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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

In the past two weeks our school has been bustling with activity in the evening. The Multi-Cultural Potluck dinner took place on February 2 and brought the community together to share a meal, learn about the cultures of our families at the many international booths, and enjoy improv comedy. Friday, February 10, the cafeteria and gym were filled to the brim with eager student scientists. Children posed a question, developed a hypothesis, tested it, analyzed results, then drew conclusions. The number of experiments grew by 100 from last year, with young scientists explaining their inquiries to the adults.

Both events were highly successful due to the commitment of Hastings parents. Potluck co-chairs **Shilpi Lulla** and **Kavitha Parni Chivukula** hosted a wonderful evening for hundreds of Hastings community members. Science Fair organizers **Liz Fray** and **Courtney Horvath's** enthusiastic outreach grew the Science Fair to its largest participation ever! During both events, LHS student volunteers assisted in making the evenings run smoothly.

Hastings teachers promote learning in their classrooms every day. It is most exciting to see our students engaged, curious and motivated in learning projects that take place outside the school day. They make us all proud!

**Building Update:** *Today the full MSBA board met and voted to move the Hastings School project forward to the next phase of design work!!!* This exciting step means that the state funding agency approves of our plans thus far. Mark your calendar for a community meeting March 30 at 7:00 pm to hear from DiNisco Design team members and provide feedback.

*Louise Lipsitz*

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## **NEWS**

### **Save the Date - 2017 Talent Show**

**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Hastings Gymnasium

We're happy to announce that the 2017 Talent Show is coming on May 5, 2017. Every year, we have

about 90 to 100 students performing on the stage, with a variety of acts for the audience's enjoyment. We're starting to prepare now for the show, in order to guarantee a successful night of performances. A flyer with Talent Show information and registration will go home next week with students (one handout per family). This year, we've also added online registration as well. Please visit the [PTA website](#) for detailed information and link for signing up.

### **Grades K-1 Parents - Help With Composting**

The Go Green team is looking for parents who can help our younger students with recycling/composting at lunchtime. This is an easy job to learn, you help the environment, and help kids do their part. Wednesday 11:15-12:00 bi-weekly and other shifts are open for volunteers. If you are interested or have questions, please email the [Go Green Team](#).

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### **Town Election 2017 - Two School Committee Vacancies**

**Date:** Monday, March 6, 2017

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

**Location:** [Find your precinct location](#)

This year there are two candidates for one three-year school committee term and seven candidates for a one-year term. Voters will choose one candidate for each seat. In addition, there are three candidates for two Board of Selectmen positions.

**For the full three-year term, two candidates are running for 1 seat:**

- **Judy Crocker** – [www.judycrockerforlexington.com](http://www.judycrockerforlexington.com), <https://youtu.be/UI6N91qUj00>
- **Kate Colburn** – [www.colburnforlexington.com](http://www.colburnforlexington.com), <https://youtu.be/HEmPXgdMeuY>

**For the one-year term (vacated by Bill Hurley), seven candidates are running for 1 seat:**

- **Neerja Juneja Bajaj** - <http://www.lexvoteforneerja.com>, <https://youtu.be/Xm3ke-jZrhY>
- **Melissa Cunningham** – [www.cunningham4sc.com](http://www.cunningham4sc.com), <https://youtu.be/WhqCZKPUBgQ>
- **Kathleen Lenihan** – [www.lenihanforlexington.org](http://www.lenihanforlexington.org), [https://youtu.be/EICRdh7S\\_HQ](https://youtu.be/EICRdh7S_HQ)
- **Steve McKenna** - [www.mckennaruns.com](http://www.mckennaruns.com), <https://youtu.be/oej7kczvYlc>
- **Yury Mashkovich** - <https://youtu.be/RvSWFK8Ze8E>
- **Burc Oral** - <http://burcoral.wixsite.com/lexingtonschools>, <https://youtu.be/-Rx9jW6mDd8>
- **Hengameh Taraz** – [www.Henyforstudents.com](http://www.Henyforstudents.com), <https://youtu.be/0z7W3Zx2eQY>

### **Board of Selectmen (vote for 2)**

**Michelle Ciccolo** - [https://youtu.be/drk5k0\\_UmMw](https://youtu.be/drk5k0_UmMw)

**Doug Lucente** - <https://youtu.be/tkTw-4z-99Q>

**Glenn Parker** - [https://youtu.be/dRKjaY\\_7NR0](https://youtu.be/dRKjaY_7NR0)

### **Where can I meet the candidates?**

#### League of Women Voters Candidates' Night

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 – 9:20 pm

Clarke Middle School, 17 Stedman Road, Lexington

#### PPC (PTA/O Presidents' Council) School Committee Candidates' Forum

Thursday, March 2, 9:15 – 11:30 am

Large Meeting Room, Cary Library, 1874 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington

These events are well worth attending!

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### **Hastings Adult Social & FUNdraiser – Greetings from the Hastings Hero!**

**Date:** St. Paddy's Day - Friday, March 17, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Battin Hall, Cary Memorial Building

### **Greetings from the elevated command center high above the Hastings campus!**

This is the **Hastings Hero** reporting to our outstanding Hastings community. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation for the great and heroic gestures we've witnessed throughout the 2016-17 school year. At Hastings, everyone belongs, everyone learns. I witness this each and every day.

In the spirit of belonging, learning and community-building, I'd like to take a brief moment to remind all parents, guardians, faculty, staff, past parents and close friends of the Hastings community that there's an important celebratory event next month that everyone really needs to place on their calendars and attend.

On **Friday, March 17th, St. Paddy's Day**, the [2017 Hastings Adult Social & FUNdraiser](#) is coming to Cary Hall in downtown Lexington as both a friend-raising and fundraising party. It will feature an elegant casino night, live band, auctions, raffles, catered food and drink, a professional photographer, a "goof booth" set-up for fun group photos, and many more surprises.

As the **Hastings Hero**, I cannot think of a better opportunity for YOU to become a Hastings Hero than by attending this important event, the key revenue driver of the Hastings PTA annual operating budget. Simply put, without this biennial event, we could not run the wealth of rich, educational enhancement programs like the ArtsFest, Big Backyard, Destination Imagination, Engineering is Elementary, Family Math Nights, Field Day, Map Night, Math Olympiad, Multicultural Potluck Dinner, Science Fair, Talent Show, and Welcome Picnic & Year-End BBQ. Let's not risk losing any of these important educational and community enhancements!

Please, [register today](#) and contribute in any and all ways that you can. And check out our [Facebook page](#) to see how each class is doing in the tickets sales drive!

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### **Sponsorship Chair Needed For 8th Annual Hastings Harvest Run!**

**Event date:** Sunday, October 1, 2017

**Volunteer(s) needed:** February

Many of our key organizers are returning again for the 2017 Hastings Harvest Run. One crucial role we need to fill is that of the sponsorship chair. This is a job for anyone who wants to help the Harvest Run be a success **but doesn't have a lot of time**.

The sponsorship chair will send out emails to past sponsors and potential sponsors **this spring**. The emails are already written and just need to be edited for this year. It is a relatively simple job, as most of the past sponsors have been supporting for several years and send a check without more than an email request.

Last year, we raised \$6,000 in cash sponsorships which means that all the Harvest Run expenses were covered and the PTA was able to use all the event proceeds to support PTA programs for this school year.

Please contact the returning Harvest Run Chair, Katie Herrick ([harvestrun@hastingspta.org](mailto:harvestrun@hastingspta.org)), if you are interested in taking on this role. This is a role that could be shared if two friends want to do this together.

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### **THANK YOU**

#### **Science Fair**

Many thanks to all who helped make the science fair a complete success! A special thank you to our hard working and esteemed visiting scientists who include **Teresa Wright, Jen Vandiver, Aarti Kawatkar, Brian Wipke, Catherine Gonzalez, Joshua Namias, Bindu Setty, Katie and Brian Herrick, Erika and Jamie McPhee, Mark Bracken, Maher Tabba, Sue Bodie and Ryan Horvath. Nancy Cowen** designed the fabulous T-shirts! Thanks to the students and families who participated and to our wonderful custodians, **Ken Giblin and Anthony Capello**. Finally, an especially big thank you to the Science Fair co-chairs, **Liz Fray and Courtney Horvath**, who coordinated this exceptional event. Huge kudos to everyone involved. Looking forward to seeing our young scientists next year!

#### **Potluck**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this year's multicultural potluck. Co-chairs **Shilpi Lulla and Kavitha Chivukula** did an amazing job coordinating the booths, entertainment, and food, with the help of **Sherry Zhu and Nicola Rinaldi**. It was an evening enjoyed by all. We would particularly like to thank those who hosted booths educating us about their cultures: **Saluoa Taieb, Nancy Cowen, Liz Fray, Dina Patel, Alia Kalai, Grace Lee, Shweta Chhetri, Gaille Laurent, Marlenny Ramdehal, Danit Netzer. Revital Rotlevv. Heloa Barrantes and Amanda. Sehr Jalal. Annie Zhana. Aleena**

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**Banerji, Jin Chyung**, and also the volunteers who helped with signing people in and setting up food: **Vandana Gupta, Natalian Der**, and **Yu Wu**. Finally, a big thanks to all the Hastings teachers and staff who helped put together this event, coordinating the "Kindness Rocks" and also helping with set up and clean up.

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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:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 pm

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

#### **Town Election (Two School Committee positions open)**

**Date:** Monday, March 6

**Time:** 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Your regular polling place

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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.

2/10 Friday	6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Science Fair</b> (Snow Date is Wednesday 2/15)
2/20-2/24		<b>No School - February Vacation</b>
2/28 Tuesday	7:00 pm	<b>School Committee Meeting</b> , Selectman's Meeting Room, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue
3/7 Tuesday	6:30-7:30 pm	<b>Family Math Night (Grades K and 1)</b>
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3/7 Tuesday	7:30-8:15 pm	<b>Family Math Night (Grades 2 and 3)</b>
3/7 Tuesday	7:30-8:15 pm	<b>Family Math Night (Grades 4 and 5)</b>
3/16 Thursday		<b>Kindergarten Orientation</b>
3/17 Friday	7:00 - 11:00 pm	<b>Adult Social!!</b> Battin Hall, Cary Memorial Building

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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