

Hale Elementary/Middle School Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. We had a great turn out for conferences and I had the pleasure of meeting many of you for the first time. Please be patient as I begin to learn everyone's names. I would like to thank all volunteers who helped with the Book Fair. Grandparent's Day was a huge success. Thanks to all who participated to make this a special day for the kids.

I hope everyone enjoyed Family Craft Night as much as I did. I was able to make a Christmas tree decoration, decorate cookies, eat them and finally sit with Santa and Mrs. Clause. I even told them what I wanted for Christmas. If you do not receive Santa pictures by next week, please call the office.

The next couple of weeks are going to be busy. Please take note of the upcoming events. We will also try to update the website periodically as well.



Congratulation to our VFW Patriots Pen Essay winners:

- 1st place Joseph Muhle (7th Grade)
- 2nd place Leslie Reilly (7th Grade)
- 3rd place Darby Barnes (8th Grade)



Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus free throw winners:

10 year olds:

Ethan Rasch, Hannah Balbaugh

11 year olds:

Jacob Hamilton, Bailey Chrivia

12 year olds:

Sam Miller, Robert Curtis

13 year olds:

Darby Barnes Tony Stankovski

14 year olds:

Donald England

Due to the generous out pour of donations for the Halloween Parade, we have additional monies forthcoming that we would like to utilize on clothing needs such as sweatpants, hats, mittens, etc. for our students. The donations are graciously accepted from the VFW, VFW Auxiliary, Vietnam Veterans and Gary Oil. We would like to extend a special thank you to the above mentioned businesses for their kind generosity.

Thank you and have a happy and safe holiday season!

Mr. LaCavera

Elementary/Middle School Events

- ❖ **5th-8th Band and Choir Concert**
December 9 at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium
- ❖ **K-4 Christmas Concert**
December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium
- ❖ **Christmas break** starts Wednesday, December 23 and students return on Monday, January 4, 2010.

❖ **Any Changes?**

As the year progresses, we realize that changes may occur. Please remember to pass along this information to the office. In addition to changes in addresses, please update contact information such as work and cell phone numbers.



❖ **Dress for the Weather**

In a matter of weeks (or days) snow will once again be flying around Hale. As a reminder, we send students outside at recess as long as the temperature is above ten degrees. Proper attire (coats, hats, gloves, boots) for outdoor recess is a must.

Please send an additional change of clothing for your child to keep in his/her locker. This will be a great help in the event of an accident or a spill at lunchtime. Thank you!

- ❖ If your child is late for **any** reason, we must have a parent/ guardian come in to the office to sign them in.
- ❖ Our cafeteria offers a free breakfast every morning. Students are encouraged to get a healthy breakfast. Students arriving at school later than 8:15 will not be served breakfast. **Please be sure your child is here between 7:45 and 8:00 in order to have breakfast. Class starts at 8:15 and students should be in their classroom at that time.**



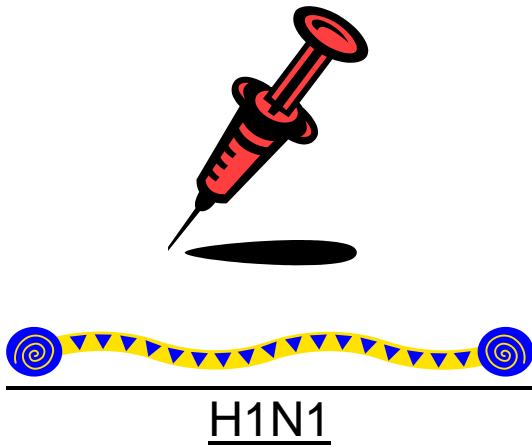
- ❖ Just a reminder that last minute phone calls are discouraged. Phone calls should only be for an emergency situation. Please send a note with your child in the morning if there is a change in transportation.
- ❖ Middle School Sports:
You now can look up all Hale sports schedules on our website
www.haleschools.net

Boys Basketball



Tournaments

Dec. 15 - at Arenac Eastern
Dec. 17 - at Arenac Eastern



School-Based Clinic for H1N1 is offering Free H1N1 Flu Shots for Hale Students and Siblings Six months and older.

The clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Appointments not required! Any questions, please call IRESA's School Health Coordinator, Edie Hoyle, RN, BS, at 728-6810 or 362-3006.

Clinic for Hale High students will be held in the High School Library @ 9:00 a.m. Parents are not required to be present if consent form is completed.

Clinic for Hale Middle School students will be in the Science Lab @ 1:00 p.m. Parents are not required to be present if consent form is completed.

Clinic for Hale Elementary students will be held in the Science Lab @ 3:30 p.m. (along with siblings 6 mths or older). **Parents/Guardians are required to be present with a signed consent form.**

Extra consent forms are available in the school office.



For some Hale students, facing responsibility is a daily challenge. If your child struggles academically and routinely states that, "they have no homework, they did it all in class and/or have all their assignments turned in," double check with the staff on the **www.haleschools.net** website. Go to the middle school site and check out the staff directory. You may send them an e-mail from that site or call and leave a message on their voicemail. If your child has a planner, insist that they fill it out every day for each class they have.

BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND HARMFUL BEHAVIOR

The prevention of bullying, harassment, rumor spreading and harmful behavior to oneself or others, students need to tell an adult they trust if they are victims or observe such behavior. They may tell their parents, a teacher, principal, etc. See the student handbook regarding school policy on bullying, sexual harassment and intimidation. Make sure all violators are reported to school authorities so corrective action may be taken. Students should also keep an eye out for depression in themselves or others and talk to someone they trust if anyone speaks of harming themselves or others including suicidal thoughts or attempts. It's okay to ask for help!

Cash for Trash

Attached you will find some information from Mrs. Brandt about a recycling program that she is in charge of. Please take a few minutes and review what you may be able to recycle.

Hopefully this information in our newsletter is helpful to you. We will try to have one out each month to keep you updated as to events and happenings at Hale Elementary/Middle School. You can also view the newsletter and any other information on our new website www.haleschools.net