

Hello Hastings Families!

Wednesday, October 10, is International Walk to School Day! Walking to school gives children some of the physical activity they need each day, and helps form healthy habits that can last a lifetime. When walking to school, families can enjoy the sights and sounds of the neighborhood, and feel connected to the community. I'd like to encourage your family to walk to school, if possible, on Wednesday, October 10. Walkers should enter the school campus using the new sidewalk next to the angled parking, and cross to the front entrance at the crosswalk.

The Jake Maxfield Connection Book Drive continues through **October 19**. JMC is a non-profit foundation dedicated to supporting literacy efforts for young learners. All donated books go to the Edward M. Kennedy Health Center to improve literacy rates among youth. For more information, visit <https://www.jakemaxfield.org>. A table has been set up in the Hastings lobby for your book donations. Thank you for your support!

Our new K-3 Breakfast Program is going well! Students are welcome to come to the cafeteria upon arrival (after checking in with their teacher) for a Grab and Go breakfast bag containing items such as yogurt, fresh fruit, breakfast bars, and milk. Non-perishable leftovers can be brought back to the classroom to eat during snack. Breakfast bags cost \$1.50 each, and are purchased using a student ID number, as we do for lunch. Free and Reduced Lunch price reductions apply. Come on down and get some breakfast!

Hastings K-3 students are invited to come to our very first school dance with DJ Mike this **Friday, October 12, from 6:00-8:00!** We expect that this event will be well attended. Please be advised that there will be **NO OVERFLOW PARKING at Congregation B'Nai Shalom**, as they are having an event that night as well. Families will be allowed to park on the fence side in the back of Hastings School for this event only. Please carpool, if you can, and we hope to see you there!

Remember that Friday, October 26, and Friday, November 2, are K-3 early release days for conferences. If you haven't already scheduled a conference, please contact your child's teacher. We also offer evening conferences on Thursday, November 8, from 6:00-8:00pm.

Important dates to remember:

Friday, October 12, Hastings School K-3 Dance, 6:00-8:00pm

Friday, October 26, 11:55am Early Release (Conferences)

Monday, October 29, WEF Trivia Bee, 6:30-8:30, Doubletree Westborough

Thursday, October 1, Hastings Parent Group Meeting, 6:30pm, HES Library

Friday, November 2, 11:55am Early Release (Conferences)

Wednesday, November 7, Diwali (No School)

Thursday, November 8, Evening Conferences, 6:00-8:00pm

See you soon!

Sincerely,

Leigh Becker, Principal