

**Hansen NewsFlash**  
**A Weekly Bulletin for Hansen Families**  
**May 17, 2010**

***Lots to read... please print this out for reference!***

What's Happening at Hansen:

- The eggs are here, the eggs are here! Fourth graders have their incubators humming and are eagerly awaiting the hatching of their chicks. Having recently checked in with the fourth grade team, I have heard that these fluffy little creatures should be cracking their shells sometime next week. Stay tuned!
- MONSTER GOLF for the Hansen School was a huge success last Friday, with 58 students and their families in attendance. Special thanks goes out to Sharon Stemm for organizing this event!

Principal's Notes:

- **Ethics Reform & Teacher Gifts** -- There has been much discussion in recent weeks regarding end of the year gifts for teachers and staff. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts clarified a longstanding ethics law for public employees during this school year. In thinking about school faculty and staff, the "bottom line" for us is that teachers and staff cannot accept personal gifts that are \$50.00 or more. One question that I have heard is, "Does that \$50 mean per instance or per year?" I have been unable to find a distinction in that regard. You can read a summary of the ethics law here: <http://bit.ly/c8B6at>

For parents/classes that wish to give in excess of \$50, again, no "personal gifts" to teachers or staff are allowed. Parents may, however, donate items to the classroom or school (at any time of the year). I would ask that families work collectively with room parents if this is the case. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Nevertheless, my sincere feeling is that a well-written, sincere thank you letter to the teacher at the end of the year means WAY more to them than a monetary gift.

- **Art Show** -- You're invited to this years Canton Public Schools K-12 Annual Spring Art Show, which runs from Monday May 17th - Thursday May 20th at Canton High School. EVERYONE at Hansen will have artwork on display! -- 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

- **BoxTops** -- PLEASE TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 28, 2010. Send your Box Tops in a baggie with your child's grade, room number and teacher's name on it. The class who collects the most Box Tops will win an extra 15 minute recess with popsicles, led by Mr. Maxwell! This will be the last collection for the school year 2009-2010. After this date, continue to clip and collect, we will have another contest in the Fall. Any questions?? Contact Anna at [mejimini@verizon.net](mailto:mejimini@verizon.net). THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

- **Bus Letters** -- All families will soon be receiving a letter in the mail (not backpack) regarding bus transportation for 2010-2011. ***EVERYONE must return a bus form*** - there is an option that you check "no transportation needed". We are required to have a returned form from EVERYONE, even if your child does not take a bus. The bus letters should be

arriving this week at the latest. Please complete the letter and return it TO US as soon as possible. **Note: All letters for grade 5 students are returned HERE to Hansen, not to the Galvin Middle.**

- **Bookends** -- Bookends, bookends, bookends... we still need 'em for the library. Thanks!

- **Walking School Bus** -- SEVENTEEN children "rode" the walking school bus this past week...! Awesome for everyone!! We had both younger and older students as well. Get out, get some exercises and walk on Fridays! We are looking for more parent volunteers as well! If you are interested in walking with the bus, please contact Julie (juliebeckham@ymail.com) or Todd (toddcweaver@gmail.com). Reminders:

-- The "bus" begins at Hubbard and Washington St. promptly at 7:50am... get there early!

-- Students can "join" the walking school bus as it goes down Washington St. towards school...

-- This is every FRIDAY from now until the end of school... rain or shine!

- **Working on Wellness (W.O.W.)** -- Students that participated in W.O.W. in P.E. class should be receiving their "bulldog nation" clothing and gear from Mr. Bohane. Please contact him at bohaned@cantonma.org with any questions.

- **A special thanks** -- to everyone who donated to the NB Alliance or joined the Mullen family at "Night of Hope" this past Saturday. Our fundraising here at Hansen alone raised over \$1086.00 that will go directly to the Neuroblastoma research and the NB alliance.

- **E-Pack** -- A reminder to check the Hansen E-Pack (electronic backpack) for Hansen and Canton items of interest. New listings include:

[Internet Safety Seminar \(posted 5/14/10\)](#)

[Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl and Zyrtec Recalled \(posted 5/13/10\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Recalls](#)

[Girl Scouts Bottle and Can Drive \(posted 5/13/10\)](#)

[Cole-Harrington's Spring Courses \(posted 5/12/10\)](#)

[Spring Art Show \(posted 5/12/10\)](#)

[Community Health Walk Registration Form \(posted 5/10/10\)](#)

For the full e-pack, click here:

<http://www.cantonma.org/hansen/backpack.htm>.

Upcoming Dates:

5/17 -- Camp Wing Presentation to grade 5 parents, 6pm (Hansen Cafeteria)

5/18 -- MCAS Grade 3 Math

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5/20 -- MCAS Grade 5 Sci/Tech

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5/21 -- Grade 2 Field Trip to Berklee Performance Ctr. "Junie B Jones"

5/27 -- 4th Grade Music Concert, 1:15pm

5/28 -- "Unity Day" for grade 5 students (at GMS)

5/28 -- Grade 1 "balance & motion" bowling Field Trip

5/31 -- No School (Memorial Day)  
6/1 -- Grade 3 field trip to Plimoth Plantation  
6/2 -- Field Day  
6/4 -- Grade 2 Field Trip to the Canton Public Library  
6/4 -- Grade 5 Coffeehouse  
6/7-6/8 -- Camp Wing for grade 5 students  
6/8 -- CAPT Meeting, 7pm  
6/9 -- Early Release Day for students, 11:35 dismissal  
6/11 -- Last day for Kindergarten  
6/18 -- Last day for grades 1-5

Weekly Quote:

"If the English language made any sense, a catastrophe would be an apostrophe with fur."

- *Doug Larson*