

Hope School



"Where Children Come First"
March 2011 Family Newsletter

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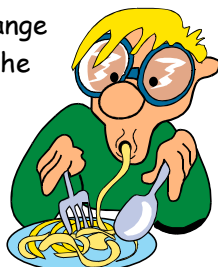
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6:30 PM
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- student learning,
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Cranston Country Club, May 6th 6:30-9:00

Boys' Choice
Team Works, Friday, April 29th

Field Day
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~ Reading Week ~
April 4 - 8

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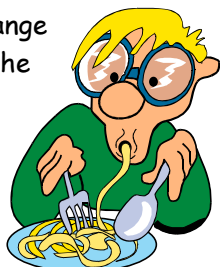
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