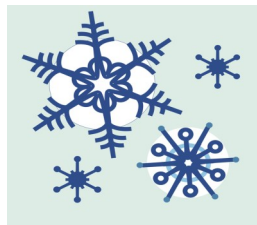


SIGNALS

From the Hill



DECEMBER 2011

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Principal's Message - Mrs. Tali Axelrod



I am so proud of all of our students who are participating in this year's Student Council. Our elections will be held at the end of this month and our students running for office will be campaigning and speaking about their ideas at an assembly at the end of this month. It is impressive to see the strong group of students who are interested in becoming active leaders in our school. I am certain that whether they win the election or not, they will continue to serve as wonderful role models for their peers.

We look forward to welcoming all of the parents to our upcoming parent-teacher conferences. We know we can expect to see many of you in attendance, continuing to strengthen the bond between home and school. We are fortunate here at Indian Hill to have such an active and supportive group of parents to partner with us in the process of educating our community's children. Together, we know we can accomplish great things!

We are excited about all of the great reading going on in our classrooms during Reading Work-

shop. Students are enjoying this language arts program that provides them with opportunities to participate in reading in an authentic way. They have more time to read as instruction is tailored to their individual needs as readers. We know that independent reading is the major source of vocabulary growth and reading fluency, so please encourage your child to read at home as well. This year our teachers have ongoing training from Teachers College Columbia University, which is helping them to plan for rigorous and meaningful literacy lessons. As I visit our literacy classrooms, I can feel the excitement and hear the great conversations the students are having about what they read.

Last month, the Holmdel Drug and Alcohol Alliance members worked hard to bring our students wonderful and relevant Red Ribbon Week activities to reinforce the important anti-drug and alcohol message. Students donated non perishable food to Project PAUL, the largest food pantry in Monmouth County. In addition, students were privy to a week's worth of special activities and programs to increase awareness of living a healthy life, free of drug and alcohol abuse. We thank our parent volunteers for this great week of activity!

We want to thank our PLG for bringing Jordan Sonnenblick

Calendar of Events

12/2	Fall Play—7 PM
12/6	PLG Meeting - 9:15 AM
12/5—9	Penguin Patch Holiday Shop
12/20	IH Band/Chorus Concert 9:30 AM (Beginner Band)
12/22	IH Band Concert 7 PM
12/23	4 Hour Session
12/26—1/2	School Closed Winter Recess
1/3	PLG Meeting—9:15 AM
1/16	School Closed - Martin Luther King Day
1/20	End of 2nd Marking Period
1/23	Schools Closed Chinese New Year/Prof. Dev. Day
2/7	PLG Meeting - 9:15 AM
2/10	Winter Boardwalk 5-9 PM
2/17-20	School Closed - President's Weekend



Principal's Message - Continued

to Indian Hill, the wonderful author of seven books for children and young adults, including *Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie*. Our students really enjoyed his presentation. We also want to thank Sergeant Jeff Ackerson of the Holmdel Police Department who provided our students with an informative assembly on the topic of bullying and appropriate Internet and computer use. This very important assembly helped to reinforce Indian Hill's anti-bullying and anti-violence message.

We look forward to this year's school play entitled: Law and Order: Nursery Rhyme Unit. Our 5th & 6th grade actors are rehearsing hard, memorizing their lines, and readying their props. Meanwhile, our stage crew is hard at work creating beautiful scenery to enhance the show. This engaging play is a CSI type mystery that tells what really happened to Humpty Dumpty after he had his great fall. Various fairy tale characters are questioned resulting in a surprise courtroom ending. We hope you can join us for the excitement on December 2nd at 7:00 pm. We will be initiating a new computer program called Study Island this year. This is a well known study skills program that our students will be able to use at home and at school to brush up on their literacy and math skills. All of our students will take benchmark exams to help note where our students require further assistance in literacy and math.

Our staff has been getting to know your children and doing a great job helping them adjust

to a new school year. Indian Hill is quite a warm and welcoming place. As Thanksgiving arrives, it is always a great time to reflect on what we have to be thankful for in our lives. We are thankful here at Indian Hill School for a wonderful and caring staff of professionals, for our hard working and bright students, and for helpful, supportive parents like all of you! I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and much joy and happiness with your families.

Assistant Principal's Message

In our next edition some words from our new Assistant principal Michael Ferrarese. Welcome to Indian Hill Mr. Ferrarese!

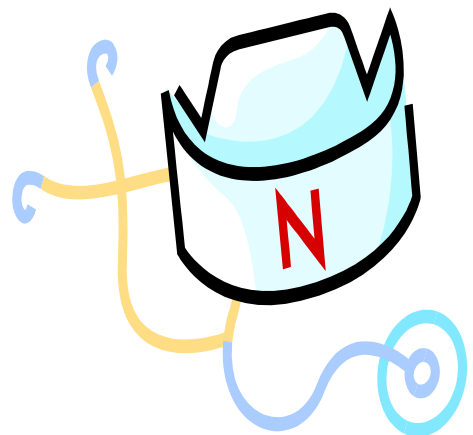
REMINDER: Early band and chorus begin at 8:10 am. Please drop off your child at 8:00 am, not earlier - there is no supervision in the school until then. Thank you!

"Health Notes" -

Barbara Wagner, RN -

The "Give Kids a Smile" program will be held on Friday February 3, 2012. It is free dental care for children ages 12 and under. Any information on this program can be found at www.njda.org/gkas. You must register first- You can also call 888-576-9278 and leave a message.

Best of health,
Barbara Wagner, RN
Indian Hill School Nurse



President's Message - Christine Reddington

I hope that all of you at Indian Hill enjoyed a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

We have had a wonderful start with our school year. Each of the grades had their "Hang Outs", and the attendance was wonderful. I would like to thank Liz Garry (4th grade), Shannon Frederick (5th grade), and Lynn and Michele Shields (6th grade) for running and organizing these days where the children get to enjoy their school! Thank you also to everyone who volunteered to chaperone, your energy was very appreciated.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Craft Fair/Fall Festival due to the lack of vendors. But, we are hosting a Vendor/Craft Shopping Night on Friday, December 16, 2011 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the Holmdel High School. So mark the date on your calendar to come and shop for some beautiful holiday gifts and things, there will be light refreshments available, too. I look forward to seeing you!

Next week is the "Kids Only Shop", where your children get to shop and purchase gifts for their family and friends for the holiday season. I would like to thank Sue Bossert and Monica Guarnaccia for spearheading this event. I can't wait to see the children and the excitement on their faces as they are shopping for their loved ones. If you would like to volunteer, please email Monica at monicaguarnaccia@yahoo.com, we can always use your help, and your children love seeing you!

Our Grand Winter Boardwalk will be held this year on Friday, February 10, 2012 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Remember to save the date, and we are looking for donations for the Grand Prize Raffle, if you are interested please contact carolynzofchak@mail.alzointernational.com.

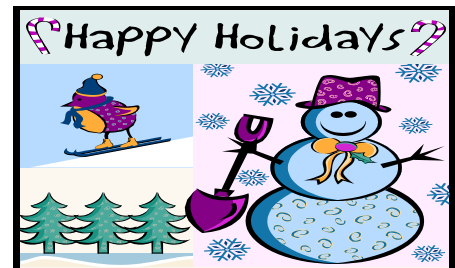
I look forward to seeing you at our next PLG meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 9:15. We will have coffee, tea, bagels and other treats, so please join us. We will also be having a presentation from our Reading Specialist at Indian Hill, Lori Hucksby, on the writer's workshop program at 10:00, so please join us.

I would like to wish you and your family a warm, blessed holiday season. May you enjoy the time off with your children and create wonderful memories. And as always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank You,
Christine Reddington
PLG President

HELP SPREAD THE JOY OF GIVING!!

The Penguin Patch Holiday Shop will be held at Indian Hill from December 5th through December 9th. We are still in need of volunteers to help teach our children the joy of giving this holiday season. If you are available during that week, please contact Susan Bossert at team-bossert@verizon.net



SCHOOL STORE

The school store will be held in the cafeteria during your child's lunch periods. We sell anything from pencil erasers to locker novelties and anything in between, priced from 10 cents to \$4.00. It is held every Thursday, unless there is a conflict with Indian Hill on that day, i.e., early dismissal, Holiday Shop, etc. If you would like to volunteer for future dates, please contact Eileen Galarza at eizzy825@hotmail.com.



*Holmdel Creative Arts Association
News*

BOX TOP REPORT

Dear Creative Arts members:

The Holmdel Students are busy in their creative endeavors at all the district schools from art, ceramics to drama! The Satz and High School plays have been performed in November and the Indian Hill play is coming up December 7th at 7pm.

Our Ad Journal will be given out at all the plays in the district. Please patronize our advertisers. All of the profits go right back to our students.

Please email me if you have any suggestions or questions, we appreciate all input. Parents can still join the HCAA, forms are on the district web site.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 5th at 9am in the HS Library Conference Room. Stop by and hear what is going on in the arts in our district! Please attend the Indian Hill Play.

Sincerely,

Mary Pomarico
HCAA President 2011-12
Mpomarico1@verizon.net



Thank you to all of you who brought in box tops for this fall's fundraiser! With your help, we made over \$500 for our school! Congratulations to Ms. Giusti's class, Mrs. Loschenko's class and Mr. Joseph's class, our top 4th, 5th and 6th grade winners. They all earned a popsicle and extra recess party which they celebrated this week. Please continue to collect your box tops and we will have another contest in the spring!!

Fondly,
Colleen Fischer

PLG Meeting Dates

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 9:15 am Tuesday, Nov. 1, 9:15am
Tuesday, Dec 6, 9:15 am Tuesday, Jan.3, 9:15 am
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9:15 am Tuesday, Mar. 6, 9:15 am
Wednesday, Apr. 3, 9:15 am Tuesday May 1, 9:15 am
Tuesday, June 5, 9:30 am @ Red Oak

Signals Deadlines:

November 17th January 19th
March 22nd & May 17th

Email articles to: threede@comcast.net



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Membership News

The Indian Hill School PLG invites you to join us for the 2011-2012 school year. The PLG consists of Indian Hill parents, like you, who through membership and many exciting & fun events raise funds to benefit the students, teachers, and staff of Indian Hill. Your membership and participation enables us to raise funds that ultimately enrich the educational experience of Indian Hill students through literacy and technology enhancements, games and athletic equipment, cultural assemblies & so much more.

Your membership fee of \$5.00 per family is greatly appreciated. We are hoping for 100% participation this year! If you have not done so already, please show your support and fill out the envelope that was sent home in the packet with child and enclose your \$5.00 membership fee in cash or check (payable to Indian Hill PLG).

Thank you,

Amy Lem

1st Vice-President, Membership

Cultural Arts

The next assembly for the year will be, "The Shakespeare Guyz," a light-hearted introduction to some of the Bard's greatest works, on January 9, 2012. Two very funny and entertaining performers will present excerpts from some of William Shakespeare's plays, including, "Romeo and Juliet" and "Hamlet."



Fundraising News

On Friday, December 16, 2011 the Indian Hill PLG and Village School PSA are hosting a Special Shopping Night from 5:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Holmdel High School Commons. Various vendors will be in attendance with plenty of goodies to fill those empty stockings. Please support your school. Vendors and Crafters are welcome to attend. Please contact Christine Reddington at christinerrdd@aol.com or Carolyn Zofchak at Carolyn.zofchak@mail.alzointernational.com with any questions.

Also our Winter Boardwalk will be held this year on Friday, February 10, 2012 from 5:00pm-9:00pm. This is a fun-filled family event with lots of things for your children to do! Look for flyers to come home in January, we will need all of your help to help this run smoothly! If you would like to volunteer please contact carolyn.zofchak@mail.alzointernational.com.

CAREER DAY

Save the Date

MARCH 22, 2012

Career Day is a day filled with many interesting occupations being shared with our students by YOU, the parents! Your child beams with pride as you teach their class about what you do. Other students benefit from your knowledge as well. Flyers were handed out at Back to School night and just in case you didn't receive one, please [contact Dani Page 732-533-5772](tel:732-533-5772) or jdpage@comcast.net. We are looking forward to a successful day!

*News from Guidance -
Mrs. Eileen Calvert*

WELCOME BACK! IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE THE HALLS OF INDIAN HILL SCHOOL FILLED WITH STUDENTS EAGER TO EMBARK ON A NEW SCHOOL YEAR! THEIR ENTHUSIASM IS SO CONTAGIOUS AND SERVES AS A REMINDER TO THOSE OF US IN EDUCATION AS TO WHY WE CHOSE THIS CAREER IN THE FIRST PLACE.

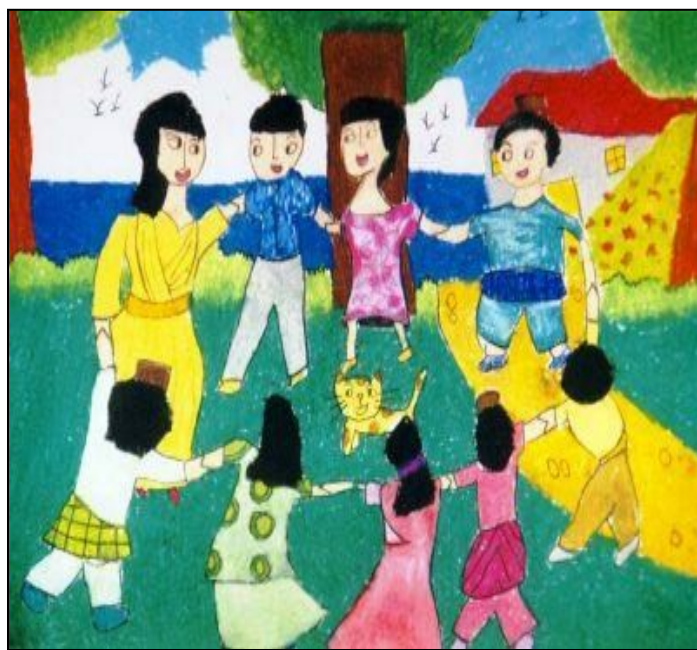
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY BE NEW TO OUR DISTRICT, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AND EXPLAIN MY POSITION HERE AT INDIAN HILL SCHOOL. MY NAME IS MRS. EILEEN CALVERT AND I AM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AND DESIRE TO ASSIST YOU AND YOUR CHILD IN HAVING A POSITIVE SCHOOL YEAR. AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR, I WORK WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS THROUGH A PROGRAM OF MANY DIFFERENT SERVICES. EACH SERVICE IS AIMED AT HELPING CHILDREN LEARN AND DEVELOP TO THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL. SOME OF THE SERVICES IN THE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM ARE:

- GROUPS TO HELP CHILDREN IMPROVE FRIENDSHIP SKILLS, IMPROVE STUDY SKILLS, DEAL WITH STRESS AND ANXIETY, ETC.
- INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS TO HELP CHILDREN ADJUST TO SCHOOL.
- CLASSROOM LESSONS TO HELP CHILDREN LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS.
- GROUPS FOR CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

- CONFERENCES FOR PARENTS TO DISCUSS ANY CONCERNS THAT PARENTS MAY HAVE.

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE SERVICES THAT I OFFER YOU AND YOUR CHILD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WISH TO SEE ME ABOUT YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CALL ME AT (732) 946-1045 X2. IF I AM NOT AVAILABLE, I WILL RETURN YOUR CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR EVER FOR YOUR CHILD!

Eileen Calvert



Join Indian Hill in our Recycling Brigade

Indian Hill has partnered with Terracycle to further enhance the **GREEN EFFORT** in our school. Terracycle will donate .02 cents to our school for each recycled item. Terracycle upcycles these items into new products, thus saving numerous items from ending up in landfills. We are collecting the following items:

Capri Sun/
Honest Kid



Cookie Wrappers



Snack Bags



Tape Dispensers/Rings



Glue Sticks/
Bottles



Pens/Markers

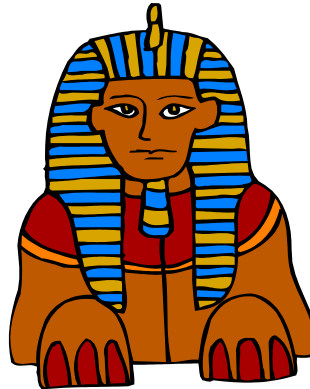


Collection bins for drink pouches, snack bags and cookie wrappers can be found in the Cafeteria. Bins for glue sticks/bottles, tape dispensers/rings and plastic pens and markers can be found at the school's Main Entrance. Any questions, please contact the PLG Go-Green Committee at gogreenindianhill@yahoo.com.

EXCITING HFEE NEWS
**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
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SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.
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In the next few weeks, you will be receiving an **e-mail** regarding our annual giving campaign. We have donated over a million dollars back to the HOLMDEL schools since our inception in 1996. Our gifts are in every school including most recently, the beautiful and educational Rain Garden at Village School and the World Language Lab at the High School. Please consider donating to the HFEE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT HFEE.ORG



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If you have any question, please contact Chimin Hu-Hampel @732-739-1568
or chiminhu@gmail.com.

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