



The Hotline

The Harris Hill PTA newsletter for the Harris Hill Community

June 2016

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

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Important Dates

- **June 4th:** HH School Play—The Jungle Book, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, HH Cafeteria
- **June 13th:** Parent Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, PHS Library
- **June 14th:** BOE meeting, 7:00 pm, PHS Library
- **June 15th:** SEPTA meeting, 6:30 pm, BT Library
- **June 17th:** HH 5th Grade Bash, 6:30 pm —9:00 pm, Harris Hill
- **June 21st:** 5th Grade Breakfast, 7:30 am, HH Cafeteria
- **June 22nd:** HH Fun Day! Last Day for K-5
- **June 23:** Teacher Conference Day (K-8)
- **June 24th:** Last Day for Teachers
- **August 23-24:** Bay Trail 6th Grade Orientations
- **Sept. 6th:** Student Material Drop Off, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm
- **Sept. 7th:** First Day of School for Students

Next Hotline deadline:
 August 26th—3pm

Email information to:

harrishillhotline@gmail.com

Hello Harris Hill Families!

It's hard to believe that the school year will soon be coming to an end. We're thrilled to have been able to sponsor so many events this year, all with your help, of course. We are grateful to the many volunteers and our committee chairs who have made those events so successful. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of elementary school with the fifth graders at the Bash on the 17th.

Recently, we sent home a letter regarding fundraising for our new playground. Harris Hill PTA is teaming up with the Penfield School District to update our outdated playground. We have our very own plot to fill, for student and community use. The HH PTA needs to raise \$20k in the next 8 months to get our part of the playground built. **Please consider supporting this effort!**

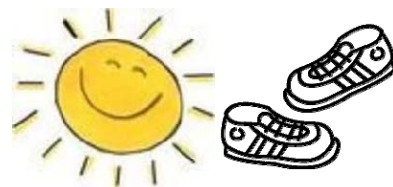
It has been a great year, we've enjoyed working with all of you and wish you and your family the very best this summer and always.

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!

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 follow Mr. Nelson on Twitter



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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.

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 June 9, 2016	Cherries



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.



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>



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!



Computer Coding Camp is coming to Monroe 2 Orleans BOCES this summer!



Eligibility: Students between the ages of 7-14 who are interested in developing their minds and learning computer science skills for success in school and life.

When: July 25th-29th or August 1st-5th

Location: Monroe 2 Orleans BOCES- Elementary Science Program: 38 Turner Dr. Spencerport, NY 14559

Camp Courses Available:

MineScratch Video Game Design:

Beginner-level Minecraft-themed computer coding class; students will create their own video games using a block-based coding program designed at MIT. Ages 7-12.

Time: 1pm-4pm. Cost: \$199



Register soon to ensure a spot for your child!

Minecraft Modding:

Intermediate-level Java computer coding class; students will learn the basics of professional text-based coding by creating their own theme, items, and world in Minecraft. Ages 9-14.

Time: 9am-12pm. Cost: \$199

Other Benefits:

- Small class sizes to ensure personalized learning
- All equipment is provided (computers, servers, etc.)



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

Questions- email Dillon.Pierce@CodeToTheFuture.com or call 781-816-2354

Conservation Club News

Remaining Committed to the Reduction of Trash in the Harris Hill Cafeteria!

Once again, the Harris Hill Conservation Club has completed a productive year of learning and active participation with approximately 75 students in grades 1-5! Like last year, our club was divided into three sub-groups which included two groups of Senior Ambassadors in grades 3, 4 and 5 and one group of Junior Ambassadors in grades 1 and 2. This year, our efforts remained focused around the theme of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" and resulted in several new recycling/conservation initiatives in the cafeteria. We remain committed in our efforts to significantly reduce the amount of cafeteria trash that is sent to the landfill.

This year we have added the following recycling/conservation systems in our cafeteria:

- ✓ Collection of plastic knives, forks and spoons for recycling.
- ✓ Collection of plastic fruit cups and other plastic containers for recycling.
- ✓ Use of biodegradable trays instead of Styrofoam trays once a month. (We were able to purchase these trays from our budget supplied by the PTA.)

We also continue to collect juice pouches which are then shipped to Terracycle. Like last year, we earned points with each shipment of juice pouches and these points can then be redeemed as donations to various charitable and environmental organizations. The charity points that we have earned this year will be donated to the National Arbor Day Foundation (five trees planted in an American forest) and to Charity Water (a year's supply of water provided for five people). We are thrilled to be able to donate to such worthy causes!

Our seven monthly meetings were a combination of hard work and fun! On the fun side, both Junior and Senior Ambassadors enjoyed creating various pieces of artwork. Our projects have included designing eye-catching conservation posters which hang in the Harris Hill hallways, Earth Day brochures highlighting our conservation efforts in the cafeteria, and holiday decorations made from reused everyday objects. We have learned that one can be very creative with toilet paper rolls or material from old clothing!

The Conservation Club advisors would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted with meetings and contributed snacks. In particular, we would like to thank **Shawna Williams** for coordinating snacks, communication and parent volunteers. In addition, we would like to thank our wonderful cafeteria monitors, **Amy Belerose, Michelle McElduff** and **Tiffany Ferrante**, who have been a tremendous support with our cafeteria recycling programs. Finally, we would like to thank all of our dedicated Conservation Club students who enthusiastically participated in club activities and who continue to help set a conservation standard for the Harris Hill community!

Submitted by the
Conservation Club
advisors,

Anne Zehler, Mike
Robison, Carol
Schonblom and
Judy Bermudez





Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the Harris Hill Arts in Education Festival on May 10. The talent in our school certainly abounds!

Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was chosen as exemplary pieces of art. Special congratulations to **Kate Masucci** whose artwork was selected for the district's permanent collection!

5th		
Nicole Bell	Pastel Closeup	Hermon
Amelia Matthews	Reimagined Shoe	Playfair
Brooke Elwell	Pastel Closeup	Notareschi
Austin Fell	VanGogh Landscape	LaFountain
Greylin Golding	3 Creatures and Me	Sponholz
4th		
Travis Bush	Mixed Creature	Amato
Vanessa Rossi	Geo Design	Roode
Alaina Bradshaw	Night Scene	Hershey
Sofia King	Pastel Pumpkin	Hauer
3rd		
Shealynn Charles	Embossed Name	Swanson
Victoria Fernandez	Embossed Word	Pieroni
Stephen Sommers	Great Wave	Socola
Emily Bell	Embossed Name	Ertel
2nd		
Shaun Hart	My Dream	Shares
Michael Collins	Night House	Fuller
Sophia Mason	Tiki World	Harrison
Adriana Chartier	Initial Creature	Wager
1st		
Trysta Reafler	Mermaid	McNamara
Max Emling	Wizard	Bermudez
Victoria Wallace	Musical Dragon	Leakey
Joseph Culiano	Spiked Dragon	Reynolds
Talon Phommachanh	My Favorite	Tompkins
K		
Mackenna Parton	Who Me	McAlpine
Ryleigh Wagner	3 Hearts	Heib
Yuval Shetrit	Windy Sky	DeBruyn
Beau Cuculick	Winter Wind	Ramsey

Notes From the Nurse's Office

HEALTH APPRAISALS

As the academic year is drawing to a close, this is a good time to take care of a few matters including some **New York State mandates** that have been assigned to schools and that will allow for a smoother transition for your child as he/she moves up to the next grade. Remember that summers are very busy times for physician offices. If your child is entering grades K, 2, 4 they will need a mandated exam. These are best done by your private healthcare provider. Make your appointment early. It can sometimes take up to three months to schedule exams.



DENTAL EXAMS

When you are planning for your child's health examination, it is also a good time for you to schedule a complete dental and oral examination for your child with your private dentist. **New York State has recommended** that the students be screened for dental health in addition to the required physical exams done at grades K, 2 and 4. If you require financial assistance, please let me know as I can provide you with the names of programs that offer free and reduced cost dental care.

WARM WEATHER

Once again I want to stress the importance of the regular use of sun protection for your children. Children exposed to strong sun rays can do real damage to their skin that may not show up until the adult years. Now is the time to prevent needless skin damage.

I suggest the use of your physician suggested sunscreen or one with an SPF of 30 or higher

that contains either zinc oxide or titanium dioxide as the main ingredient. I also encourage you to send your child in with a hat everyday. If your child is extremely fair skinned a light, airy long sleeve shirt that can be worn during long periods of exposure is another good idea.

Finally, please be sure your child understands the importance of drinking water when they are thirsty during hot days. While we try to build in water breaks to outdoor activity, a child who sweats excessively may need to ask their teachers for a water break even more often.



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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

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Notes From the Nurse's Office... *continued*



Your Survival Guide for Safe and Healthy Travel

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

The CDC is aware that more Americans are traveling internationally each year. They have created a page to assist travelers to stay healthy! These tips will work nicely for domestic travel as well.

There are 3 P's to consider:

1) Be Proactive—Anticipate issues that could arise

- Learn about your destination
- See a doctor before you travel
- Think about your health status
 - .. Are you too sick to travel?
 - .. Do you have special health needs?

2) Be Prepared—Plan ahead to deal with illness or injury

- Pack Smart
- Plan ahead for illness or injuries during your trip

- Know what to do if you become sick or injured

- Know and share information about your trip

3) Be Protected—Practice healthy behaviors during your trip

- Pay attention to your health during your trip
 - .. Use sunscreen & insect repellent
 - .. Be careful with food & water
 - .. Try not to take risks with your health & safety
 - .. Wear a seatbelt
 - .. Wear protective gear when doing adventure activities
 - .. Respect your host country & its people by following local laws and customs

- Pay attention to your health when you return home

For more information visit the CDC website @: <http://www.cdc.gov>

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me @ (585) 249-6607.

Kathy Richards



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.

**DOUGHNUTS WITH
DAD STORYTIME**
**Wednesday, June 8; 6:45
– 7:30 pm**
**For ages 3 - 7, accompa-
nied 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.

**Early Bird Registration For On Your Mark,
Get Set, Read!**

2016 Summer Reading Game at Penfield Public Library:

Once again we are offering early registration for those who would like to pick up summer reading game materials in June for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade (child must be present to register).

You can register:

Wednesday, June 15, 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Thursday, June 16, 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Monday, June 20, 4:30 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 21, 4:30– 7:00 PM

Friday, June 24, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Friday, June 24, 2:00– 4:00 PM *

*OR...REGISTER the first time you come to play the reading game during any of our regularly scheduled reading game times. Just keep track of all the reading you do beginning Monday, June 27. Write it down and have your parents sign it. We let you use that towards meeting your contract the first time you play the game.

The reading game begins Monday, June 27, and runs through Wednesday, August 3.

You play once a week on:

Mondays, 6:00– 8:00 PM, or

Tuesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, or

Tuesdays, 6:15– 8:15 PM, or

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, or

Wednesdays, 3:30– 5:45 PM

To play, you need to contract with the children's librarians to read at least 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week (children who are not yet reading can be read to). We fill out the contract when you come to register. Child must be present to register. You will also receive a special reading game bag with our official reading calendar and an "Early Bird" bonus activity card!

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

Every DAY your contract is met, you earn a coupon that can be redeemed for prizes at our prize table. Each week when you come to play the game, you get one roll of the dice to advance on the game board. For each week your contract is met, you earn an extra roll of the dice. You will also earn a raffle ticket to enter our weekly prize drawing. And if you follow the special directions on certain squares, you can earn EVEN MORE raffle tickets. Come in to play each week and pick up an ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ bonus activity card. Do the activity each week to earn EXTRA COUPONS!!

SUMMER KICK OFF WITH AIRPLAY COMEDY JUGGLING SHOW

Thursday, June 30 3:30 – 4:30 PM

For children of all ages and their families

Join Jeff Peden of Airplay as he helps us jump into our summer reading program with an energetic show combining juggling, comedy and lots of fun! **REGISTRATION** begins Thursday, June 16.



TOWN-WIDE 4th of JULY PARADE Saturday July 2 10:00AM

Come march with the Penfield Public Library as we celebrate the summer reading theme of “On Your Mark, Get set.. Read!” Families interested in participating can contact the library for more information.



PENFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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



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): harrishillenews@gmail.com

Also, follow Mr. Nelson on Twitter at @harrishillpcsd

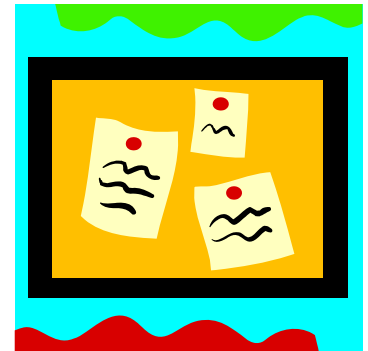


The Hotline Schedule

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 September 2016 edition of The Hotline are due in by Friday, August 26th.

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 harrishillenews@gmail.com.





Thank you to Mr. Nelson and all the wonderful teachers and staff at Harris Hill for all that you do for our children each and every day!

Thank you to Krista Hart and Michelle McElduff, PTA Co-Presidents, the PTA Board and all Committee Chairs, along with all the parents who have volunteered throughout the year, for all of the fun events and enrichment you bring to our school!

Thank you to Terry Cox and Karen Alguire for all your valuable assistance with the Hotline each month! Also, thank you to Jon Ottney and Paula Looman for your assistance with the Hotline this year!

