

Hello Hale Families,

I hope you are enjoying the fall weather. The highlights in this edition of the Hale School News includes information about upcoming events and activities at HMS. Go SOX!

Regards,
Kyle Grady

Purple Pinkie Day:

Rotary International is working to eliminate polio, and we are down to three countries, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. World Polio Day is October 24th. The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley is holding a Purple Pinkie Day fundraiser where families give \$1, the cost to inoculate a child in a developing country. Those children have their pinkies marked purple to show they have received the medicine. Bring a dollar to Hale Middle School on October 24, make a donation at lunch and Rotary volunteers will paint your pinkie purple. Best of all, your donations are matched 2 for 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation so your money will go even farther. The families in the Nashoba School District have helped inoculate tens of thousands of children around the world.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow:

Friday, November 2nd at 7pm and Saturday, November 3rd at 11am. Tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/kids, students, & senior citizens. Adapted from Washington Irving, here is a spooky show alive with hilarious action and fun. It begins when Ichabod Crane, a lightly goofy schoolmaster, comes to the farming community of Sleepy Hollow with all his worldly possessions. He's looking for a good life and a wealthy wife who will supply it. Once he sets eyes on the local beauty, Katrina Van Tassel, he's sure his dream will come true. Unhappily for Ichabod, Katrina has a boyfriend who's extremely jealous... the boisterous Brom Bones. To complicate matters the graveyard is haunted by a small army of restless spirits, including the most famous phantom of all, the Headless Horseman. At a party, Ichabod proposes marriage to Katrina, but is booted out by Brom and forced to make his way home through a terrible storm. In the dark, there's something shadowy and towering intent on taking Ichabod's life — the Headless Horseman! Poor Ichabod has to outrun the galloping phantom! Does he?

Lockdown Drill:

On November 9th we will be conducting an announced lock down drill at Hale. Our staff was trained in the ALiCe protocols during the summer. We will discuss and demonstrate our new enhanced lockdown procedures with students on the 9th during homerooms. The information the students will receive is similar in nature to the information that was presented to parents at the safety meetings throughout the district in September. The enhanced lockdown procedures include:

- Remaining in place behind a locked door and hiding in multiple spots around the room
- Barricading entrances to the room
- Evacuating the room and fleeing to safer space outside of the building

While this can be scary information for our students to hear, it is essential that we prepare them with the necessary skills so that they can make sound choices should they encounter a threat to their safety.

Nashoboa Girls Soccer Fundraiser - Mini Golf Tournament- Today!:

The Mini-Golf Tournament is today! Check out the flyer [here](#).

PTO “Non-Fundraiser” Fundraiser:

We happily introduce the “non-fundraiser” fundraiser. Together, we can eliminate the need for so many other fundraisers throughout the school year. Instead, we can all use this letter to support our students by writing a check now (or making a credit card payment). On average, at both Center and Hale, SPTO spends \$30 annually per child to fund:

Arts and cultural enrichment programs, Music risers and makerspace at Center, Supplemental programs for curriculum enrichment at Hale, Moving-up receptions, Staff appreciation events and Staff initiatives

Your money goes directly to support the students and teachers! But here’s the thing – we can only promise to not keep asking again and again all year IF we reach our goal through this letter. That’s right – we need YOU to respond and support our students.

There are two ways to help us enrich the learning experience of ALL students.

Please make check out to SPTO and return to the school office or mail to:

SPTO

55 Hartley Rd

Stow, MA 01775

Go online to www.centerhalepto.org and use our PayPal link on the front page!

Remember, we need \$30 per student! Thank you for your continued support. Questions?

Contact Marcy Eckel and Cara Moreau: fundraising@centerhalepto.org.

Robotics Fundraiser:

Clean out unwanted clutter before the holidays! The RoboChiefs are holding their 3rd annual Savers FUNDrive to raise money for their build season and to benefit the community. Some examples of what we are collecting: clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, accessories, scarves, soft toys... The Robochiefs will receive 25 cents per pound of donated goods. Please see the attached flyer for what else can be donated.

When? On Saturday, November 17th from 8 AM to 1 PM in front of Nashoba Regional High School. It would be greatly appreciated if items were bagged in large trash bags. Please, “fill it forward” for Nashoba Robotics!

If you need help getting your donations to NRHS, please contact Lexi Strauss at strauss.house.18@verizon.net to arrange for a team member to pick up your donations.

Upcoming Events:

10/19 Early Release

10/24 Purple Pinkie Day (see above)

10/25 DC Informational Night for 8th Grade Parents

10/26 Parent Teacher Conferences

11/2 Legend of Sleepy Hollow Performance 7:00 pm-8:15 pm

11/3 Legend of Sleepy Hollow Performance 11:00 am-12:15 pm