

9 de Septiembre, 2011

NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA:

Welcome Back! After a busy summer of preparation, it was wonderful to walk through the hallways Wednesday and hear the quiet hum of happy students at work!

Thank You to the many people who helped us prepare for another great school year:

- Board Trustee **Frank Raia** for generously donating his services and working tirelessly all summer to oversee construction on the new classrooms.
- 1st Grade parents **Robert Besen** and **Mimi Park** for volunteering to create a comprehensive School Handbook, to be distributed at Back to School Night.
- **Vrinda Deva**, 2nd grade parent, for scoring two Target grants for \$2000 each—one for a follow-up to last year's successful Reading Marathon, and one toward our artist-in-residence program.
- **Michelle McMillian** and the team of volunteers who tended the school garden this summer, as well as those who cleaned up the grounds after Hurricane Irene and the construction work this past weekend.
- K parents **John & Lori Heidenry** for donating a brand-new (and much-needed!) water fountain for the lunchroom, as well as a plumber to install it.
- 1st grade parent **John Rotundo** for donating \$531 to our construction fund from the fundraiser he ran at Hudson Family Chiropractic this past spring.
- Mike Giordano at **14th Street Garden Center** for donating soil and volunteering to mount our new Wooley Pockets in the garden.

Snacks: Don't forget to pack a snack for your child daily. (All students in aftercare and enrichment will be provided an additional snack by the school at 2:30pm.)

Aftercare: Please send in any gently used games and activities that you are ready to part with! Any donations of aftercare materials should be directed to Margarita Garcia.

Birthdays: Kids love to celebrate special days with their school friends, and we welcome parents into the classroom on such occasions. For your reference, following is the school policy for celebrations (also included in the upcoming Parent Handbook):

*HoLa recognizes that sharing food with others is an important way to celebrate special occasions. Parents who wish to celebrate a birthday or share cultural traditions with the class should coordinate plans with the classroom teachers. Parents are encouraged to follow the HoLa Nutrition Policy in choosing food and beverages for celebrations. However, HoLa warmly encourages the sharing of any treats that have a cultural tie to the celebration, especially when the student explains the tradition to the class. **Parents must get advance approval from the classroom teacher for all treats to be served.** All celebrations involving food, including birthdays, will take place during snack time or at the end of lunch. Where feasible, food and drinks should be single-serving, with enough for each child in the classroom if the celebration is during snack time, or the entire grade if at the end of lunch. Be sure to provide all necessary utensils. Goody Bags and gifts are not permitted.*

Welcome from the PTO! (Parent Teacher Organization): Enclosed is a welcome packet from the PTO, including important information and forms. Return any forms or checks to our PTO mailbox outside the gym at the north entrance, or send them back in your student's backpack. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! Questions about the PTO? Please email pto@holahoboken.org.

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- PTO welcome packet

FECHAS:

- Tues., Sept. 20th —
Back to School Night
- Mon., Sept. 26th —
PTO Meeting
- Thurs., Sept. 29th —
No School
- Fri., Sept. 30th —
K Class Coffee