PARENT FLASH

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Giving Thanks…

It remains one of my favorite holidays... Thanksgiving. Let me republish a portion of what I wrote to the HMS staff Sunday Night: *I do love Thanksgiving. It's one of those holidays when families can get together under a simple premise that we give thanks. There's no need to exchange gifts and few expectations beyond a properly cooked turkey and a large enough TV to watch the football games. Those of us with full time jobs are thankful for our ability to provide for our families, purchase things we need, and arrange the occasional vacation. Yet, at Thanksgiving the focus is on people. When we sit across from our families and friends on Thursday, we will be eye to eye with the ones we love. In the end, we are certainly thankful for what makes our life a bit more comfortable. But for me, I am most thankful for my family, friends, and those I work with.*

Here's a practical way to give thanks this holiday season. This idea was recommended by an HMS parent: The American Red Cross has developed a program that allows citizens to write thank you letters to service members, veterans, and their families. It's called Holiday Mail for Heroes and it's a fine way to show your appreciation for all of the hard work our servicemen and women do on behalf of our country as well as the sacrifice given by their families. Full information is at: http://redcrosschat.org/2011/11/03/holiday-mail-for-heroes-2011/

On behalf of the entire HMS school community, have a joyous Thanksgiving and know that we are thankful for the opportunity to teach your children.

Bill Carozza, Principal

Nurse Notes

Health Screenings

Yearly screenings have started for kindergarten through grade three. All students are screened for height, weight, vision and hearing.

Parents are not notified of the findings unless there is a concern, but please contact me if you would like to know the results.

Screenings are ongoing through February until all students have been tested.

Thank you,
Sheila Conley
Harold Martin School Nurse

Community News

34th Annual Contoocook Artisans Holiday Craft Fair. December 2nd and 3rd at St. Andrew's Parish Hall.

Sign-ups for the Bill Koch League Nordic ski program, Nov. 29 from 5:00-7:30 PM at Maple Street School.

"Starry, Starry Weekend" Dec. 2-4, a three-day shopping and family fun-filled event in the villages of Hopkinton and Contoocook.

December's PTA meeting will be held on the December 7th at 6:30 pm. This is also Game Night.

The Hopkinton PTA is offering GIRO ski/snowboard helmets at cost. Please contact Natalie Duval via email, subject "ski helmets," to cpspalding@tds.net, to receive an order form.

Harold Martin School Winter Concerts: the 2nd and 3rd grade concert will be held in the MPR on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 in the afternoon. The Kindergarten and 1st grade concert will be held in the MPR on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 1:45.

Come to Game Night and try out the games. All games ordered will arrive in time for Christmas.