If my findings are not within New York State guidelines, you will be notified and asked to take your child to your own physician for further examination.

#### Immunization Requirement:

Please be aware that according to New York State guidelines, all children entering 6th grade in September will need to have a shot for diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (also called Tdap) as well as Varicella (Varivax which is the vaccine for chicken pox.) You will be receiving a notification letter from Bay Trail Health Office very soon. Please take the time to fill out this form and return it to Bay Trail Nurse's Office as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns @ [\(585\) 249-6607](tel:5852496607).

As always, yours in good health

Kathy Richards, R.N



# Meet the Instruments of the Band



Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 P.M.

Penfield High School Auditorium

An Informational Concert  
For current 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Penfield Elementary Students  
Who are interested in beginning a band instrument  
and their Parents

Featuring the Penfield High School Wind Ensemble  
Directed by Robert Howard

**See and hear the instruments**  
**Talk with students presently in the band program**

**BAND INSTRUMENT LESSONS BEGIN IN THE 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Mr. Jeremy Stringer (Harris Hill/Scribner)

Mrs. Rebecca English (Cobbles and Indian Landing)

**Please return the form below to the band director in your school by  
March 21.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Phone Number



## Disability-Friendly Camp Options

**Wed., March 16 @ 7pm – 8:00pm**  
 Bay Trail Library

**Presenters:** Representatives from AutismUp, Camp Haccamo, Mountain High Adventure Camp, Rotary Sunshine Camp, and The Family Autism Center

Summer will be here before we know it! Come and learn about different camp options in our community designed for children with disabilities. Learn about what kind of supports each of the camps has to offer, what activities each camp has to offer its campers and registration requirements for each camp. Representatives from local agencies will come and speak about the different camp options available for children.

- Camp Arrowhead
- Camp Bay View
- Camp Haccamo
- Camp Puzzle Peace
- Mountain High Adventure Camp
- Rotary Sunshine Camp

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

<http://penfield-septa.org>

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## Harvest of the Month 2015-2016

Month/Date	Featured Item
Thursday March 17, 2016	Squash
Wednesday April 20, 2016	Spring Sprouts
Thursday May 19, 2016	Asparagus
Thursday June 9, 2016	Cherries





**Conversation on Education  
State of the District**

**Thursday, March 10, 2016**

**7:00 pm**

**Penfield High School Library**

**Please join us for a discussion focused on the following topics:**

**Educating the Whole Student**

**2016-17 Budget**

**2016 Capital Project**

**Save the Date  
Family Movie Night**

**Friday, April 15th**

Doors open at 6:45 pm;  
Movie starts at 7:00 pm

Stay tuned for more information



**PCSD 2016-2017 School  
Calendar**



The Board of Education adopted the calendar for the 2016-17 school year at its March 1st meeting. See link below:

<http://www.penfield.edu/files/filesystem/pcsd%202016-17%20calendar2.pdf>





January 22, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

If you would like to request transportation to and from a Childcare/Alternate Site during the 2016-2017 school year, please fill out the attached "Transportation Form" and return it to the Transportation Department. A new form must be filled out each school year.

**The deadline for requests is April 1, 2016.**

**\*\*FAXED AND EMAIL COPIES ARE NOW ACCEPTED.\*\***

A childcare location is defined as a place situated within the school district, other than the child's home, where care for less than 24 hours a day is provided on a regular basis. This definition includes, but not limited to, a variety of childcare services such as day care centers and in-home care by relatives and non-relatives. We will transport Penfield students to all public daycares located in the Penfield Central School District. Transportation to private daycares will also be provided if the private daycare is in the attendance zone of the school the child is attending.

An alternate site request would include students having dual residences.

We will transport to and from the primary residence, unless a Childcare/Alternate Site form is completed.

This form is critical to our route planning and your assistance in this process is greatly appreciated. Some additional information regarding the transportation of students to and from Childcare/Alternate Sites is included.

#### **Transportation between School and a Child Care Location / Alternate Site**

State Education Law authorizes a board of education, at its discretion, to provide transportation between school and Childcare/Alternate Sites in grades K-8. Such transportation may be provided only for children attending Childcare/Alternate Sites located within the district.

Children are eligible for transportation to or from a Childcare/Alternate Site and school when the distance exceeds ½ mile. Consequently, a child may be eligible for transportation to or from a Childcare/Alternate Site even though not eligible for transportation to or from home (if home was within ½ mile of the school).

The parent or legal guardian must submit a written request for transportation to or from a Childcare/Alternate Site before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Routes are developed based on this information. **The Penfield School District Transportation Department will process these requests received after April 1<sup>st</sup>, as quickly as possible, but it may take up to ten (10) working days to put changes in place.**

Childcare/Alternate Site requests will be processed adhering to the requirements of all-applicable Laws, Regulations, and District Policies. Wherever possible, assignment will be made to existing Bus Routes and Bus Stops. These Bus Stops will be located within ½ mile of the Childcare/Alternate Site as required by the Penfield School District Policy for students K-8.

While the Penfield School District Transportation Department will try to accommodate every legal request, we require a **written** form for any change in Childcare/Alternate Site transportation arrangements.

Please be sure to have plans in place in the event that your child needs to go home instead of to the Childcare/Alternate Site.

The District is not authorized to provide transportation between the Childcare/Alternate Site and the child's home. Transportation may be provided from the home address or Childcare/Alternate Site to school and from school to the home or Childcare/Alternate Site.

Thank you for your assistance.  
The PCSD Transportation Department

**A NEW FORM MUST BE COMPLETED EACH  
SCHOOL YEAR!!**

*See next page for a copy of the form*



**PENFIELD CSD TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**  
**2075 FIVE MILE LINE ROAD, PENFIELD, NY 14526 585-249-5650 FAX 585-586-2309**  
**Email: [transportation@penfield.edu](mailto:transportation@penfield.edu)**

**CHILDCARE / ALTERNATE SITE LOCATION**

**DIRECTIONS: PLEASE PRINT.**

1. Childcare/Alternate Site address must be located within the Penfield Central School District.
2. A separate form must be completed for each school for which transportation is required.
3. **A new form must be completed each year and returned to the transportation department by April 1, 2016.**
4. Once a weekly transportation schedule is established, it must remain consistent.
5. If arrangements change, please complete a new form. (Changes can take up to 10 working days to be completed.)

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR:** **2016-2017**

**STUDENT(S) NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE:** (in 2016-17) \_\_\_\_\_

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|----|-------|-------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ |

**NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the appropriate days below. All other times, student(s) will be transported to/from the home address.

From childcare / alternate location to school				
M	T	W	TH	F

From school to childcare / alternate location				
M	T	W	TH	F

Please check one:  childcare  alternate location  other parental home  
 School Based YMCA *Before* School Program  School Based YMCA *After* School Program

**Date Needed to Start:** \_\_\_\_\_ If other than the beginning of school.  
 However, processing of the transportation request could take up to ten (10) working days to arrange.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **UNSURE OF CHILDCARE/ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS AT THIS TIME.** If this line is checked, you must submit the above information directly to the Transportation Office as soon as it becomes available.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PENFIELD TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
APPROVED BY: _____	DATE: _____

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## Box Tops



**We have earned \$518 toward this year's goal of \$1000!**

### **Check this out....**

- Each Box Top is worth 10¢
- 25 Box Tops equals \$2.50
- 200 families send in just 25 Box Tops each...
- Harris Hill earns \$500 and we reach our goal!

**Keep sending in those Box Tops! We are doing GREAT!**

Collection jars are found in each Cluster. If you have any questions about the Box Tops for Education program or would like to help out with clipping, please contact Amy Block ([amy\\_c\\_block@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_c_block@yahoo.com)) or Jen Parton ([jen.parton@gmail.com](mailto:jen.parton@gmail.com)).

## Upcoming Programs at the 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](http://www.penfieldlibrary.org), or call 340-8720.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!**  
**Saturday, March 5; 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**For ages 3-9, accompanied by an adult**

Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a story, crafts, CAKE, and other birthday fun! **REGISTRATION** began Friday, February 19th.



**BOLAND SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE**  
**Sunday, March 6; 2:30 -3:30 pm**  
**For children of all ages and their families**

Come celebrate the art of Irish Dance with the students of the Boland School of Irish Dance who will perform traditional dances in full costume. **REGISTRATION** began Friday, February 19.

**MINECRAFT MONDAY**  
**Monday, March 7 & March 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 on it or play the PC version on a library laptop (some licenses are provided, but *bring your own* username and *password* if you have one). **REGISTRATION** is not required.



**HELLO CELLO**  
**Saturday, March 9th; 11:00 AM – 12:00 pm**  
**For children of all ages and their families**

Here is your chance to see a cello up close. Miss Adele loves her cello and wants to share her enthusiasm! Children will have a chance to try out a cello and see what beautiful sounds it can make. **REGISTRATION** begins Friday, March 4.

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## Upcoming Programs at the Penfield Public Library... Continued

### JOIN US FOR SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES!

#### TALES FOR TAILS

**Monday, March 28; 10:30—11:30 am**

**For children ages 4 and up and their families**



Did you know that even dogs like to listen to stories? Come read to real live therapy dogs from "Tales for Tails." Drop-in, no registration required. You will sign up for reading time slots upon arrival. (Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)



#### SCRAP ART FUN

**Tuesday, March 29; 2:00—3:00 pm,**

**For children in grades K-5**

Join us and use your creativity to produce a work of art using some recycled items as diverse as seashells, beads, fabric, pinecones, machine parts, game pieces, dried flowers, and more. Presenter Mary Jane Wenner will provide the instruction and inspiration and all the materials. Just bring your imagination. **REGISTRATION** begins Tuesday, March 15.

#### STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

**Tuesday, March 29, 7:00—7:30 pm**

**For children ages 3-8, accompanied by an adult.**



Come join us for our stuffed animal bedtime storytime! Children bring a favorite stuffed animal

to hear stories and songs about toys and then tuck them in for a sleepover at the library!! The next day, Wednesday, March 30, between 3 – 8:30 pm, children come back to pick up their animals and a souvenir of their animal's experience! **(Make sure to bring an animal your child can part with for the night.)** **REGISTRATION** begins Tuesday, March 15



#### GO GREEN!

**Wednesday, March 30, 10:30—11:30 am**

**For children in grades K-5**

Join Environmental educator, Tina Verno Stevens, from the Department of Environmental Services, and learn about the three R's - reduce, reuse and recycle - and why they are important to all of us AND our community! We will read a poem and everyone will create a fun paper fortune teller filled with recycling facts! **REGISTRATION** begins Wednesday, March 16.

#### DOLL'S SPRING TEA PARTY

**Thursday, March 31; 2:00—3:30 pm**

**For children in grades K-5**

You and your favorite doll are invited to our fancy spring 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" to stroll down our red carpet! **REGISTRATION** begins Thursday, March 17.





***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](http://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!***





## 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](mailto:harrishillhotline@gmail.com)

**Enews** (weekly electronic newsletter published every Friday): [harrishillnews@gmail.com](mailto:harrishillnews@gmail.com)

**Also, follow Mr. Nelson on Twitter at @harrishillpcsd**

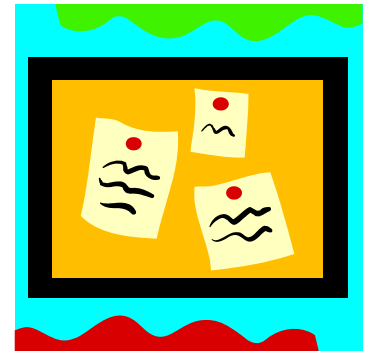


## The Hotline Schedule

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](mailto:harrishillhotline@gmail.com). Deadlines for an upcoming issue are the last Friday of the month.

Articles for the April edition of The Hotline are due in by Friday, March 25th.

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](mailto:harrishillnews@gmail.com).





## 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](mailto:KBrolsma@penfield.edu).**