

October 2019

Principal's Message

The school year is off to a fast and furious start. The students have settled into their new classes and friendships are starting to emerge. Inside the hallways of the school, it is full steam ahead as we tackle the 2019-2020 school year. As you may have already figured out, Robin Hood is a very busy place. It is really hard to keep up with everything that is going on. To that end, we try to offer a variety of ways to stay informed. If social media is your thing, please join the Robin Hood PTO Facebook Group, follow "Robin Hood School" on Facebook and @RobinHood02180 on Twitter.

If you prefer more traditional methods of communication, this newsletter will be your best resource. The Robin Hood Newsletter is sent out electronically on the first Friday of every month. We will also provide paper copies to those that prefer that method. Translated versions are also available by request and/or based on home language surveys. Lastly, the Robin Hood School website is updated regularly at <http://www.stonehamschools.org/schools/robin-hood-elementary-school/index> .

For small reminders, I tend to send out emails; however, I do that sparingly. I don't want you to become so accustomed to seeing emails from me that you scroll right by. Don't forget that you can ALWAYS pick up the telephone and call us or shoot us an email, if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Maura Donoghue



Important Change

Please be aware that the dismissal time has changed for **Early Release Days** at Robin Hood, South School and Colonial Park. This year, elementary students **will be dismissed at 12:00**. Looking ahead, we have two "Early Release Days" in the month of October: October 11 & October 31. Please plan accordingly, thank you.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- October 8** - Picture Day
 - October 9** - School Wide Enrichment, Rob Surette
 - October 11** - Fun Run Kickoff Assemblies
 - October 11** - Early Release Day, **12:00 dismissal**
 - October 14** - No School, Columbus Day
 - October 18** - Fun Run Spirit Day - Mismatched Day
 - October 25** - Fun Run Spirit Day - Backwards Day
 - October 25** - PTO sponsored Halloween Party
 - October 29** - Used Book Sale / Swap
 - October 31** - PTO sponsored Fun Run
 - October 31** - Early Release, **12:00 dismissal**
 - November 11** - No School - Veteran's Day
 - November 12** - PTO Meeting
 - November 26** - Used Book Sale / Swap
 - November 27** - Early Release - **12:00 dismissal**
 - November 28** - No School, Thanksgiving
 - November 29** - No School
 - December 11** - Early Release, **12:00 dismissal**, Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00pm
 - December 12** - Early Release, **12:00 dismissal**, Parent / Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:00pm
 - December 19** - Winter Concerts (see times in the "Save the Date" section of the newsletter)
 - December 20** - Pajama Day
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Picture Day



Don't forget to pack your smile! Picture Day is Tuesday, October 8th



Save the Date - Winter Concerts

Please join us for our Winter Concerts on **Thursday, December 19, 2019**

Kindergarten and First Grade Performance: 8:45-9:15am

Second, Third, and Fourth Grade Performance: 9:45-10:15am



PTO Fun Run Spirit Days

To get us all psyched up for the upcoming PTO Fun Run, we are holding two Spirit Days this month for staff and students

October 18 - Mismatched Day

October 25 - Backwards Day

News from the Nurse's Office



Hearing and Vision screening will take place in October. All students wearing glasses or hearing devices should be wearing these items as prescribed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Thistle.

Also, don't forget that all Kindergarten and Grade 4 students must have updated physicals and immunizations in 2019. Finally, the Nurse's Office becomes a very busy place around snack time everyday. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school every day.

Pick Up and Drop Off Traffic



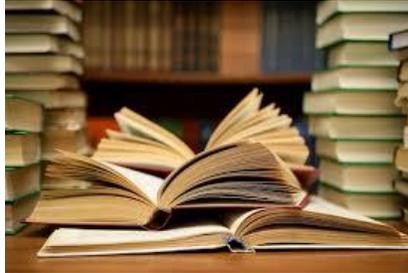
School pick up and drop off requires drivers to pack their patience and cooperation, even during the most pleasant weather conditions. PLEASE help us all by adhering to the following Pick Up and Drop Off rules:

- 1) Drivers should pay close attention to pedestrians
 - 2) Drivers should refrain from texting and cell phone conversations while driving near school property
 - 3) Under no circumstance should you ever, ever park on the inbound side of the school driveway
 - 4) **DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES in the traffic circle and the inbound lane of the driveway**
 - 5) If your child requires extra time and/or assistance, please park in the parking lot and walk over to the
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entrance at their leisure.

6) For safety reasons, please do not pull around stopped cars to get a spot in the circle

7) In the circle, pull up as far as you can



The [Stoneham Public Schools Reading Teacher Website](#) is a resource for different literacy information and activities. It is updated on a seasonal basis. We encourage you to view the website and complete this six question [survey](#) to help us continue to support reading at home!

Sincerely,

The Elementary Reading Teachers: Mrs. Kinsky, Ms. Grigorian, Miss Vitale

Academic Highlights



Kindergarten:

Kindergarten students are busy adjusting to the rules and routines, with a strong focus on kindness and respect. In literacy, students are working on letter recognition, letter sound and letter formation, as well as sight words. “Concepts of Print,” including reading top to bottom and left to right

and using pictures to better understand the story, is the current unit in reading, and we are looking forward to sending home the “little books” in your child’s book box! The math concentration is the numbers 0-10, and in science students are learning about the four seasons. We are off to a great start!

Grade 1:

In Grade 1, students are using ten frames, number lines and counting on strategies for exploring addition to ten. Lexia is up and running, and first graders are busy learning how to log in to their accounts and navigate the program. In literacy, students are exploring opinion writing and building their reading stamina during independent reading. Learning the routines of Readers' Workshop is also a focus during the fall. Finally, in Foundations students are beginning Unit 2, which includes CVC word work and the first set of trick words.

Grade 2:

Second graders are enjoying a Folktale Unit in literacy and are currently reading fairy tales and fables. In writing, students are working on opinion pieces on a topic of their choice, to be published upon completion. Students are finishing up a unit on addition and subtraction and will be moving on to equal groups and even and odd numbers shortly. Second graders are also building their classroom community, with a focus on respect, friendship and getting along with each other.

Grade 3:

In third grade, students are done launching Readers' Workshop and are excited to be starting a Mystery Unit. In writing, students will be working on a persuasive piece on a topic of their choice. Multiplication will be the focus in math, and students are encouraged to practice, practice, practice! Finally, grade 3 can't wait for the field trip to Plymouth Plantation this month, and students are learning about the Pilgrims and Native Americans in preparation for their visit.

Grade 4:

Students in grade 4 have kicked off Readers' Workshop with a focus on author's purpose and character traits, as well as a review of the various genres they will be enjoying this year. Students have recently wrapped up place value and are starting multi-digit addition and subtraction strategies. Personal narratives are the focus in writing, and in social studies, students have just completed a review of the oceans and continents.

PTO Halloween Party



Please click on the link below about the upcoming PTO sponsored Halloween Party on Friday, October 25th.

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This year we are excited to offer a smaller, sensory friendly alternative event in the cafeteria. If you are interested in the sensory friendly alternative, please email the Robin Hood PTO: robinhoodpto@gmail.com for more details or reserve a spot.



Fun Run Information

Please click on the link below to learn more about the PTO Fun Run and how to sign your child up.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/80d84547-e1a9-4359-b5ff-79dff1859b57/2019_Fun_Run_Parent_Flyer.docx

Reminder ... Don't forget your sneakers on PE days.



Looking Ahead Robin Hood -2020 MCAS Dates

March 31 & April 1 - Grade 4 ELA

April 2 & 3 - Grade 3 ELA

May 12 & 13 - Grade 3 Math

May 14 & 15 - Grade 4 Math

Afterschool Supervision



As we enjoy the beautiful fall afternoons that are upon us, it seems like the perfect time for a reminder about the supervision of children playing after school. When students are dismissed to a parent or guardian at the end of each school day, the school staff also passes all care and supervision responsibilities to that designee. That being said, for everyone's protection, student behaviors on the property after school should be safe and respectful. If you choose to allow your child to play on the property after school, please watch them carefully and hold them accountable for their actions. It takes everyone's effort to keep the children safe.

Used Book Sale / Swap Dates



The Robin Hood PTO sponsors several Used Book Sales/Swaps throughout the school year. On Book Sale/Swap days, students can bring in one or two gently used book from home to swap for up to two "new to you" books of their choice. Even if they don't have a book they want to swap, students can buy up to two "new to you" book for \$0.25 each. It is a great way to encourage a love of books and keep your bookshelf replenished. This year's Used Book Sale / Swap dates are:

October 29

November 26

January 28

February 25

May 26

May Arts Festival 2020



This year's May Arts Festival will be held on May 7, 2020. Please stay tuned for details.



Please be aware that dogs are not allowed on the school fields or near the school during arrival and dismissal. If you need to bring your dog, you will need to wait for your child on the far sidewalk near the parking lot.



The Robin Hood Staff would like to thank the PTO and the entire Robin Hood community for making our start to the school year so special! We appreciate the 1st day of School Goodie Bags, the generous Java Grindz breakfast and all of the kind words and treats. You really do help make Robin Hood a special place!

Parking Lot Safety



Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye! Do not leave toddlers unattended in your car while you walk over to the collect school age children during dismissal. They are escape artists!

October Lunch Menu



Please click on the link below for the October Lunch Menu:

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/e8058dd3-c51c-4157-8279-2439c0af0b56/Menu.docx>

Freedom Flag Health and Wellness Memorial Run/Walk 5K

October 20, 2019

Woburn MA

Please click on the link below for more information.

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News from the Robin Hood



Library Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers to help with your child classroom when they have their library special. This is a fun way to see your child day to day life at school. As a volunteer you will be asked to help filing returned library books to the proper shelves and assist students with book selections. You also might be able to read to the class!!! It's OK if you can only commit to one or 2 times. Below are the classrooms that still needs some help.

Mr. Corbett: Monday 9:15-10:00 (2 slots)

Mrs. Cutone: Monday 10:05-10:50 (13 slots)

Mrs. Daly: Monday 10:55-11:40 (13 slots)

Mrs. O'Brien: Monday 12:15-1:00 (5 slots)

Mrs. Wood: Monday 1:05-1:50 (2 slots)

Mrs. Gavin: Thursday 10:55-11:40 (2 slots)

Ms. Amara: Thursday 12:15-1:00 (4 slots)

Mrs. Chesbrough: Thursday 1:05-1:50 (4 slots)

Ms. Lazar: Friday 10:05-10:50 (1 slot)

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Melissa Chenard at meli.chenard@gmail.com or 339-224-1250.

Computer Volunteers

We still need volunteers for the following classrooms with teacher name listed.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9:15-10:00		Swan	
10:05 - 10:50	Lazar	Suback	
10:55- 11:40	Eberly	Gavin	Daly
12:20 - 1:05	Amara	O'Brien	
1:10 - 1:55			Wood

Blanks are classes with plenty of volunteers already!

If you are interested or have questions, please email Jenn Rice: jerice15@gmail.com. Thank you!

Meadow Farms

As a reminder, the orders and money for the Meadow Farms Fundraiser are due Monday, October 7th. There are some great gifts for the upcoming holidays! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jessi Killilea: RobinHoodPTO@gmail.com.

Calareso's

In conjunction with Calareso's Farm Stand, the PTO will be selling Calareso's Farm Stand certificates. 25% of each certificate will go towards the PTO. Order forms have gone home and extras are available in the front office. All orders are due by October 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime

Wallace: RobinHoodPTO@gmail.com

Picture Day

Picture Day is Tuesday, October 8th. Order forms went home with all students. Please contact the front office if you did not receive one.

Halloween Party

The annual Robin Hood Halloween Party is scheduled for Friday, October 25th. The flyer with more information is attached here:

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Our annual Halloween Party is our biggest event. If you are interested in volunteering that day, please use the sign-up link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AFAC2FA5F85-halloween4>

Please contact Melissa Leccese (melissa.leccese@gmail.com) with any questions.

Fun Run

On October 31st, Robin Hood will hold its first Fun Run! Through an on-line site, students will solicit donations to sponsor their run. The day of, a track will be set up and students will run, walk, skip, etc. around the track to fun music being played by a DJ. An information form is attached here:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/2771d1cf-956c-45ab-9a3f-04dbe20e7b9e/2019_Fun_Run_Parent_Flyer.01.docx

Volunteers are needed to run this event. If you are interested, please attend the next Fun Run Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 PM in the RH library.

PTO

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 in the library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Used Book Sale/ Swap

Our next Used Book Sale of the year will take place on October 29th. Students may purchase one- two books for \$.25 each or may bring in one- two gently used, age appropriate book(s) to swap. This is a great way to encourage our students to read!

Dining Night at Prince Pizza

On Wednesday, November 6th (4:00- 10:00 PM), join other Robin Hood Families for a night out and raise money for Robin Hood! Head over to Prince Pizza in Saugus and present the special Robin Hood coupon (to be distributed as the date gets closer) with your bill and Robin Hood will receive a percentage back. A flyer will go home as the date gets closer.

Yankee Candle

Our annual Yankee Candle fundraiser will take place October 19th- November 1st. Order packets will go home with all students and extras will be available in the main office. If you want to get a jump start, online ordering is available now: <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/>; Group # 990005630; Group Name: Robin Hood PTO. Orders will arrive in time for the holidays!

Stop & Shop A+ Rewards

If you haven't done so, please take a minute and designate Robin Hood as your school for Stop & Shop's A+ Rewards program. Beginning today, Robin Hood School ID#: 05791 has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Stop & Shop! Visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS. Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you

are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.

Shutterfly/ Tiny Prints

If you use Shutterfly or Tiny Prints, you can be earning money for Robin Hood, just by using this link below. 8% of your sale is donated back to Robin Hood.

<http://robinhoodpto.shutterflystorefront.com/>

Amazon

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice. Visit the link below to make Robin Hood School the charity of your choice!

<http://smile.amazon.com/>

Thank you...

Trivia Night in conjunction with South Schools was a success! Over \$4000 was earned. Thank you to our very generous sponsors and to everyone who attended! A special thank you to our prize sponsor George's Bakery Products, Inc. and Bakery Outlet.

Enrichment

This month, we will have our first schoolwide enrichment. On 10/9, Rob Surette, World Record holding speed painter, will visit Robin Hood and present his "**Be Somebody**" program to the students. Rob created his show in hopes that he could "flood kids' minds and hearts for one hour with awe, hope, beauty, love and self-empowerment; inspire them to aim at the highest possible good in life; and change the way they looked at the world." Make sure to check in with them next week and see what they thought! Also, in October, the 3rd grade will take a field trip to Plimoth Plantation on 10/24, to complement all they have learned about the Wampanoags this fall.



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