



The Hotline

The Harris Hill PTA newsletter for the Harris Hill Community

May 2016

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Important Dates

- **May 6th:** HH Swing into Spring Ladies' Choice Dance, 7:00pm—9:00pm, Car-ey Lake
- **May 9th:** HH Concert #1, 7:00 pm, PHS Au-ditorium
- **May 10th:** HH Arts in Education Festival, 6:30pm—8:00pm, Har-ris Hill
- **May 11th:** HH PTA meeting, 7:00pm, HH Cafeteria
- **May 12th:** HH Kinder-garten Parent Infor-mation Night, 6:30pm, HH Cafeteria
- **May 13th:** HH Red Wings Night, 7:00pm
- **May 17th:** Budget Vote and Board Elec-tion, 6:00am—9:00pm, PHS Gym
- **May 17th:** Parent Presentation on Aller-gies 7:00 pm, HH Cafe-teria
- **May 25:** HH Concert #2, 7:00 pm, PHS Au-ditorium
- **May 30th:** Memorial Day—No School

Hello Harris Hill Families!

Spring is finally here! Well, at least the calendar says so. May is a busy month, full of a lot of events! We hope you are able to participate or are planning to at- tend as many as possible. Volunteers are needed for many of the events, so please check folders for messages that are sent home.

The District vote on the 2016-2017 budget and election of Board of Education is on May 17th! Please come out and vote!

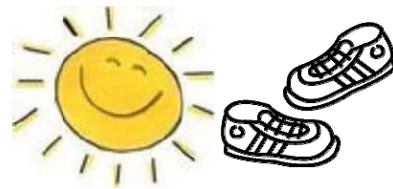
Our next meeting is May 11th. We will be electing and welcoming our 2016-2017 officers as well as voting on our proposed budget. We hope you can join us.

Krista Hart & Michelle McElduff
HH PTA Co-Presidents

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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:
May 27th—3pm

Email information to:

harrishillhotline@gmail.com

From the Principal's Desk

Please follow Mr. Nelson on Twitter



<https://twitter.com/harrishillpcsd>



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Springo was a SUCCESS!



We want to thank our sponsors! - Wegmans, Menchies, Delta Sonic, RMSC, Rosey's, Don's Original, & Walmart - for all their generous donations.

Thank you volunteers! To all those who helped out at the event, we couldn't do it without you.

We had 225 people participate in the event. Thank you to all the families for your donations to the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and for bringing your kids out for a fun evening of BINGO!



For Bay Trail Students - Online Supply Order Information 2016-17

For the 2016-17 school year, Bay Trail Middle School is again offering parents and students (grades 6 through 8) the opportunity to purchase school supplies online. The supplies must be ordered by June 14, 2016. They will be available to pick up at Bay Trail during our Locker Set-Up Nights, August 31 and September 6, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Parents interested in purchasing school supplies online for next year should visit the Bay Trail Main Page website and click on the *Order School Supplies Online* link. A portion of the school supplies purchase price helps to support students' clubs through our Bay Trail Student Council.



BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

6 AM TO 9 PM

PENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GYM

2016-17 Budget Quick Facts:

- Proposed 2016-17 Budget: \$93,310,838
- Proposed Budget Increase: 2.7%
- Proposed Tax Levy Increase: 1.2%
- Estimated Tax Rate Increase: 0.14% (Town of Penfield)
- Tax increase for the owner of a \$200,000 home in the Town of Penfield with Basic Star: \$6
- Board Election: There are two candidates for two seats - Barbara Babiarz and John Piper
- More budget information is available at www.penfield.edu under Quick Links, 2016-17 Budget Info.

Harris Hill PTA Presents
Learning About Allergies
Dr. Emily Weis
from the
Allergy Advocacy Association
May 17th 7:00 -8:00 pm
Harris Hill Cafetorium

The Allergy Advocacy Association will be presenting a free informational session. They will provide you with an evidence-based approach to identifying, diagnosing, assessing and managing anaphylaxis in order to prevent death from severe allergy reactions. Throughout the presentation, they will allow time to answer all questions. This event is not intended for children.

Please reserve your spot: <https://penfieldallergy.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Contact Krista Hart, Kristahart515@gmail.com

2016 - 2017 Penfield Youth Basketball

Penfield Youth Basketball (PYB) is a competitive travel basketball program for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. For the 2015- 2016 season there were nearly 200 youth from the Penfield community participating in the program. Registration for the 2016-2017 PYB season will begin 07/01/16 and tentative dates for tryouts are Sunday September 18th and Sunday September 25th. For additional details and links to registration materials, please see the PYB website <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=pybhoops>



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May 2, 2016

Dear Parents:

Just a few reminders as the weather turns warmer and we near the end of the school year.

- A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall:
 - ◆ Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process
 - ◆ Not include hats/bandannas in school
 - ◆ Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, or degrade others' race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability
 - ◆ Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities
 - ◆ Shorts and tops should be modest and appropriate – no spaghetti straps or bare midriffs
 - ◆ **The hem of shorts, skirts, dresses, and skorts should extend to the fingertips when the student is standing**
 - ◆ Appropriate dress for outside recess in every season
- Open toe shoes and sandals are not to be worn while playing on the playground equipment. I encourage you to talk with your child about safety and encourage them to wear sneakers. Also, please remind students that from a health perspective, students should not be sharing shoes.
- It is recommended that toys of any type not be brought to school as so often they become misplaced and are therefore a source of terrible disappointment for youngsters. To prevent hurt feelings and conflicts, we also recommend that trading cards and other trading toys should remain at home.
- Although video game players, CD/DVD players, iPods/iPads, Nooks/Kindles, cell phones and radios **may** be used on a limited basis during the school day for educational purposes, and **may** be allowed on the school bus, we discourage them from being brought to school. Items of this nature will need to **remain in backpacks or lockers unless being used for educational purposes**.
- Sports equipment with the exception of baseball mitts (no balls) should not be brought from home. Use of this type of equipment during playtime could cause injuries to students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 249-6602. Thanks for a great year and your continued support.

Sincerely,



Marc P. Nelson
Principal

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

Will you be a new parent at Bay Trail in September? The Bay Trail PTA has opportunities for parents to be involved in a variety of ways ranging from a few hours a month to one-time events. Some volunteer opportunities available for the 2016-17 school year include :

- Fundraising Chair and support team
- Program Coordinator
- Shared Decision Making Team parent representative (2-year term)
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast chair (May-June)
- E-news Co-editor
- Reflections (train with current Reflections chair to take over the following year)
- Volunteer Coordinator (train with the current volunteer coordinator to take over the following year)
- Harvest of the Month
- Assistant Treasurer

For more information about the Bay Trail PTA and volunteer opportunities, visit www.baytrailpta.org. The link to volunteer descriptions is under Volunteer Opportunities on the left navigation bar. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Ann Christman at volunteercoord@baytrailpta.org. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

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
Thursday May 19, 2016	Asparagus
Thursday June 9, 2016	Cherries



Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars



IMAGINE RIT

Sat., May 7th, 10am - 5pm, RIT Campus (Rochester Institute of Technology)

Free - rain or shine

The festival is a campus-wide event that showcases the innovative and creative spirit of RIT students, faculty and staff. Visitors experience interactive presentations, hands-on demonstrations, exhibitions, and research projects set up throughout campus. Visitors have witnessed a robot that serves hot dogs, a concrete canoe that floats and dozens of musical and theatrical performances. Children have made freeze-dried ice cream, test driven Segways and walked on water. http://www.rit.edu/assume/about_assume.php

FAMILY SCIENCE ACTIVITY NIGHT

Thurs., May 12th, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Student Life Center of St. John Fisher College

Want to meet a live hawk? Make your own concrete block? See floating cement? Dig for fossils? The huge exhibit area features professional interactive demonstrations and hands-on activities. Scientists and technicians at each station will share their enthusiasm and knowledge. The whole family can have fun while learning about science. Areas of interest include wildlife, plastics technology, model airplanes, DNA, astronomy, and much more. This program is free, open to the public and appropriate for all ages. No registration required for evening program: <http://www.ggw.org/~cws/sed.htm>



BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Penfield High School Gym, 25 High School Drive, 14526

Tuesday, May 17th, 6am - 9pm

All district residents 18 and older

Budget info at:

<http://www.penfield.edu/schoolnews.cfm?subpage=1997554>

Community Budget Presenta-

tions: <http://www.penfield.edu/schoolnews.cfm?subpage=1998078>

SUMMER CODING CAMPS

for kids age 9-14 and 7-12

One-week-long computer coding camps for students 7-14 are being held by the Elementary Science Program through BOCES 2. Offered during the week of July 25 and the week of August 1.

<https://www.codetothefuture.com/events/monroe-2-orleans-boces>





ARTS IN EDUCATION FESTIVAL 2016



You are invited to the Harris Hill Arts in Education Festival on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The festival features student artwork

and live musical performances by our string students. Join us at 7:00 for a special presentation with Caldecott-winning illustrator and author, Peter Brown, followed by a brief autographing session.

**Peter Brown's books will be available for purchase at the festival.
CHECKS ONLY will be accepted.**

Notes From the Nurse's Office

Change in Medication Administration in the Health Office



Just another friendly 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.



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

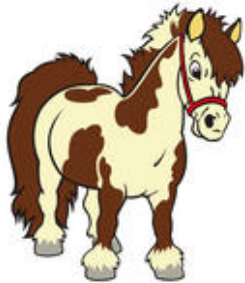
♦ **These are also the dates of the 6th grade orientation.**

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

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

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.



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MINIATURE HORSES

Monday, May 9; 10:30 – 11:30 am

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult

Janice Hyde of Never Say Never Stables returns for a special hour exploring the wonderful world of miniature horses! This hands-on program includes petting, brushing, learning about these special animals and a fun craft. **REGISTRATION** began Monday, April 25.

MINECRAFT MONDAY

May 16; 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.

DOUGHNUTS WITH DAD STORYTIME

Wednesday, June 8; 6:45 – 7:30 pm

For ages 3 - 7, accompanied by dad and/or grandpa

It's almost Father's Day and we're going to celebrate with a special storytime devoted to dads. We'll enjoy stories and sing songs in honor of fathers and munch on some tasty doughnuts too! Make sure to bring your dad and/or grandpa for this delightful evening! **REGISTRATION** begins Wednesday May 25.





ONE MORE SESSION!!!!

PENFIELD SEPTA SWIMMING AT EASTSIDE YMCA

Penfield SEPTA has partnered with the Eastside YMCA to develop an after school swimming program for children with special needs. The focus of this program will be to develop swimming skills, as well as working to improve socialization skills.

The program will take place:

Wednesdays

3:30-4:00 pm for secondary students

AND

4:00-4:30 for elementary students

Bussing may be available for secondary students.

May 18th – June 15th, 2016.

Cost: \$40 for the 6 week program*

*\$30 for YMCA members

To register for this program, please contact Sean Anne, Aquatics director at Eastside YMCA: seana@RochesterYMCA.org

If your child needs additional support, please contact TIES coordinator Shannon McGregor: tiesprogrampenfield@outlook.com

For any questions regarding this program, please contact Mary Salluzzo, SEPTA Recreation Chair: salluzzo23@yahoo.com



Penfield Challenger Baseball Register Online Today!

The Challenger Baseball division enables boys and girls with physical and mental challenges, ages 5-22, to enjoy the game of baseball. Our Penfield program is open to families outside of Penfield.

The whole idea is to have FUN!

When: Saturdays at 9:30 AM starting June 4th continuing through July 30th

Where: Games will be played at the Penfield Little League Complex
(next to the Town Hall on Atlantic Avenue)

Cost: \$25 per family*

Register: <https://kmmc.formstack.com/forms/challengernyd4registration>

For more information contact Tom Cummings, Penfield Challenger Division, at
tcummings@penfieldlittleleague.org or 585-281-8282

Register by May 15th to help us form teams for the season.

Each participant can have the option to have a buddy. A buddy is a peer who can provide any assistance that a player may need. If you are interested in being a buddy, contact Tom Cummings.



* Note: Financial assistance is available, if needed. Information provided in online registration.



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

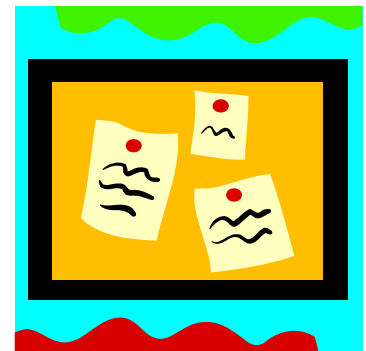


The Hotline Schedule

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 June edition of The Hotline are due in by Friday, May 27th.

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.



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.