Hale Elementary/Middle School Newsletter

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As many of you know, Mr. LaCavera, our principal, has recently had surgery on his back. He has gone through the surgery and is recuperating at home. We hope to see him back at school soon!! While he is away, Mrs. Barnes is filling in.

Elementary/Middle School Events

- No School Monday, Sept.28th Teacher In-service Day

- The elementary students have started their annual fundraiser. The fundraiser runs from this past Tuesday, Sept. 22nd through Oct. 6th. Order forms must be turned in by Oct. 6th. Products will be delivered to school and parents may pick the order up at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Nov. 12th or 13th. Money for these products must be turned in by Nov. 18th.

- Picture Day for both elementary & middle school students is Thursday, Oct. 15.

- MEAP Testing will begin the week of Oct. 13 and conclude Thursday Oct. 22nd. Please be sure that your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast so they can do the best possible work on these tests. This is for grades 3-8.

- Just a reminder that our cafeteria offers a free breakfast every morning. Students are encouraged to a get a healthy breakfast.

- Pupil Count Day is Wednesday, September 30th. Please be sure your child is at school on time. If your child is absent that day, please be sure to send in a note with them. We must document the reason they were absent for the state.

- Homecoming is Friday, Oct. 9th.

- M. S. Hat Day - Sept. 30

- Middle School Sports:

  Girls Basketball
  Sept. 29 – home vs. Rose City
  Oct. 1 - at AuGres-Sims
  Oct. 5 – home vs. Arenac Eastern
  Oct. 8 – at Mio
  Oct. 15 – at Rose City
  Tournaments to follow

  Boys Football
  Sept. 30 at Whittemore-Prescott
  Oct. 7 at Arenac Eastern
  Oct. 14 home vs.Standish-Sterling
  Oct. 21 – at AuGres-Sims

Other School News

We have had some staff changes for this school year. Mr. Reilly is teaching physical education for K-4 students as well as some of the middle school classes.
Mrs. Aldrich is now teaching first grade after spending last year in Kindergarten.

Our new Kindergarten teacher, who just recently joined us, is Mrs. Clouse. She previously did her student teaching with us.

Mrs. Streeter is now teaching 4th grade and Ms. Schick has moved to the middle school.

Mr. Siwek is now teaching at the high school.

We have some students in the elementary who have shoes, that sing or play music (Hannah Montana). Please do not allow your child to wear these to school as they disrupt class time and learning time. Thanks for your help with this.

Just a reminder that last minute phones 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 where they will be going at the end of the day. Your help will be greatly appreciated with this.

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.

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.

H1N1

We've heard lots of information in the news about the H1N1 flu. Please be aware that we will continue to watch for any symptoms among our students and staff. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them at home so that others are not infected. Hand washing is probably the most effective way to avoid this virus. Please remind your children and other family members to wash hand often.

Fall Festive
Arts & Craft Show

Saturday, October 3rd
10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
@ Oscoda High School

School Success Program

The School Success Program was pleased to sponsor the No Bully Club Assembly on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009. Students, staff and parents laughed and learned valuable lessons about bullying. The presenter, Richard Paul, is a Michigan native, a comedian, and a ventriloquist. Staff and students were very impressed with the message and the presentation.
Our thanks go out to the local businesses. Without them, this opportunity would never have happened! Despite the struggling economy, this assembly was completely and generously funded by the following area businesses and organizations.

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In addition, classes competed to see who returned the most bully pledge forms. Mrs. Shellenbarger's 4th grade and Mrs. Unke's 8th grade classes won some extra free time. Congratulations!

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.