



The Hotline

The Harris Hill PTA newsletter for the Harris Hill Community

April 2016

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



Hello Harris Hill Families!

Important Dates

- **April 8th:** HH Family Bingo Night, 6:00 pm, HH Cafeteria
- **April 11th:** Suzuki 50th Anniversary Celebration, 7:00 pm, PHS Auditorium
- **April 12th:** Parent Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, PHS Library
- **April 13th—15th:** NYS Math testing, Grades 3-8
- **April 15th:** HH Movie Night, 7:00 pm HH Cafeteria
- **April 18th:** Conference Day, K-5 No School
- **April 19th:** BOE Meeting, 7 pm, PHS Library
- **April 21st:** Independent Project Gala, 6:00 pm, BT Cafeteria
- **April 21st:** Men's Night Out Concert, 7:00 pm, PHS Auditorium



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 on Friday, April 8th and Movie Night on April 18th! Still to come are Girls Night Out on May 6th and Red Wings Night on May 13th.

Our next PTA meeting is on May 11th at 7:00 pm in the Harris Hill Cafeteria. Please come and join us!

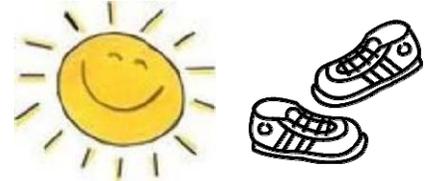
Happy Spring!

Krista Hart & Michelle McElduff
 HH PTA Co-Presidents

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<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisHillPTA>

Harris Hill PTA...



A Bright Future Begins at Harris Hill!

<p>HARRIS HILL ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>HARRIS HILL ELEMENTARY VISION STATEMENT</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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Next Hotline deadline:
 April 29th—3pm

It's easy to submit an article!
 Just type up your information and email it to:
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 8th ; 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)





The Penfield Field Hockey Boosters are holding a **Chicken BBQ fundraiser**

Thursday, April 21 from 4:30-6:30
at Bay Trail

Tickets are \$10: ¼ chicken, pulled pork, mac salad, coleslaw, roll/butter
See your fave field hockey team member or contact
sherylhamilton@hotmail.com by April 14th!!!

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>

Harvest of the Month 2015-2016

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



Harris Hill Movie Night Sponsored by the Harris Hill PTA

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Rated PG

Friday, April 15th, 2016

Harris Hill Cafeteria

Doors open at 6:40, movie starts at 7 PM

No sign up required

Popcorn and water will be served

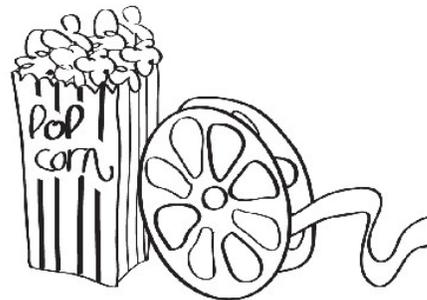
Bring sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, bean bags, pj's etc.

Parents bring your sports chairs to set up in the back of the cafeteria.

Please go to www.common sense media.org to look up the details of this movie to make sure it is suitable for your family.

All children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event. Any questions, please contact Nora Zbick at nrzbk@aol.com or 315-986-5845.

If you or your child should require special accommodations, please contact Marc Nelson, Harris Hill Principal at 249-6602.





April 4, 2016

Dear Parents,

It is again time for Penny Harvest; unfortunately, the organization shut down due to lack of funding. However, the SCT wishes to continue this philanthropic program and has renamed it “**The Penny Games at Harris Hill**” with just a couple of adjustments to the program.

The SCT will conduct surveys in their respected grade level assignments to help determine where the school will donate the money, and supplies will be delivered to your cluster as well. The collection will begin on **Monday, April 11th and run through Friday, April 29th**.

This year the whole school will compete against each other. The grade level that collects the most pennies will win a grade-wide pizza party for their cluster.

We truly appreciate your continued support with this project. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Zebrak at terri_zebrak@hotmail.com or Mrs. Obstarczyk at jennifer@rochester.rr.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Harris Hill Student Connection Team (SCT) and
Mr. Nelson



Notes From the Nurse's Office

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. It is located under "quick links"- files and documents and then the **Health Forms** tab. *The order is only good for the present school year and will need to be renewed annually.* Thank you for your patience in this matter.

5th Grade Parents

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). If you haven't already, you will be receiving a notification letter from Bay Trail Health Office with more details. Please take the time to fill out this form and return it to Bay Trail Nurse's Office as soon as possible. Feel free to call me with questions.

Scoliosis Screening:

The New York State required scoliosis screening for the 5th grade students is now 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 were not within New York State guidelines, you would have been notified. Thank you to Mrs. Stark and Mr. Solomon for their assistance with this process.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns @ (585) 249-6607/

As always, yours in good health
Kathy Richards, R.N

A Note From the Bay Trail Health Office

Bay Trail Health Office Summer Schedule:

The Bay Trail Health Office will be closed for the summer break. For your convenience we will be here the following days:

***August 23 8:00 am—2:00 pm**

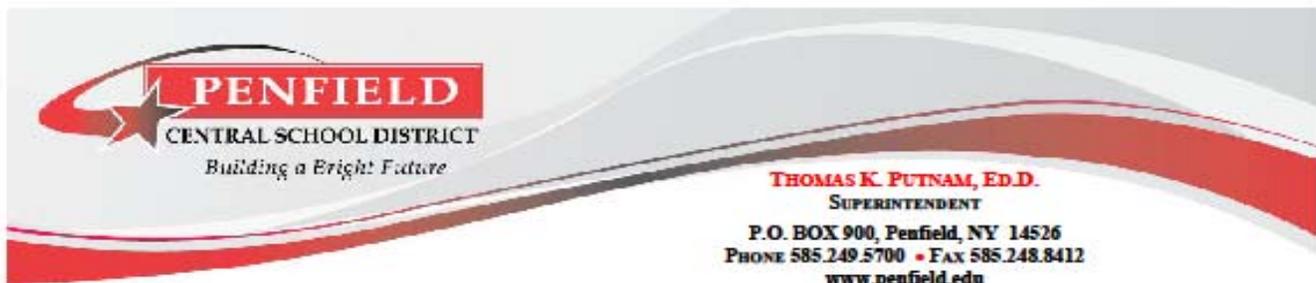
***August 24 8:00 am—2:00 pm**

August 31 and Sept. 1 7:30 am—3pm

- ◆ These are also the dates of the 6th grade orientation.

Susan Cymbal, R.N. and Katie Parasch, R.N.
Bay Trail School Nurses

Phone: 585-249-6464; Fax: 585-249-6420



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 1st. Routes are developed based on this information. **The Penfield School District Transportation Department will process these requests received after April 1st, 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

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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APPROVED BY: _____	DATE: _____

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Revised: 12/2/15



Box Tops



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

Check this out....

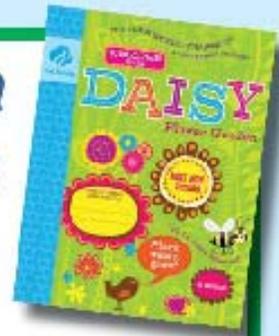
- Each Box Top is worth 10¢
- 25 Box Tops equals \$2.50
- 200 families send in just 25 Box Tops each...
- Harris Hill earns \$500 and we reach our goal!

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) or Jen Parton (jen.parton@gmail.com).



Daisy Garden Adult and Me



Is the girl in your life in Kindergarten or 1st grade?
Does she live in Penfield or Fairport?
She isn't a Daisy Girl Scout yet?

We've got a six session Daisy Girl Scout program just right for both of you!

Come join the Daisy Flower Garden Club!
Wednesdays, April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th, & 18th
6:30-7:30 pm

American Legion – Penfield's Brahman Post #1229
1707 Penfield Road, Penfield, NY 14526

Your Daisy will make crafts, play games,
hear some great stories, and make new friends
all while learning what it means to be a Daisy Girl Scout!

Want some one-on-one time with her?

An adult must stay and play!

It doesn't have to be the same adult at each session.

\$25.00 fee includes:

Girl Scout USA Annual Membership Fee
(We have membership scholarships available if needed.)

Program Supplies and a Patch too

Only \$10 if you already registered
your Daisy this past fall!

RSVP to GSWNY Membership Manager:

Kim Howson

kim.howson@gswny.org

or 585-239-7951



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, or call 340-8720.

MINECRAFT MONDAY

Monday, April 18th

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.



NAZARETH COLLEGE STORY BAND

Saturday, April 16; 11:00 –11:45 AM

For children ages 3 –10, accompanied by an adult

The Story Band is marching to Penfield Public Library to present an all-new interactive musical program. Afterward there will be a wonderful opportunity for children to meet and interact with a wide variety of musical instruments during the instrument petting zoo! **REGISTRATION** begins Friday, April 1.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Tuesday, April 19; 10:30 – 11:15 AM

For ages 3 – 6, accompanied by an adult

We're having a Teddy Bear Picnic! Bring your teddy bears and join us for teddy bear stories, songs, and tasty refreshments. We'll have a beary, beary good time! **REGISTRATION** begins Tuesday, April 5.





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

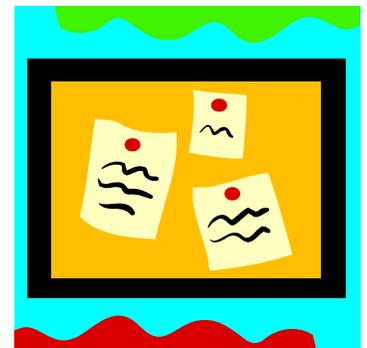


The Hotline Schedule

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 May edition of The Hotline are due in by Friday, April 29th.

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.





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!



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.