Hello Haisley Families,

We are officially more than halfway through our year, and what a year it’s been already! We’ve had much cause for celebration over the past few months, including tripling our parent involvement on NAAPID (parent involvement day) and a fantastic turnout of families at Kindergarten (and Young Fives) Roundup! We welcomed a new lunchroom coordinator, Howard Camfield, to our team, and he’s jumped right in! With eight years of experience as a lunchroom coordinator at another AAPS elementary school, we were fortunate to be able to bring him to Haisley. Our teachers have been doing more PLP (Personalized Learning Plan) work and developing systems for planning, addressing, and revising goals. This ongoing work informs the process and procedures we’re developing for our work with PLPs next year and beyond.

We made it through our first February without a weeklong break and are looking forward to March where we can celebrate March is Reading Month with various activities and student events. For a list of activities/events that students need to prepare for ahead of time, visit our blog (haisleynews.blogspot.com) to read the post about March is Reading Month. Keep up to date with the latest and greatest going on at Haisley by checking our website/blog and reading my Monday emails for weekly updates.

Website: www.a2schools.org/haisley
Blog: haisleynews.blogspot.com
Twitter: @HaisleyA2
March PTO Meeting 3/2 AND 3/30!
Because of Spring Break, we will be meeting twice in the month of March. We hope to see you on 3/2—we will be discussing future fundraising plans, including what the Auction will look like next year.

Ice Cream Social- We Need YOU!
The Ice Cream Social, organized by parent volunteers led by Chris Suliman, is in need of a new chair for the 2018 year. Sadly, this is the last year for Chris and her family at Haisley. We are looking for a new chair or co-chairs to assist Chris this year and take over for next year. You’ll have the huge advantage of being mentored in the process by an amazing parent! Please email haisleypto@gmail.com if you are interested.

PTO Auction Committee!
We are looking for new volunteers, and a new chair or co-chair, for next year’s Auction. Our fearless leader for the last two years, Laura Koch, is looking for a new chair or co-chairs to mentor and take over the auction. All the pieces are in place, and you will have the advice and expertise of the past chair to help guide you and the committee. If you are interested please email haisleypto@gmail.com.

Next Year is Not Far!

...And the PTO needs YOU! We will have several significant spots opening up for the 2017-2018 school year, including President, Fundraising Coordinator, and Enrichment Coordinator. Please consider joining as a Board Member. Email: haisleypto@gmail.com or jklozik2002@yahoo.com

Enjoy this weather and thank you for your continued support!
Hello Haisley!

This has been another full month. We’ve focused on the different book awards for upper elementary and started discussing internet safety for the lower elementary. Moving forward, we will be examining copyright, plagiarism, and some basic genres across the grade levels. March is also Reading Month, so we will be focusing on finding books that are JUST RIGHT for us and using the library catalog to find them. There will also be a series of events happening with themed Fridays, more information will be sent home soon.

Reading Night is March 7th from 6:30pm-8pm. It’s a great evening here at Haisley, showing our students how much we all love to read! We have some parents reading stories and will have a bookmark making station...as well as one other big event!

The other major happening at Haisley is the Scholastic Book Fair! It will be here March 6-10th in the Haisley lobby. I’m looking for volunteers to help run the cash register throughout the day. I’ve put a space in for two people to sign up, because it’s always more fun with a friend. Please let me know if you have any questions! Follow this link to sign up for a slot: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b45aca628a5f58-scholastic
Physical Education
Mrs. Garcia’s PE Class

Haisley Phys Ed is getting ready for spring!!!! PLEASE remember to help your child bring appropriate footwear for the gym. When the weather breaks, it can become muddy outside. Therefore, students should be wearing their boots outside and clean, dry, appropriate footwear when they come to their PE class. If you are able, we suggest leaving an extra pair of tennis shoes in their locker so we never forget them.

With Upper Elementary we are focusing on basic racquet skills by playing Pickle ball. Students will be working on their hand-eye coordination, reaction time, basic strokes, and rules of the game. We are also preparing for our upcoming spring Fitness gram testing during our warm-up time. Students are learning to pace themselves to sustain a 4 minute jog without walking or stopping. They are also focusing on their curl-ups and pushups to help improve their initial score from the fall.

Lower Elementary is focusing on locomotor skills and improving overall motor skill and coordination. We break down the skills to practice and also implement them into game activities. They will also get an opportunity to practice some racquet skills.

Please remember to encourage the practice of fitness at home... everyone should be active at least 60 minutes a day to maintain their health!
This is what will be happening in March

**Kindergarten:** Students will continue to work on keeping a steady beat to a variety of music and echo-clap 4-beat rhythm patterns. Students will identify high and low pitches by singing, showing movement, and playing barred instruments. Students will identify same/different pitches.

**First Grade:** First Grade will continue to work on singing So-Mi patterns from notation and clap the beat or rhythm of the words of familiar songs. Students will distinguish non-melodic instruments from melodic instruments.

**Second Grade:** Students will continue to learn So-Mi-La patterns to sing and play on a barred instrument. Students will discover a new meter and learn how to identify by sight and sound.

**Third Grade:** Students will finish their ukulele unit, learning C, G7, Am, and G fingerings to play and sing new songs.

**Fourth Grade:** Students will prepare for their field trip to play with the Ann Arbor Symphony on March 15th. This should be an exciting trip, performing on their recorder with hundreds of other students.

**Fifth Grade:** Students will finish their Healthy Living music video with a date to be determined for debut to our public. UMS will teach a special lesson to students about Ukrainian music to prepare for our field trip on March 29th to see Dakha Brakha.
Here is what is happening in Haisley’s art classes

The Young 5’s & Kindergartens have finished up their “stain glass.” They are now making paper fans in a Japanese style.

The 1st Graders have finished their clay fish and they are being fired in the kiln. They will be doing the last project in the Fish unit by making fish finger puppets. They will create their own stories to go along with their puppets and preform them.

The 2nd graders are exploring mixing paints to create a color wheel. They will next use these mixing skills to create a painting.

The 3rd graders are finishing up the glazing. They will be starting a group project. They will be writing prequels or sequels to fairy tales and making them into shadow puppet show.

The 4th graders’ clay hands are finished and on display in the display case by the Art Room. They are going to next be helping out with the backdrop for the Haisley Players production of James and the Giant Peach.

The 5th graders are continuing to work on their totem pole of the Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest. They are each getting a section of the pole where they will make one animal that they believe reflects their personal character. Many students are close to the last stage of painting their totem animal. We will be working on Printmaking next.

Wish list:
Towels and washcloths, Art Calendars, News papers (no glossy adds please), Magazines (no fashion magazines please), Plastic containers with lids, Styrofoam takeout boxes or other flat Styrofoam (clean please)

If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to volunteer during art please email me at vintera@aaps.k12.mi.us Thank you.
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