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Newsletter

Center School

"Preparing for Tomorrow"

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Dear Center School Families,

What a wonderful All School Meeting last week led by Mrs. Keough's 1st Grade classroom! We had plenty to celebrate as we worked together this month by donating enough food to provide thirty-one Thanksgiving dinners to members of bigger Stow community. The celebration was paired with the next challenge to donate winter weather clothing next month. My prediction is that we will have even more to celebrate at our next ASM on December 23rd at 1:30pm. We hope you can join us.

In looking back over the last month we also had great attendance for parent-teacher conferences. We also appreciate the numerous families that stopped by the book fair organized by Mrs. Erle. As a result, over \$5,000 towards books and other library needs was raised. Mrs. Mayotte also deserves our thanks as she organized and presented our first Center School Astronomy Night. It was well attended and the skies could not have been clearer.

Some important notes and updates:

- The fingerprinting policy is being adjusted. Grade levels will consult with administration regarding chaperone requirements prior to field trip approval. Permissions slips will indicate whether or not chaperones need fingerprinting. To be proactive, I would continue to recommend that any potential chaperones be fingerprinted. Information on this process is still available at http://center.nrsd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1160865/File/Families/chaperone.fingerprinting.memo.pdf
- Our School Spirit Days for December:
 - Friday 12/11- **Green** and **Gold** Day- wear school colors or Nashoba gear
 - Wednesday 12/23- Winter Day- wear a winter hat, holiday sweater, or other winter related item
- Please access our "Community News" under the "News" drop-down on our new website. This will contain community flyers and updates. You can also bookmark the direct link http://center.nrsd.net/news/what_s_new/stow_community_news.

In December, we only have seventeen instructional days left in 2015. This can be a very exciting, and overwhelming, time of year for children and adults alike. Here's to making the most of all the family time and special memories that come from this time of year.


In partnership,

Ross Mulkerin

N O V E M B E R

23	6 ⁰⁰ -7 ⁰⁰ Astronomy Night
24	Spirit Day Wear Nashoba Colors – Green and Yellow
25	NO SCHOOL ~ Thanksgiving Break
26	NO SCHOOL ~ Thanksgiving Break
27	NO SCHOOL ~ Thanksgiving Break
30	Gr 4 Field Trip – Mrs. Zuckerman / Mrs. Trefry

D E C E M B E R

1	4 ³⁰ School Council
2	7 ³⁰ BOKS
	7 ⁴⁵ Grade 4 Band
	Gr 4 Field Trip – Mrs. Bonner/Mrs. Milton / Mrs. Narita
	Gr 1 Author Visit
3	7 ⁴⁵ Grade 5 Band
4	7 ³⁰ BOKS
	Marks Close
	Kindergarten Science Program
9	 RE TAKE ~ Picture Day
	7 ⁴⁵ Grade 4 Band
	7 ³⁰ BOKS

10	7 ⁴⁵ Grade 5 Band
11	12:15 PM Early Release
	7 ³⁰ BOKS
23	Spirit Day – Winter Wear Day
16	7 ⁴⁵ Grade 4 Band
	7 ³⁰ BOKS
	Gr 1 Gingerbread activity
17	7 ⁴⁵ Grade 5 Band
18	7 ³⁰ BOKS
	7 ⁴⁵ Grade 5 Band
	9 ¹⁵ Gr 2 Winter Activity
24-1	V A C A T I O N

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School News

Center School Winter Concerts - I would like to remind families of students and members of the community to come to our Center School Concert Performances at The Center School on the evenings of:



2/8/16 (snow date 2/9/16) for 4th Gr. Band and Chorus Concert

2/9/16 (snow date 2/10/16) for 5th Gr. Band and Chorus Concert

3/7/16 (snow date 3/8/16) for 3rd Grade Chorus Concert

All performances are at 7:00 PM. I am looking for volunteers to help out during the nights of the concerts. You can contact me at jdyer@nrsd.net or send in a letter with your child if you can help.

Please save the date! We look forward to having you join us for this exciting event!

Judy Dyer

Volunteer Opportunity: Center School and Hale Middle School Music Departments



The Stow Friends of Music Committee is looking for parent volunteers to take over for the current officers and parents who are moving on since their children will be in high school next year. Without Center School parent volunteers, this incredibly helpful committee will no longer exist and the music department will suffer. For many years the SFOM Committee has supplemented the Center School and Hale Middle School with funds for replacement and repair of instruments, choral and band music, concert programs, music memberships and conferences, field trips and much more. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for considering this rewarding opportunity to support your child's music program. If you are interested please email jdyer@nrsd.net.

WANTED: NRSD per Diem NURSES



Are you a Registered Nurse looking for an opportunity to work a per diem schedule with school hours? Why not consider a position as a substitute nurse for the Nashoba Regional School District. The salary is competitive. Orientation will be provided. For more information, please call Donna Linstrom at 978-779-0539 x3039, or talk with your school nurse.



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504 Plans:

How to Make Them Work for Your Child

This Parent Forum will be presented by Joseph Presti, Esq. of Baystate Advocacy Group. Mr. Presti will cover a wide range of topics relating to 504 Accommodation Plans including:

- The legal differences between an IEP and a 504 Plan
- Documentation you need to provide the school to get your child on a 504 Plan
- What are your options if the TEAM recommends moving your child from an IEP to a 504 Plan?
- How to work with your child's educators to ensure his/her 504 Plan delivers the best results

There will be time after the lecture for questions and open discussion.

Date: Tuesday, December 1st

Time: Beginning at 7:00 PM

Place: Randall Public Library

(19 Crescent Street, Stow)

This lecture is free and open to the public.

Baystate Special Education Advocacy, located in Littleton, offers a wide range of advocacy and legal services for children and parents of children with special needs.

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SPTO News



Stow Parent Teacher Organization

November 2015 SPTO News

www.stowpto.org

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Thank You to all who volunteered at the Vision and Hearing Screening! We got through testing a truly amazing amount of students. It would not have been possible without all the parents who donated their time. Thank you!!



Picture Day Retake if your child missed Picture Day there will be a retake day on **Friday, December**



4th Families should send in the pictures with a note as to what they didn't like as it will help with the re-take process. Please email , Jessica Gale, Volunteer Coordinator, at jessica@stowpto.org with any questions.

Box Tops for Education – Thank you Center School Families!!! In June and October, the SPTO submitted 9,923 Box Tops for reimbursement. That equates to \$992 for our school! Thank you to everyone who sent in Box Tops for this mailing. Our next collection deadline is early spring of 2016 so please continue to send in your Box Tops. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to us, so bring them in! The collection box is located inside the main entrance to the school. Please put your Box Tops in an envelope and have your child drop them in the box. Thank you for participating in raising money for our school! For more information, contact April Sears at boxtops@stowpto.org



Lunchroom Parent Volunteers – thank you to the parents who have volunteered in November to provide additional lunchroom support. We have had a great response from many parents and will continue this volunteer opportunity through the end of the school year. Parents are asked to assist with monitoring children needing assistance with opening, carrying or finding utensils and overall crowd control. All volunteers must have a current CORI on file with the district.



Grades and Lunchtimes are below:

GR 2/3 - 11:00 - 11:30 AM

GR 4/5 - 11:35 - 12:05 PM

GR K/1 - 12:10 - 1240 PM

Parents may sign up to cover all three lunches on a single day, or a single 30 minute grade level slot for the day. To sign up, click the link below:

<http://vols.pt/R5A5yc>

We are also always looking for help in the **Main Office Monday, Wed and Friday**. Mary O'Brien especially needs help this time of year answering the phone and the door so she can have some time to process all the paperwork that comes in the beginning of a new school year. If you have time, please sign up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/exZQ5C>

SPTO Monthly Meeting - Mark your calendars! Our next SPTO meeting of the year will be **Monday, December 14th in the Center School Science Room at 9:00am**. We hope that you can come join us!

Questions or Comments about SPTO? Please write or call Kristen DeLuco at kdeluco@stowpto.org or 978-212-5103 or Susan Norris susan@stowpto.org

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Community News

Community News link:

For all attachments:

http://center.nrsd.net/news/what_s_new/stow_community_news

Upcoming Events at the Randall Library in November
(For more details check out <http://www.randallibrarystow.org>)

Note : The Randall Library will close at 2:00pm on Weds November 25th, and will be closed all day on Thursday, November 26th & 27th

Randall Library Reading Dogs, Tuesday from 4:30-5:30 pm- Sign-up sheets are available at the library circulation desk

Baby Lap sit Story Time, Wednesdays @ 11:00am -Specially designed to encourage infant cognitive development. This is a great way to bond with your baby, and meet other parents.

Randall Library Book Club, Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month @7:00pm-Drop in and join the Randall Library Book group! The next meeting will be on November 17th and the book is Norwegian By Night by Derek Miller

Buck-a-Book Sale to Benefit the Randall Library Friends Association!- The library has a small book sale going on. Check out the special shelf off the new book display area. Help the Randall Library Friends Association and purchase a book for a dollar from our special sale area.

Movies every Thursday @ 3:30pm- Come unwind with your friends and watch a movie together. Popcorn included!

After School Tutoring Center, Tuesdays 3:30-5:00pm-Tutors will be available for math and ELA help for students of all ages. Sign-up is required, at the circulation desk. Sessions are free and are for 45 minutes periods of one-on-one help with a tutor.

After School Origami, Wednesdays@3:30pm-For kids in grades 2 and up. Come work on special origami projects with Mrs. Morrison and take home your creation.

SAPN (Stow Area Parents Network) Baby Playgroup at the Randall Library, Wednesdays 10:30-11

SAPN (Stow Area Parents Network) Meeting at the Randall Library, Thursdays 10:15-11:30am- This is a great opportunity to meet area parents and have your children make new friends (and meet up with old ones!) in a safe, warm and fun environment.

Volunteers Needed: The **Meals on Wheels** Program of Minuteman Senior Services provides a hot lunch to homebound seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Stow, 52 weeks a year, excluding holidays. These meals assist the older adult who is not capable of preparing at least one hot nutritious meal a day. In many cases, Meals on Wheels allows them to live in the dignity and comfort of their own homes. We also provide a **Congregate Lunch** at The First Parish Church in Stow on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are in need of a Meals on Wheels driver on Thursdays, and also someone to help in the kitchen on Tuesdays. Do you have an hour or so to spare once a month or more? For more information on volunteering, or to apply, call [781-221-7093](tel:781-221-7093), email volunteer@minutemansenior.org, or visit our website at www.minutemansenior.org. Thank you!



The **Stow Community Chest** is currently conducting a survey to help the Chest prioritize human service needs for the next 3-5 years. The purpose of the Stow Community Chest is to encourage, assist and support health, welfare, charitable, educational, and character building agencies and projects. Please have your voice heard! The survey can be found on our website thestowcommunitychest.org or at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDNR3ZT>. If you already responded in May no need to respond a second time. Thank you for your participation!



A heartfelt thank you from the Board of Directors of Warm Hearts of Stow for your help in our recent Thanksgiving collection!

The food items that you carefully chose and donated were a generous and sweet reminder to us of how fortunate we are to live in such a special community. Thanks to you and other Center School community members, we were able to provide 31 families and individuals a wonderful meal of healthy foods and treats that we are sure made their Thanksgiving a warm and plentiful one!

There is an old saying: "It takes a village to raise a child". This phrase exemplifies what we at Warm Hearts believe. We must all try our best to share what we have with others, in order for all to thrive. Thank you for your commitment to your town and your neighbors. We certainly would not be able to do it without all of you.

Take care, and have a wonderful holiday season!