

Hope School



"Where Children Come First"
January 2012 Family Newsletter

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Wishing our
families and staff
of
Hope School all the
best in 2012!

Student Council

A big thanks to all of our Hope School families for supporting the Student Council canned food drive and movie event. We collected over 1600 non-perishable items for the Scituate Food Bank that helped to make Thanksgiving a little happier for many of our town's people. The Student Council used proceeds from the movie event to purchase toys for needy children. The members of the Student Council did an outstanding job organizing and running these activities!

January Character Trait

"How to Be a Caring Person"

- Help people in need.
- Be sensitive to people's feelings.
- Never be mean or hurtful.
- Think about how your actions will affect others.
- Always remember - we become caring people by doing caring things!



Students that are observed "filling someone's bucket" or demonstrating the positive trait of caring will be awarded a paper heart or star for the big red bucket drawing at the end of the month. This month we have many rewards that were purchased with proceeds from the NED yoyo sales.

Spelling Bees Grades Four and Five



- ~ Before January 20 - classroom bees
- ~ January 24 - Grade Level Bees
Hope School Gym 9:30 a.m.
- ~ February 6 - Scituate District Level Bee
- ~ March 17 - State Spelling Bee

Good luck to all of our spellers!

Survey Works!

A letter has been sent home to parents asking you to take an important ten-minute online survey, called SurveyWorks, about our school. The Rhode Island Department of Education conducts this survey each year. It gives schools important feedback on these key areas for school success:

- climate and safety
- teaching and learning
- family involvement
- resources

Parents can take the short survey online or on paper between

January 5, 2012 and February 16, 2012. To take the survey online go to: www.surveyworks.ride.ri.gov and click on "Take a Survey. Please refer to the letter sent home for the password.

Fourth and fifth graders are also invited to complete an online survey. We have scheduled administration of this survey for Tuesday, March 6, 2012. All responses will remain anonymous. Students that are participating will take the survey with their classmates in our computer lab. A letter has been sent home to parents with information regarding this survey. Hard copies are available for review by parental request. Please return the opt-out form attached to the parent letter as soon as possible if you do not wish to have your child participate in the survey.

PTA Reflections Art Contest!

The deadline for the entries to be returned to the school office is: **Monday, January 9, 2012.**

Sorry, **NO** exceptions! This is the latest date we can accept them so we have time to forward them to the state competition!



Young Authors

Students will be busy this month writing Young Author's books at school and at home. With funding from the Scituate Lions Club, PTA representatives will distribute blank hard cover books to writers on Wednesday, January 11th. All students are encouraged to participate in this outstanding program!



Important Upcoming Events

January

9 Monday - PTA Art Reflections due

11 Wednesday - Circulation of blank Young Author's books

12 Thursday - SIT Meeting, 3:20



~ NO SCHOOL~

**Monday, January 16th
Martin Luther King Day**



22 Sunday - PTA Providence Bruins Night

Jump Rope for
Heart
January 23 to
February 10



24 Tuesday - Hope School Grade Level Spelling Bees

27 Friday - Second Quarter grades close

February

6 Monday - Report Card Distribution

6 Monday - PTA Meeting 6:30

8 Wednesday - Dental Assembly