



Pirate News

October 11, 2011

Memorial Middle School

Anthony Hrivnak, Principal

Hello Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Wow! As I write this, it is 80° out with perfect blue skies! What a beautiful day to enjoy all that Hull has to offer. I hope all have had the chance to get out and enjoy this beautiful weekend. It is also hard to believe that first quarter progress reports went out this past Friday. That means we have completed 1/8 of the school year. Progress reports should be signed and returned to your child's first period teacher by Wednesday, October 12th. In other news...

PTO News and Updates

Thanks to all who helped the PTO kick off the school year with a "Back to School" breakfast for teachers, Book Fair, and the PTO table at Endless Summer. And welcome to the 35+ new members who signed up in September. This week brought the conclusion of our annual Genevieve's fundraiser. All order forms should have been sent into school by Wed., October 5th, but anyone wishing to make a purchase on-line may continue to do so at www.genevieves.com using our account number **1085**.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, October 13th, at 7pm at the Memorial School**. Agenda items this month will include: Jacobs School costume swap at the carousel; Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser; Holiday Showcase; a funding request to help bring back the Pep Band at the middle & high school; and more!

Questions about PTO? Contact the co-presidents:

Michele Proude, mproude@hotmail.com, 781-925-3659
Lynn Strong, lynnstrong@yahoo.com, 781-925-6052.

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards Program

Please see the flier attached to the blue notes for important information about the A+ Rewards Program. **You must re-register your card each year!** Thank you for taking the time to take part in this program that will benefit all students at Memorial.

After School Activities

Memorial will be able to offer four after-school activities. They are:

Yearbook
Jazz Band
Student Council
The Homework Zone

I am currently in the process of hiring staff to serve as advisors and organizing a registration process. There will be more information in the next edition of The Pirate News/Blue Notes!!

Unfortunately, the Morning Exercise program did not have enough students to continue. We are going to try to run this program in the spring. I wish to thank Heather Weber, Lori Tobin, and Jeannette MacDonald for their efforts to establish this program. Any parent that submitted a check will have it returned to them this week.

Hull High School Open House – 8th Grade Families

Mark your calendar!!! On Wednesday, October 19th, Hull High School will host an Open House for the 8th grade. Mr. Devine, Principal of Hull High School, will mail invitations shortly. This Open House begins the transition from Middle School to High School for our students. Please plan on attending this event to learn about the academic and extracurricular programs that HHS has to offer. The Open House will begin in the HHS auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

School Council

We will hold our next School Council meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m. in the 7th grade large group instruction room.

The parents on the School Council are:

Dave Gardiner
Jenn Gonzalez
Stacey Jones

The teachers on the School Council are:

Heather Hughes (6th Grade)
Liz Flanagan (7th Grade)
Laura Tannuzzo (8th Grade)

School council will meet on the following dates and times in the 7th grade Large Group room:

December 13, 2011 @ 6:30
January 31, 2012 @4:00
March 13, 2012 @ 6:30
May 1, 2012 @ 4:00
May 29, 2012 @ 6:30 (If needed)

If you would like more information about the School Council, please visit the following web site:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/advisory/schoolcouncils/>

Blue Notes Direct to your Email

To get the blue notes delivered directly to your email, follow these instructions:

1. Go to the Town of Hull Website at www.town.hull.ma.us
2. Click on the link [Email Subscriber](#) at the bottom right hand side of the homepage.
3. Under the heading, [News and Announcements](#), click the check box next to the school or schools that you would like to receive email messages from
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your email address.
5. Then click the “Send My Request” button.
6. The next screen will show a Thank You message.
7. You will receive a confirmation email that shows that you are now subscribed.
8. You will need to reply to that email to activate the subscription. (Don’t forget to do this step or you will not receive any information through email.)
9. You will receive one final email stating that you have subscribed.

NURSE’S NOTES:

The flu vaccine will again be offered to all Memorial Middle School students. You may choose the injectable or flu mist vaccination. Please read the information sheet, fill out the Patient Eligibility Screening Form and Insurance Information/ Consent Form and return them to the nurse's office if you would like your child to receive the vaccine at school. All forms were sent home with your child this week. Forms are also available on the MMS web site [School Nurse/Health Information](#) then [School Health Information - Flu Information](#). If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Striglio @ 781-925-2040 ext. 1106.



Mark Your Calendar

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| 10/11 | School Committee Meeting at 7:00pm |
| 10/12 | Students Return Signed Progress Reports |
| 10/13 | PTO meeting at 7:00pm in the 6 th Grade Large Group Room |
| 11/1 | Staff Professional Development (No School-Students) |
| 11/4 | School Picture Retake |
| 11/4 | First Term Ends |
| 11/11 | Veteran's Day – No School |



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 7, 2011, through March 29, 2012, Memorial Middle School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop & Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at www.stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support.

Please be sure to register your card to benefit Memorial Middle School using ID # 07968. You may register up to three schools. The ID for Hull High School is # 06155 and Jacobs Elementary #07055.

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.

It could mean the world to our children.