

THE LP BULLETIN

NOTES, QUOTES, AND LOST COATS

The LP Bulletin #02
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UPCOMING LP EVENTS

Monday, August 29th - First Day of School & Coffee
Friday, September 2nd - Kindergarten Welcome Coffee at #107
Monday, September 5th - Labor Day - **No School**
Wednesday, September 7th - Class Coordinator Meeting
Friday, September 9th - Kindergarten BBQ

**CURRENT 'HABIT OF
THE HEAD, THE
HEART, AND THE
HAND'**

Mindfulness

HEADLINES

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To slightly alter the opening lines of the last Bulletin, this one will be shorter than usual--and I imagine no one will really mind. However, lest you become accustomed to a short Bulletin, I advise that you not enjoy its brevity too much.

We have had a hugely productive Orientation week so far, starting each morning at 7:30 with coffee and a meeting in the ballroom until around 8:00. Then our days unfold with a mix of classroom and individual 'prep time,' and numerous meetings among different cohorts of staff and around a variety of topics: Grade Heads meeting with each other about incoming students; Subject Heads meeting with Mr. Krewson about website design; all of the faculty meeting with Ms. Toker about students with allergies; and fourteen staff members meeting with an outside consultant who led us through CPR/First Aid training-- and that was just Monday!

As the lists get checked off, and the hours dwindle, one can feel the mounting excitement among the staff for the arrival of Monday--when we are expecting you to send us your child(ren) nicely scrubbed and rested and eager for another triumphant year of school.

ATTACHMENTS

[September Calendar](#)

[Hill House Sign Up](#)

[After School 16-17](#)

Monday Morning

An important reminder. We have a tradition of starting promptly at 8:00, whether it is our first day or our last. So, please be early enough to say your goodbyes, and to leave the classroom before the 8:00 hour arrives. We have never had a sad child remain in that state for more than a minute after a parent has left, and, in fact, if your child is heading in that direction, you will prolong and worsen the sadness (and collaterally 'rob' your child of a growth and confidence building experience) by not making a quick and swift

break. Reassure your child of your confidence that he or she will be safe, well cared for and 'okay,' and then leave the room--and at #107 leave the floor. Most certainly, do not hover in the hallway.

First Day Coffee

One place you can 'go' is downstairs to the lobby where we will be gathering for a cup of coffee and 'hello's.' As mentioned in the first Bulletin, Kleenex, good company, and encouragement will be available for parents who are feeling particularly distressed.

Building News

The major 'physical improvement' project this summer has been spiffing up the ballroom--the objective of last year's Paddle Raise at the Auction (Thank you very much!) Those of you familiar with The LP know that we will do as much of this sort of work as we have expertise in--and extra time. This particular project also benefited enormously from many hours of 'volunteer labor,' first from Dick Pingree, former LP parent and master carpenter who, over several days installed the recessed cabinet, and second, from his son, Tim Pingree,'96, an architect, who gave us valuable advice about paint colors and carpet. Three technicians spent two days installing the new A/V equipment (an 80" wide television and new sound system) which we used several times during August Scholars. It is a major improvement over the frustrating projection system that we used for the past several years--taking in and out of the closet each time.

Mr. Krewson, with help from Justin and me, painted the walls of the ballroom high gloss white and the room now looks sensational. It also has some painting 'touches' that I will let you see first hand. We did a number of small fixes--more closet shelves and re-organization; ceiling tile repair, closet door repair, etc., and, failing to get someone expert to do the job, Elisabeth McCord engineered the construction of cabinet doors to protect the new screen from flying balls during PE classes. A few details still remain, but do not stand in the way of our full use of this 'new and improved space.'

The conversion of the second floor alcove space into the office of our newly appointed Tech Coordinator, and General Impresario (Mr. Krewson) is being handled entirely by Payne/Bouchier, who have done work for us before. Work is proceeding as I write, and will not be completed for 'opening day.' No matter.

Launching our AISNE Self-Study

Our ten year recertification by the Association of Independent Schools of New England (AISNE) is coming up in 2018, and during the week, we had the official launch of our AISNE Self-Study--a project that will engage all segments of our community, but the faculty most especially, for the next year and a half. Ms. Cesarz presented everyone with a 'Goodie Bag' containing, along with some candy, a magnifying glass to signify our looking closely at what we do, and a pair of reflective sunglasses to signify the process of looking inward. The picture that follows, minus a few members of staff - Laurie Katz who gamely volunteered to be the photographer, Laura Mellen who was home taking care of her son who was unwell and Paige Keady who will be joining us shortly - are the faculty and staff into which you have entrusted your child.



Second thoughts?

Hope not. Looking forward to seeing you on Monday at 8:00--and not beyond, except if you are in the lobby!

Michael.

Word of the Week

Prompt; adj. 1. done, performed, delivered at once or without delay: a prompt arrival at school. 2. ready in action; quick to act as occasion demands; 3. v.t.; to move or incite to action; allow me to prompt you toward doing your homework, now; 4. To assist (a person speaking) by suggesting something to be said-as in a theatre when a 'prompter' supplies a forgotten line to someone on stage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hill House Soccer - Tuesdays

We recently added walking service to Hill House's U8 boys' soccer practice on Tuesdays. We did not originally plan for this due to coverage reasons, but we were able to rearrange accordingly. If you would like your child to be walked to U8 boys' soccer practice on Tuesdays this fall, please fill out the attached Hill House form, and an After School form for Tuesday only, and return them to Claire. Please also be sure to sign up directly through Hill House.

After School Snack

Please remember that children enrolled in After School need to have an extra snack for the afternoon.


Kindergarten Cookout

The cookout is planned for Friday, September 9th, starting at 5:30 at the Clarendon Playground. Hope to see you there!

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Coming soon!

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