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**PTA meeting, Lost and Found LAST DAYS**



**Maria Hastings PTA**  
EVERYONE BELONGS, EVERYONE LEARNS

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

New Hastings School Building Project: Q & A

Putting shovels in the ground is a long way off, but there are many exciting updates to share as the project moves forward. We are now in the Schematic Design phase with architects, consultants, and Lexington Town boards providing input of various aspects of the school's design and placement on the site.

- The Town has adopted a plan that calls for a geothermal heating/cooling system. As part of the process, a test well will be dug on site over the April vacation and the pump will be tested to ensure viability.
- Town Meeting approved \$720,000 to move the design work forward. By allocating the funds for the next step in the design process, we will not lose time while the MSBA reviews our plans between June and August.
- A community meeting was held on March 30. The current floor plans and some options being considered for exterior materials are [available here](#).
- Interviews for the firm to fulfill the role of Construction Manager at Risk will take place on April 11 and 13, with a recommendation to the School Building Committee set for April 13.

Students at Hastings may have lots of questions about the project. Here are some I have heard thus far:

*Q. When will the construction begin? When will a new school open?*

A. Construction will begin ONLY after the Town approves the funds. That vote is planned for fall, 2017. If everything goes smoothly, construction would begin in the spring of 2018 and we hope to move into a new school in the winter of 2020!

*Q. Where will we play during construction?*

A. There will be temporary play space, parking, and driveways while the new school is under construction. Planning will begin on the locations when the construction manager is hired.

*Q. How many students will be in the new school?*

A. 645! 30 classrooms.

*Q. Where will the new school be?*

A. The new school will be located near where the swings that face the field are

now. It will face the field, rather than be next to it.

*Q. Can we stay in our building while it is being built?*

A. Yes, we will stay in this school and a fence will separate us from the construction site.

I plan to visit classrooms and show students floor plans and elevations once we have some finalized drawings of spaces.

*Louise Lipsitz*

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## NEWS

### PTA General Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 27

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Location TBD

Please join us for some socializing, some PTA business, and an update on the 2017-2018 school year from Principal Lipsitz. Location will be finalized shortly and an email sent out.

### 2017-2018 PTA...

**We are very excited to welcome Kate Criniti to our leadership team for next year as nominee for Co-President, and Mahesh Kulkarni as our nominee for VP of Technology!! Thank you both for volunteering!!**

**We do still have a few open roles, \*please\* consider volunteering! We'd especially love to have more Dads taking on PTA leadership roles, hint hint...**

**Open positions - next year:** Co-VP-Fundraising, Secretary

**Open positions - this year:** Weekly bulletin web formatting

**Co-VP-Fundraising:** Work together to lay out fundraising activities for the year. Work with event leaders as needed, and help with publicity. With the adult social having just taken place and many fundraising opportunities ongoing from year to year, additional fundraising requirements will be minimal.

**Secretary:** Take notes at PTA Board and Executive Committee meetings, forward to web team to post on [hastingspta.org](http://hastingspta.org). This is a great position for someone who wants to contribute but doesn't have a lot of time.

**Weekly Bulletin Web Formatting:** The weekly bulletin is group-edited in google docs, but the final version is sent out by the PTA web tool, My School Anywhere. We are looking for someone comfortable with web tools and html to help with the formatting, which happens between Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday around noon.

If you are willing to help the PTA and our kids by taking on one of these roles, please contact [Amee, VP Planning/Board Development](#). Thank you!!!

### Lost and Found LAST DAYS

**Date:** Through Thursday April 13

**Time:** Whenever the school is open

**Location:** Table in the lobby

Missing something? The Lost and Found is set up on several tables in the school lobby. It will be there until Thursday, April 13, at which time we will donate whatever remains. Please stop by when you come for your parent/teacher conference (or ask your child) and check for any missing items.

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### 5th Grade Conference Babysitting

**Date:** Last day tomorrow

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Hastings Gymnasium

Conference babysitting will be available in the Hastings Gym on all four parent-teacher conference dates. Fifth grade students will do the babysitting under the supervision of fifth grade parents. There is no advance sign up needed, and siblings are welcome. Cost is \$5.00 per child per ½ hour or \$10.00 per child per hour, with a family cap of \$15.00. All proceeds will help fund the 5th grade activities. Please [email](#) with any questions.

**Fifth grade students:** click [here](#) for to sign up for babysitting shifts.

**Fifth grade parents:** click [here](#) for fifth grade parent sign-up.

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**2017 Talent Show Preview & Rehearsal Dates, and the Talent Show!!**

**Date:** April 27, Preview, May 4, Dress Rehearsal, and May 5 The Show Goes ON!

**Time:** Preview, 11:45-2:45 (Boston Students 11:45 - 12:15)

Dress Rehearsal, Act 1 at 1pm and Act 2 at 2pm

**TALENT SHOW 6:30pm**

**Location:** Hastings Gymnasium

We are just a month away from the exciting annual Hastings Talent Show. It is a wonderful event filled with amazing student performances. **Encourage your children to [sign up](#) or help them connect with other students to perform a group act.** Please don't hesitate to contact the [Talent Show Co Chairs](#) with any questions. The Talent Show is on Friday, May 5 at 6:30 pm in the Hastings Gymnasium.

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES**

If you'd like to stay updated on school building projects and other community updates (sports teams, club registration as well as community posts), please join the [Hastings Families Google Group](#).

**School Committee Meetings**

**Date:** Wednesday April 12

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Selectman's Meeting Room, 1625 Massachusetts Ave.

\*Meetings every Monday and Wednesday for the duration of town meeting

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**THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR**

View all upcoming events online at [hastingspta.org/pta-calendar/](http://hastingspta.org/pta-calendar/) and save to your Google Calendar.

4/12 Wednesday	6:30 pm	<b>School Committee Meeting</b> , Cary Memorial Building, Estabrook Hall
4/12 - 4/13 Wednesday - Thursday	12:15 pm dismissal both days	<b>Parent-teacher Conferences</b> (Babysitting provided)
4/14 Friday	All Day	<b>No School - Holiday - Good Friday</b>
4/17- 4/21 Monday - Friday	All Day	<b>No School - April Break</b>
4/27 Thursday	Boston Students: 11:45-12:15 Local Students: 12:45-2:45 pm	<b>Talent Show Preview</b>
4/27 Thursday	7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>PTA General Meeting, Location TBD</b>
5/1-5/5 Monday - Friday		<b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>
5/4 Thursday	Grades K-2: 1:00-2:00 pm Grades 3-5: 2:00-3:00 pm	<b>Talent Show Rehearsal</b>
5/5 Friday	6:30 pm	<b>Talent Show</b>

Bulletin submissions are due on Fridays by 5:00 pm and should be made [online](#). Visit the [Hastings PTA website](#) to find more information and helpful resources.

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