

Dear Hastings Families;

I hope you are all getting back to normal after dealing with the effects of our recent storms. This last storm really packed a punch! Hopefully, this will be the last of them. Spring begins in one short week!

I'm saddened to announce that due to the loss of planning days from weather cancellations, coupled with a lack of volunteers, **the Hastings Cultural Fair is being postponed**. We still hope to have a fair this year. We are looking at dates in early April, and will get the word out as soon as possible. Thank you so much to families and staff who had planned to volunteer. I hope that you will still be available to participate when the new date is set.

**Annual Town Meeting.** Remember that Town Meeting is Saturday, March 17, at 1:00pm, at Westborough High School.

Thank you for your participation in our at-home reading challenge. Remember that for each month we collectively read for more than 100,000 minutes, we earn a new book for our library. A special end-of-year celebration is planned, if we surpass our yearly goal of 1,100,000 minutes. During the month of February, Hastings students read for 104,062 minutes! So far this year, we have earned five new books for the library!

**A few Important Reminders.** We have been seeing more and more glass containers for snack and lunch items being brought to school recently. Glass containers pose a safety hazard in classrooms and the cafeteria. Please do not send glass containers to school.

Remember that students are discouraged from bringing in toys, hand-held electronic devices, including cell phones, collector's cards and other items that may detract from the learning environment. This goal is to keep the children's minds on their schoolwork, and to prevent the loss of valuable items. If such an item is brought in, it is the responsibility of the student in case of loss or damage. School personnel will not investigate the loss. Pokemon and other trading cards are not permitted in school.

Thank you for working together with us to give our students the best school experience possible!

Sincerely,

Leigh Becker, Principal