

March 1, 2018

Dear Silver Hill Families,

I apologize that this is a late week newsletter, but there is quite a bit happening so I wanted to have all the updates!

I have had a few questions from parents/guardians regarding our safety drills. We use the HPS district wide protocols for our drills, and our entire staff has been trained in both a hard lock down procedure and ALICE (students evacuate the building) through Haverhill Public Schools. Silver Hill has it's own fire drill plan per the configuration of our building and grounds, practiced frequently both with and without the fire department present. As part of this drill, all staff are aware of the safety points and check in points. We also have an evacuation plan with Consentino. We will continue to be vigilant in checking everyone into the office, regardless of if we know you. Please do not enter the school and not sign in, even if you are just dropping something off for your child. You will be asked to sign in both for a photo pass, and a sign in book. These precautions are in place to keep our children safe. Thank you in advance for following his system.

We received great news this week from Assistant Superintendent Fulgoni reiterating Superintendent Scully's agreement that those students with older siblings currently at Silver Hill will be able to attend the Silver Hill kindergarten. HPS registration has been notified of this final decision. We will be sending home a notice to all families asking if you have a kindergartner coming next year, so we can begin to plan our classroom numbers. The second kindergarten information night will be held on March 27, 6:00-7:00, HHS Library.

We've had a great response to our Dr. Seuss Night for grades K, 1, 2 tonight, March 1, 6:00 – 7:30. Mrs. Alves and Mrs. Perez have been busy preparing for this fun family night! I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Tomorrow, March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday and in celebration grades K, 1, and 2 will have special guest readers from the Exchange Club at the high school. The list of readers isn't finalized yet, but I know we'll have several Silver Hill alumni coming back to read! It's always extra special for our students to have the "older kids", and sometimes older siblings, come back and visit!

Also on Friday, March 2, Grade 5 students will attend a presentation called "Think Before You Text", held at Consentino. The presentation will include warnings about cyber bullying and the possible

dangers of texting and social media. I appreciate Consentino including our students in this important topic and encourage you to have your child share information that he/she learned during this assembly.

Grades 3, 4, and 5 are looking forward to the VIP Dance on March 9. Flyer is attached. Get on your dancing shoes!

Attached is the Superintendents Finalists Reception Schedule to be held next week, March 6, 7, and 8 at the Hunking School from 5:30 to 6:30. This invitation is open to everyone, and each finalist will be presenting during one evening. Next Monday, March 6, one of the finalists, Margaret Marotta, will be visiting Silver Hill to meet with administrators, tour the building and visit some classrooms. Ms. Marotta will be accompanied by School Committee member, Gail Sullivan, and will be available to meet with a group of staff for 30 to 45 minutes.

Lots going on in March! Please check the "Planning Ahead" dates below. Remember, on the Data Day for your child's grade level, there will be a substitute in the classroom so teachers can meet with support staff and administration to review each student's progress monitoring.

Please use the PTO link on our school web page. This will provide you with information on all PTO meetings and events. <http://silverhill.haverhill-ps.org/upcoming-events/>

Last but certainly not least, I wanted to send a special Thank You to CJ Judson for organizing the ski club. This year we had 47 students who participated! I'm told this was his last year organizing the very popular ski club, and we thank him for his time and dedication to our students for this special after school activity!

Happy March!

Margaret

Planning Ahead

March 9 – VIP Dance – Grades 3, 4, 5 6:30-8:00

March 11 – Daylight Savings - Spring Forward!

March 12 – PTO – 6:00

March 14 – Data Day Grade 1

March 15 – Data Day Grade 5

March 16 – Data Day Grade 4

March 16 – Early Release - Professional Development

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

March 19 – Data Day Kindergarten

March 20 – Data Day Grade 2

March 22 – Data Day Grade 3

March 23 – Marks Close for Trimester 2

March 24 – Mt. Washington Alliance Community Health Fair at Silver Hill 11:00-2:00

March 30 – Good Friday – No School

April 1- Easter

April 3 – Report Cards go home

April 3 – Board Meeting – 3:30

April 5 – Evening Conferences 5:00 – 6:30