

Horace Mann Messenger

October 2010

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From the Principal

Happy October to Horace Mann families and friends! The initial excitement and newness of this school year is behind us and our focus is on our first quarter learning objectives. Students and teachers are involved in rich educational activities. It is so exciting and rewarding to walk into classrooms and see students engaged in interesting and high level learning, ranging from challenging math concepts to science explorations, appealing literature and writing assignments. Of course, the noise from the playground indicates that some fun and physical activities are taking place, too.

Our Olweus kick-off event was held on September 30, 2011. Although we couldn't go to Mack Park due to the wet and soggy condition of the grounds, we were able to hold all the planned activities at the school. The students were actively involved in team building events through the early part of the day. We concluded the day with a performance by an Indiana Area Senior High Drama class, led by Mrs. Gretchen Barbor. These students presented a well-done, enjoyable and meaningful play based on the children's book, *The Recess Queen*, by Alexis O'Neill. Thank you to all the students, families, teachers and staff who worked together to make this a great experience for everyone.

PTA membership information will be sent home soon. Please try to support our PTA by joining, they provide many wonderful services and programs for our students.

Remember to check the school calendar for upcoming events.

Ms. Denise Dragich



Classroom Access: Our teachers are always happy to meet with you and will schedule conferences when needed. Since our students arrive at 8:30, this is not a time when teachers can give you their attention to address student issues. If you need to meet with a teacher, please email or phone to set up a time when full attention can be given to your discussion. Also remember, teachers leave the building at 3:45 and no one is permitted back in the classrooms after this time. If you have forgotten homework, it will just have to wait until the next school day.

Birthday Celebrations: If you wish to acknowledge your child's birthday at school, please keep it simple and abide by the IASD Wellness policy, available on the district website or in the school office. Items should be dropped off at the office. Please email the classroom teacher so a time which is convenient to the class schedule can be arranged. The acknowledgement does not have to be food; games, books or supplies that can be used by the class are welcome.

Videotapes and Photographs:

During the school year, we videotape and photograph many school activities, such as concerts and plays. In addition, student teachers are often required to videotape themselves teaching a lesson. **If you have any objection to your child being photographed or videotaped, please write a letter to Ms. Dragich as soon as possible.** Be sure to include your child's name.



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Counselor's Corner:

Welcome back to all of our families from last year, and I extend a heartfelt welcome to our new HM families. My name is Rachel Pazzaglia, school counselor at Horace Mann Elementary. As an elementary school counselor, my focus is to help children develop and grow socially, emotionally and academically. I am looking forward to another year of working with your children and each of you. Please call on me at any time, if I may be of assistance to you. I welcome your suggestions and input. By working together, we can ensure a rewarding school year for your child and a quality counseling program designed to meet your child's specific developmental needs. Helping each student reach their fullest potential in a healthy, responsible, respectful, and caring way is my goal! I'm looking forward to another exciting year at Horace Mann!

TITLE I: Our annual Title I parent meeting, entitled ***Breakfast and Books***, will be held on Wednesday, October 26, from 8:30 to 10:00 am. It will take place at East Pike in room A-1. Families of children receiving Title I services will have an opportunity to meet Mr. Springer, the Title I Coordinator, and the reading specialists from each school. Each attending family will learn about their child's reading level and will have the opportunity to choose ***free books*** from a current book order! Please look for the invitations to come home with your child and reply by **October 14th**. We hope to see you there!

Art: If you have a child in second grade, fourth grade, fifth grade or Skill Builders, then I would like to introduce myself as your child's new art teacher at Horace Mann. My name is Beth Porter and I will be at Horace Mann every day in the mornings. For the past four years I taught at Indiana Senior High School until my move to Horace Mann. It was quite a change! However, I greatly enjoy working with young children and my transition to elementary has gone smoothly with the support of Horace Mann's wonderful faculty, staff and students. Currently, second grade is discussing and creating a drawing surrounding the positive influences of Diversity. Students in fourth grade have been learning about and discussing the use of handmade percussion instruments around the world. Soon they will begin making their own "percussive pods" out of clay. The fifth graders are currently finishing drawings of cities in perspective and will then move on to an advanced weaving exploration. Skill Builders students are working on tooling leaf designs into metal foil. My goal as an educator is to engender an appreciation for the world of art and how it plays a role in everyday life

in students of all ages. I look forward to this new and exciting experience teaching at Horace Mann Elementary!
-Mrs. Porter

IJHS Student Council:

The Indiana Junior High School Student Council would like to invite you to attend the 12th Annual Craft Show on **Saturday, October 22nd** at the Indiana Senior High School. There will be 60 tables of crafters set up from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Door prizes donated by the crafters will be awarded every hour. Refreshments will be available. The students and crafters are looking forward to your support.

Library: Students, faculty, staff and administration look forward to another great year of reading at Horace Mann School! In addition to literature appreciation, the elementary library curriculum at Horace Mann includes a major emphasis on information literacy which is the ability to identify, find, understand, evaluate and use information. Currently library students are learning how to take care of books, the book check-out procedure, reading routines and library rules. New books are being promoted and offered to library students. This year, Horace Mann students can participate in a new book club, the Book-A-Trip Club. Students will read books about different countries and continents and fill out their Book A Trip passports as they go. Students must read six books, each about a different continent, to complete a passport. Students may choose from a combination of picture books, non-fiction books and chapter books that are set in or are about any of the seven continents. As they finish each book, students fill out a page in their Book-A-Trip passport. Each passport page has space for the title, author, call number and a brief summary of the book. Students must also indicate in which country and continent the book takes place. As students "travel" from continent to continent by reading books, their passports will be stamped. Students are encouraged to complete as many passports as they can from now until April 1. The Book-A-Trip Club is open to Horace Mann students in grades 3, 4, and 5.



Classroom News

Kindergarten: Many thanks to all parents who came to help with our apple day on September 23rd. We had a great time! The children loved making and tasting applesauce. Kindergarten has been hard at work and will continue studying fall, pumpkins, and fire safety. Our fall field trip will take place on October 13th as we travel to Yellow Creek for a five senses walk, view the signs of fall, and meet Smokey the Bear.

1st Grade: Pumpkins, leaves, and spooks - it's October and the first graders are going to read stories, recite poems, and sing songs related to these themes. In Language Arts, first graders will be reading stories from our first and second anthologies, determining the difference between sentences and fragments, identifying and writing plurals, and practicing recognition of sight words and word families (rhyming words). In Science we will even have an ant farm to observe and write about! Later in the month, we'll estimate the number of seeds inside pumpkins, then scoop out the insides and count the seeds to check our estimates. In Math, we'll be telling time to the hour and half hour, counting coins and solving number story problems. We look forward to meeting grandparents on Grandparent's Day and spreading some fall cheer as we sing songs for residents of area nursing homes! Thank you for your help with homework completion. Have a wonderful month!

2nd Grade: It was great to meet so many 2nd grade parents at back-to-school night. 2nd graders have been very excited and busy raising caterpillars to become adult butterflies. We have been reading and writing about life cycles while observing our painted lady caterpillars. At this point, we have a wonderful "crop" of caterpillars that should turn to butterflies soon. In math class, addition and subtraction number facts have been reviewed. Watch for flash cards to come home and please help students review them so they do well on their 2-minute practice sheets. Also in math, counting money and telling time have been covered. New to 2nd graders are spelling tests! Next month we look forward to studying fall and fire prevention. We are off to a great start!

3rd Grade: Third graders are soaring through the first weeks of school as they learn a great deal of new information about organization, transitioning, and being older responsible students at Horace Mann. Their map skills are also expanding as they apply the many uses of how to read and draw a map to a real life map making project. In Math class, the students are working on place value. This is such an important concept to master, as it is the foundation for understanding the value of numbers. The students will be comparing numbers, rounding numbers and telling time. The students are writing friendly letters to loved ones as part of our "Keeping In Touch" unit in Language Arts. We look forward to getting mail and will be using our map skills to find their locations and distances from Indiana. Thanks for helping your child get off to a great year. We look forward to working with you. Sincerely, Mrs. Bennett and Ms. Tokar.

4th Grade: Welcome to 4th grade. We're having a wonderful time getting to know your child. We have been very busy establishing a sense of community and cooperation within our classrooms, and the students seem to be getting comfortable in their

unit on early exploration of the United States. After this unit we will begin our study of the five regions of the United States including states and capitals. In reading we just completed our first book of the year, Fourth Grade Rats, which the children seemed to enjoy. We have lots of great stories to look forward to reading this year. To help out in the area of math at home, please emphasize the importance of learning basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. This will make things a lot easier when we come to some of the more difficult concepts in math. In grammar and writing, we are stressing the correct use of capitalization and punctuation within sentences, and have just wrapped up our first writing assignment. The assignment was to write an ending to our "Unknown Being" story, which will be coming home after they share them in class. We're looking forward to working with your child this year, and also to meeting all of you.

5th Grade: The fifth graders have started the new year studying about the microscopic world around us. We have improved our observation skills by using hand lenses and microscopes to see common objects in our life. Through trial and error, we determined that objects must be clear and curved to magnify. This week we are learning about atoms and the particles that are inside them (protons, neutrons, and electrons). In mathematics, the students have become experts at making factor trees, writing numbers in prime factorization, and determining prime and composite numbers. Some of the children have even mastered using exponents in their answers!

Music: Mrs. Werner's General Music classes are singing, playing, and moving! The primary grades are making music with a focus on steady beat and pitch matching. In third grade, rhythmic and vocal independence is being developed with an emphasis on concentration and following of directions. Students in all grades have practiced singing *The Star-Spangled Banner*. The Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus has already had a month of rehearsals. All fourth and fifth grade students participate in this group. A letter with more details about chorus activities is being sent home with the involved students.

Art: If you have a child in kindergarten, first grade, or third grade then I would like to introduce myself as your child's new art teacher at Horace Mann. My name is Jennifer Rinkevich and I will be at Horace Mann in the afternoon on days 1 and 2. I have taught art at Eisenhower for the last seven years, and I am excited to be sharing my teaching duties between the two schools. My student teacher, Ms. Evanick, and I have been having a great time getting acclimated to our new environment and our new students! Currently, kindergarten is learning about families in art. Students in first grade are completing a series of prints, while third grade students have been creating small scale sculptures. My goal as an educator is to teach students about the world and themselves through the medium of art. I look forward to teaching here at Horace Mann! - Ms. Rinkevich



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Punt, Pass, and Kick:

This year's Punt, Pass and Kick competition was held at the High School Football field and the winners were:

6-7 boys: 1st, Adam Cowburn

8-9 boys:

3rd place, Daniel Ray

2nd, Bryce Myers

1st, Gavin Millen

10-11 boys: 2nd, Evan Ray

10-11 girls: Grace Mullen, 1st place

The winners will now compete at the Sectional Championships, which will be held on Saturday, October 15 at the Indiana Sr. High School football field. The winners from that event may qualify and go to Heinz Field.

PTA Reflections Program:

Are you looking for a way to express yourself and show others your talent as a photographer, visual artist, writer, composer, choreographer or film producer? This year's Reflections contest theme is: "Diversity means". Get started now and enter multiple pieces. Entries are due on or before **Wednesday, October 12th**. The theme search for the 2011-2012 Reflections contest is also **October 12th**. Please read all of the rules carefully and double-check the "student entry form directions" to avoid being disqualified.

Jobs Available In The Food Service Department:

Food Service Department jobs are great for parents who want to be available for their children before and after school. If interested, please stop in at the Administration office located at 501 East Pike, Indiana to fill out an application.

Free and Reduced Lunch Information:

If you have not submitted a new Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application since July 1, 2011, your status from the previous year will expire October 10, 2011. At that time you will be charged the full price for meals until a new application is filed. Please obtain an application form from your school or the district administration office.

Salvation Army "Coats for Kids" Collection:

There is a box located near the office for the Salvation Army. They are collecting coats that are in new or gently used condition. These coats will be distributed to local children on October 25th. The last day to donate at the school is October 17th.



From Our Nurse:

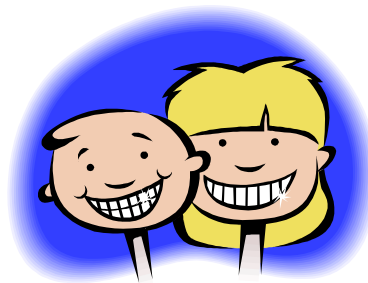
I would like to introduce myself to the Horace Mann family. My name is Glenda Burba; I am currently working as the substitute nurse here at Horace Mann. I am married, going on 24 years now. I have three children, 20 year old boy/girl twins, Cameron and Courtney, and an 18 year old son, Garrett. All of my children are currently attending college, two are here in town attending IUP and the oldest twin is at Clarion University. I live near Cherry Tree on our family farm and have been an LPN since 1984. I have many years of experience in long term care, acute care and home health care type settings and have also been a substitute nurse for multiple school districts since 1997.

I would like to remind parents that **ALL medication(s)**:

- **MUST** be delivered to the school by a parent
- **REQUIRE** written requests and a doctor to sign the medication administration form for **ANYTHING** to be given at school.
- **MUST** be in the original container or box
- **ALL** prescription medication **MUST** have a current pharmacy label and the medication cannot be expired.

I would like everyone to know what a wonderful school Horace Mann is to work at.

The Missing Tooth Club: Horace Mann's missing tooth club is back in business. To date we have three new members. Losing a tooth can be a bit scary, but Mrs. Balogh and Mrs. Rice have been helping with this for the past several years and have had great success. If a child loses a tooth in the lunch room during breakfast or lunch, their name will go on a "tooth" and then be displayed on the large tooth banner for all to see. These students will then receive a tooth brush or tooth paste compliments of Dr. David Sparks Dentistry in Clymer, PA.



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9am - 1pm

Where:



S&T Arena
497 East Pike
Indiana, PA 15701
East Pike Recreation Complex



Cost: Admission is \$1.00 at the door



Any questions, Contact: Krista Schawl
Email: irmcmommy@yahoo.com
Phone: 724-422-0728





FAMILY PROGRAMS ~ **Educational Opportunities**

LET'S TALK FOR GIRLS and Mothers

A 2-hour class provided to help aid in discussing puberty and growing up. Also includes information on physical changes, relationship to childbearing and respect and empathy for changes occurring in both sexes.

Date: October 20, 2011 Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm
January 26, 2012 6:30pm-8:30pm
April 19, 2012 6:30pm-8:30pm
July 19, 2012 6:30pm-8:30pm
Location: IRMC outpatient Classroom A&B
Suggested age 9-13
Price \$15 per child

To register call the
Scheduling Center
724-357-7075

HOME ALONE AND IN CONTROL **Only 2 classes offered this year**

A 3-hour class, which provides information and activities to prepare your child for time home alone. Only you can decide when your child is able to stay home alone. We offer suggestions to the child about emergencies, safety, and activities to occupy their time.

To register call the
Scheduling Center
@ 724-357-7075

Dates: December 28, 2011
June 9, 2010
Time: 9am-12pm
Location: IRMC outpatient bldg., Classroom A&B
Cost: \$15. each child

BABYSITTING CLASS

This class is a 2-day program (6 hrs each day). The student will be prepared to interview for a babysitting job, keep a journal, and learn how to feed, entertain, and care for an infant, toddler, preschooler and school age child. Students will also learn appropriate first aid for emergencies, how to activate EMS, and do CPR and care for a choking victim.

Date: December 29 and December 30, 2011
May 19 and May 26, 2012
June 21 and June 22, 2012
July 26 and July 27, 2012
August 16 and August 17, 2012

Time: 9am-3pm each day
Location: IRMC Outpatient bldg
Classroom A&B
Suggested age 12 and up
Price \$50 per student

To register call the
Scheduling Center @
724-357-7075



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 9, 2011 through March 31, 2012 Horace Mann Elementary (School Name) will have the opportunity to earn cash through Martin's A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.martinsfoods.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-888-448-4642 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Martin's using your BONUSCARD earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Martin's website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program and the money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school.

We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Horace Mann Elementary using ID # 83.
(School Name)

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.

It could mean the world to our children.

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INDIANA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission Statement

Indiana Area School District is committed to excellence in educating our students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens in a changing global society.

We are Collecting...

- Clean **pink Yoplait yogurt lids**
- **Boxtops**—Student Council collects these and receives 10 cents per box top. This money is given to the PTA for their projects. The family competition is now going on. You will receive info at a later date for the classroom competition.
- **Campbell's UPC codes**—Student Council collects these labels and is able to select items, such as playground equipment and DVD players and other items for the school from a catalog provided by the Campbell Soup Company.

Also, don't forget to register at **Martin's** for the **A+ Rewards** program. **You must sign up for this every year.**

Please Remember: Birthday party invitations are **not** to be passed out at school.

Going Green: Please remember to add **hms@iasd.cc** to your address book so your internet provider will not discard our mail to your trash.

PTA: Remember to join the Horace Mann PTA! Great opportunities are provided for our children.

- **Frank's Flower coupons** will be sold until mid December.
- **Grandperson's/Special Person's Day** is **Friday, October 21st.**
- **PTA Officers are as follows:**
President—Nicole Myers
Vice-President—Chrissy Williams
Treasurer—Tanja Petersen
Secretary—Sherri Cable
- **Horace Mann Elementary PTA** is now on **Facebook; "like us"** to keep up-to-date with our activities!



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>3 Day 5</p> <p>5:15-6:00 Cheerleading 3-5 yrs./MP Room</p> <p>6:15-7:00 Cheerleading K-2/MP Rm.</p>	<p>4 Day 1</p> <p>3:30-5:00 Daisy Scouts in Rm. 13</p> <p>3:30-5:00 Brownies in Room 21</p> <p>5:00-6:30 Jr. Girl Scs./Art Rm.</p> <p>7:30-9:00 IA Basketball Boosters/MP Rm.</p>	<p>5 Day 2</p> <p>Lifetouch Picture Day</p> <p>3:30-5:00 After school Math</p> <p>5:00-6:00 Pint Size Picassos/Art Room</p> <p>5:15-6:00 Cheerleading 3-5 yrs./MP Room</p> <p>6:15-7:00 Cheerleading K-2/MP Rm.</p>	<p>6 Day 3</p> <p>3:30-5:30 Y Basketball in MP Rm.</p> <p>6:00-9:00 IA Basketball Boosters/MP Room</p>	<p>7 Day 4</p> <p>11:45 Early Dismissal Day</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Teacher In-Service Day</p> <p>No Classes</p> <p>Fire Prevention Week</p> <p>National School Lunch Week</p>	<p>11 Day 5</p> <p>6:30 PTA Mtg./Art Room</p> <p>6:30-8:30 IA Basketball Boosters/MP Room</p>	<p>12 Day 1</p> <p>3:30-5:00 After school Math</p>	<p>13 Day 2</p> <p>9:00-1:00 Kindergarten to Yellow Crk.</p> <p>1:30 Fire Prevention Assembly K-3</p> <p>3:30-5:30 Y Basketball in MP Room</p> <p>6:30-8:30 IA Basketball Boosters/MP Rm.</p>	<p>14 Day 3</p> <p>3:30-5:30 Y Basketball/MP Rm.</p>
<p>17 Day 4</p> <p>3:20-4:00 K-Kids/Room 26</p> <p>5:00-6:00 Rec. Dept. Basketball/K-6</p> <p>7:00-8:30 IA Basketball Boosters</p>	<p>18 Day 5</p> <p>9:15 Magic of Science Assembly/K-5</p> <p>3:30-5:00 Daisy Scouts in Rm. 13</p> <p>3:30-5:00 Brownies in Room 21</p> <p>4:30-5:15 Just Do Sports/3-5 yrs./MP Rm.</p> <p>5:00-6:30 Jr. Girl Scs./Art Room</p> <p>5:30-6:15 Just Do Sports/K-2/MP Room</p>	<p>19 Day 1</p> <p>3:30-5:00 After school Math</p> <p>3:30-5:00 Y Basketball/MP Rm.</p> <p>5:00-6:00 IA Rec. Basketball/K-6/MP Room</p> <p>5:00-6:00 Pint Size Picassos/K-3/Art Room</p> <p>6:00-8:30 Rm/Lib/PTA Reflections Judging</p> <p>6:15-8:00 Cub Scouts/MP & Art Rooms</p>	<p>20 Day 2</p> <p>4:30-5:15 Just Do Sports/3-5 yrs./MP Room</p> <p>5:00-6:00 Mommy, Daddy, & Me/3-5 yrs./Art</p> <p>5:30-6:15 Just Do Sports/K-2/MP Room</p> <p>6:30-7:30 Mini-Monies/4-6 Grds./Art Room</p> <p>7:00-8:30 IA Basketball Boosters/MP Room</p>	<p>21 Day 3</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Grandperson's/ Special Persons' Day</p> <p>3:30-5:30 Y Basketball/MP Rm.</p>
<p>24 Day 4</p> <p>3:20-4:00 K-Kids/Room 26</p> <p>5:00-6:00 IA Rec. Basketball/K-6</p> <p>7:00-8:30 IA Basketball Boosters</p>	<p>25 Day 5</p> <p>4:30-5:15 Just Do Sports/3-5 yrs./MP Rm.</p> <p>5:30-6:15 Just Do Sports/K-2/MP Room</p> <p>7:00-8:30 IA Basketball Boosters</p>	<p>26 Day 1</p> <p>3:30-5:00 After school Math</p> <p>3:30-5:00 Y Basketball/MP Rm.</p> <p>5:00-6:00 IA Rec. Basketball/MP Rm.</p> <p>5:00-6:00 Pint Size Picassos/K-3/Art Rm.</p>	<p>27 Day 2</p> <p>4:30-5:15 Just Do Sports/3-5 yrs./MP Room</p> <p>5:00-6:00 Mommy, Daddy, & Me/3-5 yrs./Art</p> <p>5:30-6:15 Just Do Sports/K-2/MP Room</p> <p>6:30-7:30 Mini-Monies/4-6 Grds./Art Room</p> <p>7:00-8:30 IA Basketball Boosters/MP Room</p>	<p>28 Day 3</p> <p>1:30 Costume Parade</p> <p>2:00 Fall Parties</p> <p>3:30-5:30 Y Basketball/MP Rm.</p>
<p>31 Day 4</p> <p>5:00-6:00 IA Rec. Basketball/K-6</p> <p>7:00-8:30 IA Basketball Boosters</p>				