

# Hope School



“Where Children Come First”  
December 2008 Family Newsletter

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## Message from the Principal

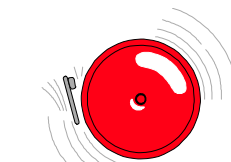
I would like to take this opportunity to urge all the voters of the Town of Scituate to attend the special Town Meeting on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 in the High School Auditorium. It is very important for all tax payers of Scituate to approve the bond at this time as it is possibly our last chance for the State to subsidize the project by 30%. To all of you coupon clippers, a 30% savings is worth the effort to take advantage of! Our High School may lose its accreditation if the bond is not passed, significantly impacting our property values. In the blink of an eye, your children may be attending facilities that are below the high standards that we set for the children of this town. I urge all of you to vote yes! Please take a few moments from your holiday shopping to attend the Town Meeting. This will be a gift for your children that will last a lifetime! See you next Tuesday evening.

I would like to wish all the families of Hope School a joyous holiday season. I look forward to 2009 with much anticipation.

Ms. Mowry



## ALERT NOW



**EMERGENCY**

On the morning of November 10<sup>th</sup> we conducted an ALERTNOW test at 7:00 AM. Parents and staff were asked to contact the main office if they did not receive the message. Every

attempt has been made to fix any glitches that may have occurred. Please notify us immediately if you were not called or the problem has not been rectified. This system will be used to notify parents of early dismissals or school closings due to inclement weather or other emergencies.

## Navy Band Returns to Hope School TOMORROW, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00!

Once again the Navy Band will entertain us with a holiday music program that will delight us all. Parents are invited to join us in the gymnasium. Students in the PM Kindergarten are invited to join the morning class with their parents.

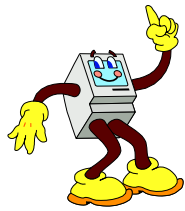


Thanks to everyone for participating in our Student Council's Hat Day. We collected over \$200 for the Diabetes Foundation.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND  
MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND  
TOWN MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM**

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me or contact the Central Office. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer outlining the main points.



**New Computer System  
at Lunch**

Last Friday, Aramark School Nutrition Services implemented a new computerized cash register system in the cafeteria at Hope School. Each day students that are getting hot lunch are given a card with their name and personal bar code identification. After they have picked up their food, the children scan their card that indicates to the kitchen clerk what amount is on their account. Students that qualify for free or reduced lunch scan their card and go through the line just like paying students with complete confidentiality. Parents can easily inquire about their child's balance or put money on account just like in the past. Once students are more familiar with the system, we anticipate the lines will move faster and accounts will be kept more efficiently. Look on the reverse side of the December menu for more information about this system. Thank you to Mary Lou Umbriano for securing a grant to make this happen for us in all Scituate Schools.

**Important Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, December 9 - Navy Band  
9:00 Gymnasium  
Tuesday, December 16 - Town Meeting



**~ NO SCHOOL~**

**Wednesday, December 24 to  
Monday, January 2, 2009  
Holiday Recess**