



Happy Hollow
Parents' Association
HHPA

The **HAPPY HOLLOW PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (HHPA)** would like to welcome all of the incoming students and their families for the 2009-2010 school year!

WHO ARE WE: Now in our third year, the Happy Hollow Parents' Association (HHPA) strives to develop a sense of community among the students, their families and faculty. We also try to give back to the community and do our best to enhance the Happy Hollow experience for all!

WHAT WE DO: We facilitate social events where Happy Hollow classmates and their families can gather together outside of school. We also work to contribute to the school, for example by planning events to say "thank you" to the faculty during the holidays and at the end of the school year. Last year our events included:

- Family events – outings for the whole family, including crafts and entertainment
- Mom's Nights Out and Dad's Nights Out
- Charitable campaigns
- A Yard Sale
- An End-Of-The-Year picnic
- Teacher Appreciation Week

This year we hope to continue these events and look for additional ways to serve the Happy Hollow community. We are open to ideas, and welcome your suggestions! And we need volunteers to make it all happen. Our first meeting will be in early September. Also, we try very hard to be a paperless organization, so all our communication is done via e-mail (submit your e-mail address to the school or to one of the folks listed below).

YOU ARE INVITED: ... to help! **We need you!** We are a 100% volunteer organization made up of Happy Hollow parents. We will be looking for parents to help organize and run our many events. New this year, we will be looking for a "room parent" at each level (kindergarten, pre-k, preschool MWF and preschool TTh) to help us organize events at each grade level. We always have fun and the kids really enjoy the events! So if you are interested in helping out, send us an e-mail!

WHAT'S COMING UP: We are planning several events to help everyone get to know each other right at the beginning of the school year.

Summer Playdates – we will have several playdates in July and August at the Happy Hollow playground to help everyone keep in touch and to welcome the new families. So far, we are planning to meet on July 9th at 10:00 a.m. and July 24th at 11:00 a.m. Check your e-mail for more dates and details.

A "Welcome to Happy Hollow" potluck picnic on orientation day (Sept. 8th). We'll all bring food to share and get to know each other after orientation, while the children enjoy the Happy Hollow playground.

First HHPA Meeting – early September. Help us to start planning our year!

WHAT'S NEW:

- The biggest new item is our **website** which should be up and running before the end of the summer! A big thank you to parent, Greg Palmer who created and maintains the site.
- This year we are asking for your help in supporting the HHPA by contributing dues. **We are asking each family to donate only \$20 for the entire school year.** And – the donation will hopefully be tax deductible in the near future since the HHPA will be seeking 501(c) not-for-profit status. These donations will go to help fund all of the events offered by the HHPA, and will hopefully allow us to do even bigger and better things this year.

We look forward to meeting all of you and to an exciting and happy school year!



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HAPPY HOLLOW PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dues Payment Form - \$20.00 annually

Parent Name (s): _____

E-mail address (es): _____

Child's name and grade level: _____

Please make checks payable to “HHPA” and either send to the school or mail to Kat Barry, HHPA Treasurer, 9 Ashmont Drive, Framingham, MA 01701.

THANK YOU!