

# Hope School



"Where Children Come First"  
June 2011 Family Newsletter

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Dear families,

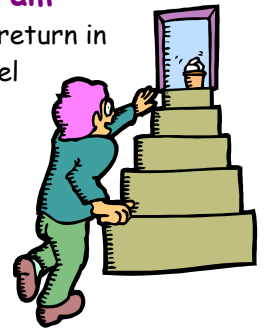
It's hard to believe that another school year is drawing to a close. I would like to thank all the students, staff and families of Hope School for working together to provide a successful learning environment for our students. This year we have made great gains in improving our technology support throughout the school. Special thanks goes out to Mr. Alan Shawn Feinstein for making much of this possible. We appreciate all the support that has been given to the numerous Student Council service projects. Both fourth grade classes enjoyed a fabulous Olive Garden lunch last week in recognition for their outstanding efforts collecting money for the Pasta for Pennies campaign. Student behavior has shown good improvement with the implementation of our "Bucket Program". Our students have learned valuable life lessons about treating others with kindness and respect as well as taking responsibility for their own actions. We look forward to continuing this program next year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for the many activities they have provided to our students this year. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the many family events topped off with the Boys' and Girls' Choice celebrations. The PTA just recently approved funding for the purchase of brand new folding chairs for our large gatherings in the gym! Thank you very much parents for agreeing to this purchase.

I wish all our Hope School families a pleasant and safe summer vacation. I look forward to greeting you all on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, our first day of the 2011-2012 school year.

Ms. Mowry

## Step It Up Summer Program

Teachers often notice that students return in September without the same high level of skills that they left school with in June. Once again Hope School students will be asked to participate in our summer "Step It Up" program. A letter will be sent home soon explaining the program and teachers' expectations. Most of the program this year will be web based. If your child does not have access to a computer at home, the Hope Library will be happy to assist. Parents may also request an alternate paper packet by contacting Ms. Mowry before June 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you parents for encouraging your child(ren) to complete this summer work.



## Library Books

Last day to check out books is the week of May 31 - June 3. All books are due by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Children will have access to the library after this date but no books will be allowed to go home. Your cooperation in returning all library books promptly is greatly appreciated. We would much prefer to have the book returned rather than having you pay for it! Thank you.



## Moving ??

If you know your child will not be attending Hope School next year, please send a written note in to our office or call Mrs. Petrarca as soon as possible. Thank you!





## Bus Routes

Bus routes for next year will be posted on the Scituate schools website by mid August. Please check [www.scituateri.net](http://www.scituateri.net). If you not have access to the internet please call the Hope School office or the Superintendent's office to request a paper copy. Thank you.

## Lunch Accounts

All charges need to be paid in full by June 17<sup>th</sup>. Any money left on accounts will carry over until the next school year unless parents request the child's balance in writing. **THANK YOU!**



## Lost and Found June 9 - 15

Please remind your child to check the lost and found tables that will be set up during these times for any missing clothing or personal items. Parents are welcome to come in and check the tables as well. Any left over items will be donated to a charity.



On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dolan from the Scituate Conservation Commission helped our third graders plant a beautiful flowering tree near our "Welcome Garden" that was donated to our school. Third graders have also been growing marigolds and sun flowers in their classrooms that will be added to our school garden. Thanks very much to the teachers, students and Mr. Dolan for making our school grounds so inviting.

## Spirit Fridays a Huge Success!

We are very proud of our Student Council for organizing the many spirit activities held during Fridays in May. Students and families very generously donated \$170 to Autism Speaks, over 250 canned food items to the Scituate food bank, hundreds of pounds of cat and dog food to our local animal shelter and thousands of bubbles, band-aids and crayons to the Tomorrow Fund. Our students have done a great job filling the buckets of those in need during these special spirit Friday celebrations!



## Important Upcoming Events

- 6 Monday - PTA Meeting, 6:30
- 7 Tuesday - School Committee Meeting
- 8 Wednesday - Dental Health Assemblies
- 8 Wednesday - "Weather Mobile" to visit Gr. 1
- 9 Thursday - Grade 2 "Sounds a Little Fishy to Me"  
Gym 2:00
- 9 Thursday - Last after school music class
- 10 Friday - Grade 5 "Meet'n Greet" Hope Pond
- 10 Friday - Grade 3 Scituate Bus Tour
- 14 Tuesday - "HELP" healthy mind and body  
assemblies presented by  
Northeast Karate & Kickbox
- 16 Thursday - Safety Patrol Orientation  
for next year
- 16 Thursday - Arts Night 6:00 PM, Concert 7:00 PM
- 17 Friday - Grade 2 Fieldtrip, Mystic Aquarium
- 20 Monday - Hope Pond rain date
- 21 Tuesday - Audubon visits to grade 1
- 22 Wednesday - Fifth Grade Celebration, 10:00 AM
- 23 Thursday - "All Hands Drumming" assembly 10:00
- 24 Friday - Kindergarten Celebrations,  
AM 9:30, PM 1:00

~ Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> ~  
**Last Day of School**



**Have a safe and happy summer!**  
**See you on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**