

PATRICIA A.
DURAN SCHOOL

HAWK NEWS!



"In support of our vision, we believe the mission of the Hermon School Department is to provide a safe and supportive environment where students have an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and develop the skills necessary to realize their potential as productive workers, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners."

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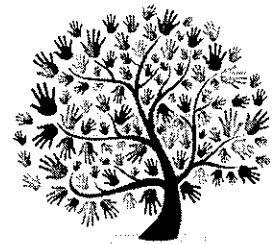
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Helping Hands Annual Gift Drive

Our Annual Helping Hands Gift Drive has begun. The HES PTA is working hand in hand with the school to help support Hermon Elementary families in need during the holiday season. Parent Survey forms were sent home so families could inform Mrs. Perry of their child(ren)'s needs. The confidential information needed to be returned to Mrs. Perry by November 5th.



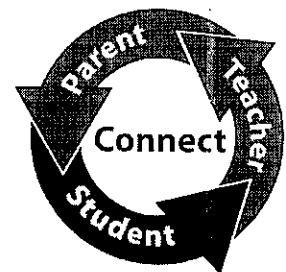
The PTA has designed and will maintain the children's mitten board in the lobby, for other families to take and purchase the gifts. The gifts need to be delivered to the office **with the mitten attached** by November 30th. The mitten is needed with the gift because it has a confidential code on it to identify which student the gift is for. This year we will be supplying each family with wrapping materials so they may have the opportunity to see and wrap the gifts for their children. Mrs. Perry will be organizing the gifts by child and contacting the receiving families once the gifts are ready. The gifts will be available for pick up in Mrs. Perry's office December 12th through December 14th. Thank you for allowing us to give a helping hand this holiday season. Your contributions help make a happy holiday for all of our Hermon kids.



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Parent Teacher Conferences

The Patricia A. Duran School will be holding our Parent Teacher conferences on Monday, November 19th, from 3:30-8:00 pm and on Tuesday, November 20th, from 10:00-7:00 pm. Parent Teacher scheduling forms have been sent home with this newsletter. Please fill out the form and return it to your child's teacher.



Message from the Principal



Thank you to everyone who sent me your support and well wishes while I was out for surgery. Your continual support, smiles, and kind words have truly helped. I am incredibly grateful to work in such a wonderful community.

A Note from the Nurse

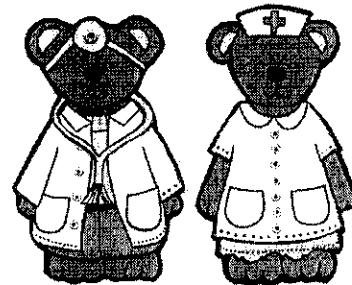
Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had cases of conjunctivitis (pink eye) at our school. Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the thin, filmy membrane that covers the inside of your eyelids and the white part of your eye. It can be caused by viral infections, bacterial infections and allergic reactions. It is most commonly caused by the same virus that causes the common cold.

With viral conjunctivitis, symptoms can last from one to two weeks and then disappear on their own. For bacterial conjunctivitis, an eye doctor may prescribe antibiotic eye drops to treat the infection. Allergic conjunctivitis treatment often includes antihistamine medication.

Conjunctivitis is spread easily through contact with nose or eye secretions, usually through hand-to-eye contact. The only way to prevent it from spreading is to practice good hygiene. The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends the following tips:

- Wash your hands frequently
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- Do not touch your eyes
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- Do not reuse handkerchiefs or towels when wiping your face and eyes
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- Change pillowcases frequently
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- Do not use old cosmetics or share makeup
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- Maintain proper contact lens care and cleaning
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Students who have white or yellow discharge, which sometimes appears as crusty deposits on eyelashes are not able to be in school without an evaluation by a provider. For all other cases of reddened eyes without white or yellow discharge students will be encouraged and reminded of above tips.

If you have any questions/concerns or if your child is showing signs of conjunctivitis please contact the school nurse, Angie Scripture at 207-848-4048.

Library Logic

The Patricia A. Duran School provides several resources for students that can be accessed at home, as well as at school. First is TumbleBooks. This resource is filled with hundreds of electronic books, which are read aloud. The username for this site is **hermon** and the password is **reads**. Second, is PebbleGo - Animals. This resource contains short articles and other extras for hundreds of animals from around the world. The username is **hermon1** and the password is **school**. Finally is our district catalog page at librarycatalog.hermon.net. You can use this site to reach the other two, as I have links on the elementary home page, or you can search the collection of any of the three libraries in our district. I hope this helps, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me. Thank you for your interest, Ms Goodrich



Substitutes Needed

If you enjoy working with children and learning, we need you. We are looking for caring adults to join our substitute list. If you have the time and are interested please contact the HES or Hermon Superintendent's Office for information on the necessary steps.

Guidance Update

This year our school counselor, Mrs. Brookings, is visiting classrooms by trimester. Throughout trimester one she has been visiting kindergarten and first grade weekly. During trimester two she will visit second and third grade; and, fourth grade will have guidance lessons in trimester three. All students are able to meet with Mrs. Brookings at any point throughout the school year, either individually or in small groups, if needed.

We have had several generous donations of school supplies (backpacks, lunch boxes, pencils, notebooks, crayons) and winter gear (hats, scarves, mittens, socks). If your child is in need of these items, please contact Mrs. Brookings or Mrs. Kitchin.



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Upcoming Events

November

8th: 4th Grade (Collins) Dance (6:30)
12th: Veterans Day (No School)
19th: Parent Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00) Book fair
open during conference times.
20th: Parent Teacher Conferences (10:00-7:00) Book fair
will be open during conference times.
21st-23rd: Thanksgiving Break (No School)
28th: Fall Book fair (3:30-7:30)



December

5th: End of First Trimester
17th: Report cards Go Home
18th: PreK-K Concert (2pm)
19th: 1st and 2nd Grade Concert (2pm)
19th: PreK Polar Express
19th: Kindergarten Polar Express
20th: 3rd and 4th Grade Concert (2pm)
24th-31th Winter Break (No School)



*HES PTA Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 in room 10.

*Hermon School Board Meetings Every 1st Monday of the



New E-mail Server

The Hermon School District is now using a new e-mail server for our e-mails. We have switched to Google. All staff have received and are using new e-mail addresses. To get your teachers e-mail you type in first name. last name @ schools.hermon.net. For example to e-mail Mrs. Perry it would be

jenny.perry@schools.hermon.net.

The old First Class e-mail addresses are no longer being used for school business. Please be sure to note this change when e-mailing school staff.

Cold Weather Clothing

The temperatures are dropping and it is beginning to feel like a true Maine winter. Please remember to send your children to school with layers of clothing. We go out to recess everyday as long as the temperature is 10 degrees or above (including the wind chill).