

Hansen NewsFlash
A Weekly Bulletin for Hansen Families
March 12, 2010

What's Happening at Hansen:

- Thanks to everyone for donating to the student council **bracelet fundraiser** for St Jude's Children's Hospital. Members braided and braided in anticipation of this past week... and they initially sold out on TUESDAY! After some quick work, they sold again on parts of Thursday and Friday... selling out both days! The students successfully raised over \$255.00 for the charity.

- Students are **writing, writing, writing!** Recently, I've seen a major bump in the volume and content of the writing being produced from kids and classes. From second grade president research projects to fifth grade autobiography chapters, the writing has been fluid. Talk to your child about the writing they're working on in class... what have they done recently?

- Third, fourth and fifth graders are prepping for our upcoming **MCAS tests**. Teachers have been discussing proper test-taking strategies and giving authentic feedback on responses. Parents, please check the school calendar on our website next week for the exact days that your child will be testing.

CAPT Notes:

- **"Easy" ways to give** -- Our CAPT (Canton Association of Parents and Teachers) has asked me to remind everyone of two easy ways that you can donate to our school. One is through the Stop & Shop "A+ Bonus Bucks" program. Simply connect your Stop & Shop card to our school (you can do this in store or online) and we accrue points, which translate to a cash total that is given to CAPT. Another way is by using your Target debit or credit card through their "Take Charge of Education" program. Simply apply and get approved for a REDcard. Then enroll in Take Charge of Education and designate the Hansen as your school. Finally, start shopping with your REDcard. A percentage of everyone's purchases is sent to CAPT once per year. Just looking briefly on the Target website... we received \$204.80 last August and have 18 REDcard holders who have designated our school. Let's get those numbers up for quick and easy ways to benefit our school!

- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** -- Anyone who purchased cookie dough through our fundraiser can pick up their orders on Wednesday, March 24th from 3-6:30pm in the Hansen lobby.

- **Vegas Night coming up** -- Please remember that CAPE (Canton Alliance for Public Education) provides grant funding to the Hansen staff and students for a variety of programming. Their annual fundraiser, Vegas Night, is coming up on Friday, March 19th from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$50.00 for a night's worth of chips and fun! *Click here for the registration form:* <http://tiny.cc/c9FQY>

Odds and Ends:

- **Driveway** -- Parents/guardians who pick up at dismissal time, please remember that: students are NOT allowed to cross the driveway alone. You MUST exit your car and go to

the walkers door to retrieve them. Also, please keep to the LEFT in the driveway near the bottom of the hill, as the right lane is for BUSES ONLY. Thank you.

- **Art help** -- Mrs. Krokidas in the art room is currently in need of both wet wipes and paper towels. Thank you for any help that you can give!

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

[Girl Scout Bingo](#) (posted 3/12/10)

[Canton Pop Warner Registration](#) (posted 3/08/10)

For the full e-pack, click here:

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

Upcoming Dates:

3/16 -- "Helen Keller" visit

3/17 -- Second grade music concert, (1:15pm)

3/23-4/9 -- MCAS sessions begin for grades 3-5 (English Language Arts)

3/24 -- Cookie Dough order pickup (3-6:30pm, lobby)

4/2 -- No School (Good Friday)

4/5 -- Top Secret Science (Kindergarten)

4/6 -- Top Secret Science (Grade 1)

4/7 -- Top Secret Science (Grade 2)

4/9 -- End of the 3rd marking period

Weekly Quote:

"It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome."

--*William James, American philosopher*