Hale Elementary/Middle School Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

As we begin the second half of the school year, I would like to inform you that we will be doing our best to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. The request from parents to immediately deliver messages, lunches, money, etc. has gotten to a point where it has become a constant interruption to the classrooms throughout the day. We are attempting to limit the interruptions by contacting students in the afternoon, during lunch or at the end of the day. We will not interrupt a class unless it's absolutely necessary. Please understand that we are doing this in order to not disrupt the educational process of your child as well as the other students in the class. I would like to thank you in advance for your assistance and understanding with this.

Mr. LaCavera

Elementary/Middle School Events

- **New marking period started January 25, 2010**
- **Kindergarten Fingerprinting Thursday, February 4 at 1:00 PM**
- **Middle School Celebrate Excellence Extravaganza Friday, February 5.**
- **Student Count Day Wednesday, February 10.**
- **VIP Day for K-4 students Wednesday, February 10, 2010**
- **Professional Development Day: Thursday, February 11, 2010 (Staff only)**
- **Mid- Winter Break: Friday, February 12, Monday, February 15 and return on Tuesday, February 16.**
- **Spring Picture Day Thursday, February 18.**

Spring Official Count Day

has been scheduled by the State of Michigan for Wednesday, February 10th. The State dictates that we record reasons for absences so **please send in a note** if your child is absent on the 10th. Please indicate the reason for the absence (flu/cold/funeral/doctor or dentist appointment/vacation), and the classroom teacher's name. Thank you for your help.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are always welcome at Hale and there are many children who can use the help of an adult to enhance their learning or monitor before school, recesses and end of the day dismissal. We have an active volunteer program and are always happy to hear from anyone who might have some time to share.

❖ Thank You

I would like to thank Northland Area Federal Credit Union for donating winter gloves for our students.

I would like to thank the Hale Mason Lodge 518 for taking our 5th graders to the Shrine Circus last Thursday, January 28

❖ Any Changes?

As the year progresses please remember to inform the office of any changes in addresses or phone numbers

❖ Dress for the Weather

As a reminder, we send students outside at recess as long as the temperature is above ten degrees. Proper attire (coats, hats, gloves, and boots) for outdoor recess is a must.

❖ ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

Hale Area Schools is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones, CD players, MP3 players, iPods, Game boys or any other electronic devices (including during confiscation). Students that bring these items to school do so understanding that there is risk involved

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❖ If your child is late for <u>any</u> reason, we must have a parent/ guardian come in to the office to sign them in.

❖ Just a reminder:

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 transportation.

Our cafeteria offers a **FREE** breakfast every morning. Students are encouraged to a get a healthy breakfast. Students arriving at school later than 8:25 will not be served breakfast. Please be sure your child is here between 7:45 and 8:19 in order to have breakfast. Class starts at 8:19 and students should be in their classroom at that time

BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND HARMFUL BEHAVIOR

As 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 **<u>reported to school authorities</u>** 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**.

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 phone. If your child has a planner insist that they fill it out every day for each class they have.

WHOM DO I CALL NEXT?

From time to time parents and community members have questions, concerns or even problems that need to be resolved. If your situation does not seem to be resolved, a follow-up call can be made to the person listed below:

If you called… The follow-up call should be made to:

Classroom teacher…… Building Principal
Secretary of the building …..... Building Principal
Bus Driver……Transportation Supervisor
Bldg Prin (on bus problems) …Trans. Supervisor
Food Service……..Food Service Supervisor
Coaches……..……Athletic Director
Transportation Supervisor ……Superintendent
Building Principals……..Superintendent

❖ School District Sports:

You now can look up all Hale sports schedules on our website

www.haleschools.net

A Child Learns

by Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If a child lives with criticism...
He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility...
He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule...
He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame...
He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance...
He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement...
He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise...
He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness...
He learns justice.

If a child lives with security...
He learns to trust in himself and others.

If a child lives with honesty...
He learns what truth is.

If a child lives with approval...
He learns to like himself

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