

# Claypit Hill PTO Newsletter

[www.claypithillpto.org](http://www.claypithillpto.org)

September 2009



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009 and 2010 School Year at Claypit Hill School. This is the first 2009\_2010 PTO Newsletter that has been distributed in hard copy and electronically. Going forward, all PTO newsletters will be distributed electronically. To subscribe to the on line email system, please log onto [www.wayland.k12.ma.us/listserver/subscribe.html](http://www.wayland.k12.ma.us/listserver/subscribe.html)

## Hot Topics

We need to obtain your contact information in case there is an early release or other unplanned event at Claypit Hill School. Please log on to [www.claypithillpto.org/volunteering](http://www.claypithillpto.org/volunteering) to fill out the contact information for your children. If we are unable to obtain this information from you on line, we will have to resort to sending you more paperwork to fill out and destroy a few more trees in the process! Please log on today and submit your contact information. Thank you!

I would like to introduce you to the new PTO Board of Directors.



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## Meetings

The PTO sponsors 4 meetings per year that are held mornings and evenings through out the year that consist of curriculum and community topics deemed of interest to you! We also meet on a monthly basis as a board to discuss upcoming events, emerging issues that affect the Claypit Hill School and community and PTO related financial matters. These meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend. If you have any suggestions for future meetings, please contact me at [maurapto@gmail.com](mailto:maurapto@gmail.com).

## PTO Meetings

This year, the PTO has the following meetings scheduled. We hope you can attend.

Claypit Hill: High School Building Committee Update Math, Science, Language Arts & Social Studies Specialists	Oct 8, 2009 @ 9am
All Elementary Meeting: Parmenter Health Care	Nov 19, 2009 @ 6pm at Loker
All Elementary Meeting: Wayland Youth & Family Svcs	TBD at CPH
Claypit Hill: TBD	May 6, 2010

## PTO Board Meetings at Claypit Hill School

Each month the PTO board of directors meet to discuss upcoming events, emerging issues that affect the Claypit Hill School and community and PTO related financial matters. These meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to attend and welcome your input. The meeting dates this year are as follows:

Thursday, Oct 1, 2009 at 9am  
Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7pm  
Thursday, Dec 3, 2009 at 9am  
Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 7pm  
Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 9am

Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7pm  
Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 9am  
Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 7pm  
Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 9am

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### Thursday, September 24

Curriculum Night  
6:30pm Grades 1,2 and3  
7:30pm Grades 4 and 4

### Friday, September 25

School Picture Day  
(see details below)

### Monday, September 28

No School (Yom Kippur)

### Wednesday, Oct 1 at 9am

Claypit Hill PTO Board Meeting  
Venue: CPH Cafeteria

### Friday, October 2 at 8:30am

Lice Check  
(see details below)

### Wednesday, Oct 8 at 9am

Claypit Hill PTO Meeting  
Venue: CPH School Cafeteria  
Topic: Math, Science, Language Arts and  
Social Studies

### Monday, October 12

No School (Columbus Day)

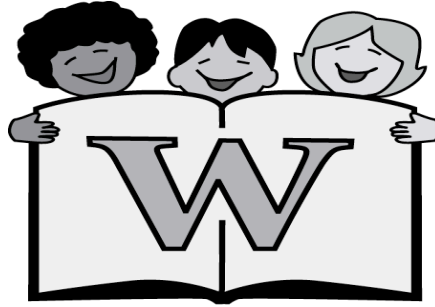
### Monday, October 19-20

Book Fair  
(see details below)

### Monday, October 26-30

Vision and Hearing Screening  
(see details below)

## PTO Fundraiser



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If you've not yet given to the **Gift Your Child** (GYC) campaign, it's not too late! This year, the PTO has launched an effort to streamline all of our individual fundraising efforts, such as the annual auction, apparel sales, and gift-wrap sales, into one campaign. The PTO will receive 100% of every GYC contribution, and each donation is fully tax deductible. The PTO projects budget expenditures totaling approximately \$100 per child per year; we are asking all families to donate \$100 per child so that we can meet our program goals. If you are able to give more, please do! Every family should have received a letter in late August; additional pledge cards are located in the school office. If you'd like more information about this campaign, please contact Dana Davies ([y92\\_24@yahoo.com](mailto:y92_24@yahoo.com)), Eileen Balicki, ([eileenbalicki@comcas.net](mailto:eileenbalicki@comcas.net)) or Liza Knapp ([lizaknapp@verizon.net](mailto:lizaknapp@verizon.net)).

## Volunteer Opportunities

Please visit our website at [www.claypithillpto.org/volunteering](http://www.claypithillpto.org/volunteering) if you wish to volunteer for the many events that run though out the year. We are always looking for an extra pair of hands if you would be generous enough to volunteer some of your precious time for the benefit of our children. There are volunteer opportunities to fit anyone's schedule days, evenings, or at home during your personal free time. We have committee chairs for all events except for the Art Show and the Our Kids Win campaign. If you are interested in volunteering or chairing an open committee and would like more information, please contact me at [maurapto@gmail.com](mailto:maurapto@gmail.com).

## Picture Day



This Friday, September 25, 2009, is School Picture Day!

Forms will be sent home the beginning of the week.

Please have your child return forms ASAP!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Picture Day or have any questions, contact Beth Junkin at 508- 358-4588.

## Lice Check



Our first lice check will be on Friday morning, October 2, 2009 at 8:30am. It takes just 15minutes! If you can give us a hand, please contact Jill Freedberg at 508-358-769 or [jillfreedberg@aol.com](mailto:jillfreedberg@aol.com), and let her know what classroom you can cover, or if you are available to cover more than one classroom. Thanks in advance for your help.

## **Way-Bos Connection:**

Join the Wayland-Boston **Family Friends Network** to help us build relationships between our communities. Wayland and Boston families find friendship and support as they participate in various activities throughout the school year such as Claypit Hill's World Fair, the PTO Ice Cream Picnic, planned play dates in Wayland and Boston, the Florence Adler Walk/Run and many other exciting activities. Wayland family friends can also play a big role helping Boston families attend evening events (such as Curriculum night, music concerts, etc.) by hosting Boston children after school on days when night activities are scheduled.

If you would like to be a part of the Family Friends Network or learn more about it, please contact one of us!

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## **JUST LIKE ME needs YOU!**

Are you looking for an opportunity to see your child in action in the classroom?

Would you like to get to know your child's classmates better?

Would you like an opportunity to help our students learn, that despite our differences, everyone is **'Just Like (them) Me'**?

Then volunteer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade **'Just Like Me'** program!

Volunteering involves leading small-group activities that help students better understand what it means to live with a disability. Each class will need 5-6 volunteers for each of the 5 units.

To learn more about the program, see the schedule and to sign-up, go to

<http://www.claypithillpto.org/volunteering/jlmvolunteer>

or e-mail Mary Kay Peacock at [justlikeme@claypithillpto.org](mailto:justlikeme@claypithillpto.org).

## **Book Fair**

Our spring book fair is just around the corner. Sunday, 10/18, 2:30pm-5:30pm, we will be having our first of two family showings. Come browse, come visit and please come shop. It's a great time for a little holiday shopping.

Monday, 10/19, during school our children will have the opportunity to purchase books.

Monday, 10/19, 5:00pm-7:00pm will be our second family showing.

Tuesday, 10/20, again during school, our children will have the opportunity to purchase books.

We hope that during any of these times you will have a window in your schedule to help out with this successful fundraiser for the PTO. Please keep a look out for further details on how you can help or email me [wsafe4@comcast.net](mailto:wsafe4@comcast.net) with the times that work into your schedule.

Thank you, Your Book Fair Committee (Jackie Stahl, Kathleen Rader and Wendy Safe)



# Vision and Hearing Screening



October 26th - 30th

Once a year all children at Claypit Hill have their vision and hearing tested. This is a week long process beginning Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to come into school and help with the process; you can come in one day or all five! Using the vision and hearing machines is easy and training is provided by Nurse Cindy Forti the morning you come in. Come in and interact with children and teachers. If you can volunteer, please contact Marcia Privitera at 358-1140 or [Marcia.Privitera@verizon.net](mailto:Marcia.Privitera@verizon.net).

## Extracurricular Activities for your Children

There are numerous extracurricular activities for your children to participate in during the school year. These are just a few that you may be interested in.

### Wayland Youth Basketball

Registration is open for the 2009-2010 season! Wayland Youth Basketball ([www.waylandbasketball.org](http://www.waylandbasketball.org)) provides 3 programs for youth players from Kindergarten through grade 8.

- \***MetroWest Basketball League:** a more competitive travel league for grades 5 thru 8.
- \* **Tri-Town Youth Basketball League:** a more recreational travel league for grades 3-8.
- \* **WYB K-2 Program:** A Saturday morning program for K through grade 2.

For more information about the leagues, how to register and specific try out dates please visit our website at [www.Waylandbasketball.org](http://www.Waylandbasketball.org). **Don't miss out!**



### WAYLAND YOUTH LACROSSE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2010 OPENS OCTOBER 1, 2009

[www.waylandlacrosse.com](http://www.waylandlacrosse.com)

Boys & Girls Grades 1 & 2 \$90

Boys & Girls Grades 3-8 \$150 Oct 1- Nov 15th.

Nov 16 - Dec 13, Registration Fee \$175

**Registration closes December 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Register and get all the equipment, uniform and practice info at the Website.

**Free New Player Clinic Sunday November 8th**

***Girls grades 3-8, 1-2 pm, Boys grades 3-8 2:30-3:30***

***More info at [www.waylandlacrosse.com](http://www.waylandlacrosse.com)***

## **THANK YOU'S**

To the parents that have volunteered to donate their precious time this year to support all the wonderful events planned for our children this year at Claypit Hill.

To all the teachers and staff for their hard work in preparing for the first day of school and for welcoming all the new and returning children and parents to Claypit Hill.

Kim Reichelt for the new and improved website, contact information and volunteer on line survey. Check it out at [www.claypithillpto.org/volunteering/](http://www.claypithillpto.org/volunteering/)

From the Garden and Grounds Committee to Colleen Sheehan (with help from Suzanne Thatcher, Claypit parent and Russell's employee) for planting the flowerpots and mums at the Claypit sign. They were a beautiful and welcomed site to start the new school year.

Maureen Lampert for her herculean efforts in providing the Faculty Back to School luncheon.