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## WELCOME

We are so excited to begin this school year with you and your children!

We have a great line-up of events and activities designed to bring our Claypit Hill community together and support our students. This year, we will be keeping you informed with this monthly newsletter from us, detailing upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, PTO meetings, and other community information.

In addition, our [website](#) being regularly updated and keep an eye on our ever changing [Facebook](#) page.

Please use the attached KEY DATE information to update your calendar and reach out if you would like additional details, want to volunteer, or have other ideas to share!

You will also notice that our annual fundraising drive, Gift Your Child launched a few weeks back. Rather than asking you to sell candy bars or wrapping paper, we ask for this once yearly donation to help fund all of the extras the PTO provides including staff stipends for new books and classroom materials, subsidized field trips for all grades, special project funding, as well as much more.

This year is going to be absolutely amazing and we can't wait to share it with you!

## GIFT YOUR CHILD

**Gift Your Child donations** are used to enhance our students' educational and social-emotional growth. Your participation makes a difference!

Donations to Gift Your Child are made to each individual school PTO. The PTO's Gift Your Child campaign, in fact, is the only means to put your money specifically into your child's school level.

The suggested donation is \$100 per child.

Whether you can donate this amount, more or less, our goal is to have 100% of the community participate in supporting our children's learning. Please contribute what is meaningful to you.

## HARVEST FEST

Get into the fall spirit as we bring our community together on October 23 for an evening of autumn themed activities, crafts, and food to kick-off our book fair.



We need 14 volunteers to make this event happen! Please **sign-up** for the early (4:30-6pm) or late (6-7:30pm) shift. Volunteers will help with set-up or clean-up, and run stations showing children how to complete crafts such as pumpkin decorating, watercolor leaves, and bookmark making. Instructions and materials will be provided. Questions? Email [ClaypitVP@gmail.com](mailto:ClaypitVP@gmail.com)

## KEY DATES

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE 10/7 @ 7PM

School Committee Room at the Wayland Town Building, 2nd floor

As always, the public is invited to attend. Meeting agendas can be found [here](#) within 48 hours of the meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact any School Committee member with questions or concerns.

### BOOK FAIR 10/23-10/28

Claypit Hill Lobby, During school hours  
Kick-off Wednesday 5:00 PM

Bi-annual fundraising effort in partnership with Scholastic books. Interested in volunteering? Contact **Peace Nguyen**

### HARVEST FEST 10|23 @ 5PM

For details, see feature profile above.

# VOLUNTEER

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The PTO sponsors several events throughout the school year, none of which will happen without parents volunteering.

Time commitment varies, so if you have a one time opening of 1/2 hour, or can commit to an ongoing position, we need your help.

Otherwise our kids could miss out.

The following committees are still in need of a chairperson and are at risk of not happening:

- Claypit Cares (Gr 1-5 Coordinators)
- Ice Cream Social (Year-End)
- Parmenter Coordinator
- Snowman Making Extravaganza
- Talent Show Co-Chair
- Welcome Committee (Fall)
- Social Activities (Gr 1-4 Coordinators)

For descriptions of responsibilities please go to our [website](#) or reach out to any current PTO member.

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL OPENING

In addition to helping with events and activities, there is also an opportunity for one parent to serve on the Claypit Hill School Council.

This group meets regularly and is responsible for the following:

- Assist in the identification of the educational needs of current students
- Review the annual school budget
- Approve the school improvement plan
- Review the student handbook

Meetings typically take place quarterly, on mutually agreed upon dates/times.

If you are interested, kindly submit your name and a short biographical paragraph to [ClaypitPTO@gmail.com](mailto:ClaypitPTO@gmail.com) by Friday, October 4th.

Thank you for your support!

# PARENT RESOURCES



The following links offer more information regarding many questions and resources available to parents of the Claypit Hill community:

- **E-NEWS** (*Claypit Hill, Wayland Public Schools, and more*)  
In addition to Claypit Hill e-News, you can also choose to receive e-news from each elementary school, the Middle School, High School, Superintendent, and more. Update your email and delivery preferences at any time.
- **ONLINE DIRECTORY**  
Visit the Wayland Schools directory at [Membership Toolkit](#) and make sure your contact info is current (only an email is required) to help Room Parents and other families contact you.
- **LUNCH MENUS**  
Listing of weekly menus and items available for purchase. Updated monthly.
- **MYSCHOOLBUCKS**  
Payment system for school lunches. Go to [MySchoolBucks](#) to set up account payments and automatically replenish accounts.
- **ROOM PARENTS**  
Room Parents coordinate in-class volunteering, teacher conferences, and teacher appreciation. Make sure your Room Parent has your current contact information.
- **REPORT CARDS**  
Visit the Home Access Center to view your child's report card. To set up your account, find instructions [here](#). Be sure to download a PDF copy for your own records.

# ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Wayland School Community Programs (WSCP) offers community education and global language classes. Programs are listed by school and day of the week, and choices foster creative expression as well as the opportunity to explore world languages and cultures.

For information about programs, check out the [WSCP website](#) or call 508-358-6872.