

Good Morning HCS Families –

As you know from Superintendent Thiery's email on Friday, wearing masks in schools will be optional beginning tomorrow, February 28, 2022. In case you missed that email, you can read it by clicking the link below. I'd like to ask families to take a few minutes to talk with their children about the importance of displaying kindness toward others during this time. Our youngest students have never been to school without masks, and I anticipate that some may feel nervousness or anxiety about doing so. Other families will make the decision for their children to continue wearing masks at school and some of our older students may make that decision for themselves. Please talk with your children about being kind and accepting toward others about the decision to wear or not wear a mask.

Can you believe it, March begins on Tuesday! It will be nice to have a "normal" week. Due to the snow day on 2/25, we will have spirit day this Friday, March 4th instead. (Wear your blue and white!)

If you did not have a chance to read Superintendent, Mr. Howard Thiery's two emails regarding masks, please review them today:

[Important Update Masks in Schools.pdf](#) [Updated Mask Guidelines 2.26.22.pdf](#)

The students filled up the doghouse and the school-wide reward was extra recess!! Some classes took advantage of the 60-degree weather on Wednesday and used their extra recess then!

Home/School conferences will take place during the 4th week of March. Watch for an email from Tina Romeo this week. It will contain information about how to schedule appointments.

Student Council is sponsoring a March Madness Spirit Week. (see flyer below for theme days coming up starting on March 14th.)

Cast members from LSM will be promoting their show, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at dismissal time on Friday. They will be in costume and handing out fliers for the upcoming show on March 11, 12 and 13. (see flyer below)

Link to Ticketing Website ["You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" Tickets](#)

Alternate Link to Website <https://our.show/region-10-players/charliebrown>

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Bob

CALENDAR

Friday, March 4- Grade 4 Permission slips are due for 3/17 Field Trip

Friday, March 4- Spirit Day (wear your blue and white)

Tuesday, March 8- PTO Meeting, 7 pm

Thursday, March 10- Grade 4- Invention Convention

Monday, March 14-Thursday, March 17-Student Council Theme Days (see flyer below)

Thursday, March 17- Grade 4 Field Trip

Friday, March 18- No school for students, teacher professional development

Tuesday, March 22- Home/School Conferences, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 24- Home/School Conferences, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday, March 25- 1:00 PM Dismissal (elementary schools only)

Home/School Conferences, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Rainforest Reading Challenge Update

Our HCS readers have been doing an outstanding job reading and recording their hours! Mrs. Norton's class has maintained their lead in the third-grade race with 126 reading hours. They are setting the pace for the whole school! Incredibly, Ms. Duval's class is next in line with 92 reading hours. Wow! Ms. Vannini's class is maintaining their lead for the fourth-grade race. These reading teams have officially finished the boat trip down the Amazon and are now trekking on foot across a rope bridge through the rainforest canopy!

Mr. Murphy's class, at 78 reading hours, is currently in the lead for the second-grade race. That is just two hours short of moving on to the land journey. Ms. Gionfriddo's class has the boat to catch in the first-grade river race. They have tallied 46 hours! Our PreK readers are moving along steadily.

Most of the races are very close! In spite of a snowy weekend, please remind your readers that any time spent reading will move them further along their journey through a tropical rainforest!

Happy reading!

Mrs. Nelson

2022-2023 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child who is turning 5 in 2022? If so, you have a future HCS kindergartener!

Please share this information with your neighbors/friends that don't currently have children at HCS. Thank you for helping us get the word out!

[Register a Student - Regional School District 10 \(region10ct.org\)](https://region10ct.org)

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

We appreciate everyone's adherence to the guidelines below. It is essential that students do not come to school if:

They have had close contact (at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet) with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19 and are quarantining for the required number of days

They, or a member of your household, has been tested for COVID-19 because of symptoms and/or potential exposure and you are awaiting results

You screen them in the morning before school and they have any of the symptoms below:

- **fever of 100.4 or higher**
- **chills**
- **a new cough**
- **difficulty breathing**
- **a sudden loss of taste or smell**
- **shortness of breath**
- **sore throat**
- **congestion**
- **extreme fatigue**

If your family has traveled, we recommend testing upon returning. Please be vigilant and check for any symptoms daily for 14 days after travel. Even mild symptoms can be the first sign of COVID. If the traveler, family member or student, develops any symptoms, keep all family members home from school until the traveler has been tested.

In all cases, we ask that you always err on the side of caution. If your child has any signs of illness, please keep them home and contact our school nurse, hcs.nurse@region10ct.org by phone at (860) 485-9029 ext. 12103

A friendly reminder that our school nurse, Kristen Sullivan is out on maternity leave. There will be a substitute nurse covering each day. You can still leave messages for the nurse, and email if needed. If your child will be tardy or absent for any reason, please notify HCS. Please send health-related emails to **HCS.Nurse@Region10ct.org**

Follow the HCS PTO on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/HCSPTO/>


Contact Information for HCS Staff: http://harwinton.region10ct.org/staff_e-mail_and_webpages

FLYERS:

REGION 10 PLAYERS PRESENT

"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN (REVISED)"


The Broadway Musical



YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN BASED ON THE COMIC STRIP "PEANUTS" BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY CLARK GESNER ADDITIONAL DIALOGUE BY MICHAEL MAYER ADDITIONAL MUSIC AND LYRICS BY ANDREW LIPPA

TICKETS!

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 AT 7PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 12 AT 7PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 13 AT 2PM



"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" IS PRESENTED BY MANAGEMENT NEW CONCEPT THEATRE/ARTS ON BEHALF OF LEWIS-MILLMARK LLC. WWW.LEWIS-MILLMARK.COM

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SAINT PATRICK'S ACTIVITY WEEK


march 14- 19



in the children's room

Find the Library Leprechaun
O'Bookery & win a prize

Do a special Leprechaun
themed craft



Call or email us and
O'Bookery will pick out some
books just for you!



Harwinton
Public
Library



Harwinton
Public
Library



LEARN TO KNIT A CUP COZY

with Dawn Zillich
*The Stitching
Coach*

MARCH 19 & 26
1 PM - 2:30 PM

All materials
provided, masks
required.

Register on our
online events
calendar, or give
us a call.

Ages 8 and up



THE BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

March . April . May
Programs & Events

YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO
MISS



LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, April 15, 2022
Saturday, May 28, 2022
Monday, May 30, 2022

SPRING HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10:00am - 8:00pm
Friday
10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday
10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday
Closed

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

The BOLD meet monthly
Tuesdays at 7:30pm
March 1
April 5
May 3

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE



Choose from 1000s of gently used
fiction and non-fiction books, DVDs, and CDs
for children, teens, and adults!

Friday . April 1 . 10:00am to 4:00pm
10:00am - 12:00pm . Preview sale . \$5 admission charge

Saturday . April 2 . 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday . April 3 . 11:00am to 2:00pm . \$5 bag sale
Bags will be provided by the Friends

* All proceeds from the book sale benefit the
Burlington Public Library *



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet monthly on
Wednesdays at 1:30pm
March 16 . April 20 . May 18
Make a difference in your community by
volunteering with the Friends of the Library!
This local non-profit organization supports the
library by providing programs and services to
patrons of all ages.

Registration is requested of all programs. Details available at www.burlingtonctlibrary.org

34 Library Lane . Burlington . 860-673-3331



CHILDREN'S STORYTIME & BOOK CLUB PROGRAMS



Newbies & To-Be's (Birth to 24 months with a caregiver)

Wednesdays @ 10:15 AM - March 2 & 16 and April 6 & 20

Bounces and rhymes, stories and songs for little ones birth up to 2 and a caregiver. Caregivers-to-be are also invited to develop an early literacy repertoire and meet peers.



Stories & More (Toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver)

Mondays @ 10:15 AM - March 7, 14, 21 & 28 and April 4, 18 & 25

Join Miss April for stories and songs, rhymes and fingerplays! We'll get silly and make friends all while building early literacy skills.



Bedtime Stories on Facebook Live (All ages)

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM - March 1 and April 5

Put on your pjs, grab your favorite stuffie and get ready for rest as Miss April shares some cozy stories, rhymes and songs on Facebook Live. The program will also be available for viewing for one week.



Saturday Stories (All ages with a caregiver)

Saturdays @ 10:15 AM - March 12 and April 9

Join Miss April for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and more!



Homeschool Readers (Homeschool students at the K-6 level)

Thursdays @ 1:00 PM - March 17, April 21 and May 19

Each month, Miss April will read one of the Elementary Nutmeg Nominees and offer a related activity. She'll also booktalk a chapter book that is a Nutmeg Nominee that will be discussed the next month.



Stories with Mrs. Anderson

Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 PM

We're thrilled to welcome Lake Garda Principal Mrs. Anderson to share some stories and fun with us!



Read with Holden (Readers in PreK-Grade4)

Wednesday, April 13 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM & Saturday, May 21, 10:30 AM - 12:00PM

Our registered therapy dog Holden loves to hear stories! Children are encouraged to bring their favorite books or grab one of ours to read to Holden and his human Ms. Kady. Call the library to reserve a time slot.



Stories with Holden (Toddlers and Preschoolers with a caregiver)

Monday, May 2, 10:15 AM

Holden and Ms. Kady will join us for a special story time! We'll have a chance to meet them and learn about how they went to school to learn to read with kids.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

ART EXPLORATION

WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Artist & educator Rick Labadia joins us for this three-part series for elementary level homeschool students.

Session 1 -- Collage

March 23

Explore how picture book illustrators like Eric Carle and Lois Ehlert use collage to tell a story and create your own piece of art.



Session 2 -- Poetry

April 27

Celebrate National Poetry Month by reading and writing some poetry together.



Session 3 --

Art Show & Poetry Tea

May 11

Share the art you created in the previous sessions with your invited guests. Light refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MARCH



After-school Special: Lemon Volcanoes

Thursday, March 10, 4:00 PM

Our friends from ImagineNation introduce us to erupting lemons and other fun experiments with fruit...it might get messy! Grades PreK to 4.



PANDAmonium!

Friday, March 18, 10:30 AM

Celebrate National Panda Day by learning about these amazing creatures and why they need our protection. Make some panda crafts while you watch the National Zoo's panda cam! Grades PreK to 4.

APRIL



After-school Special: Crafternoon

Thursday, April 7, 4:00 PM

Head on over to the library for some after school craft action! We'll have perler beads, finger knitting, rubber band bracelets and more. Grades PreK to 4.



Take the Stage

Tuesday, April 12, 1:00 PM

Do you love acting? Ever wonder what it's like to be on stage? Then this introduction to theatre is for you! Playhouse Theatre Academy from the Playhouse on Park joins us for theatre games exploring how actors use their emotions to tell stories. Grades PreK to 4. Sponsored by Playhouse Theatre Academy.



Bad Guys Fan Fest

Wednesday, April 13, 1:00 PM

Love the books? Can't wait for the movie? Would you say you're "bad-to-the-bone"?! Join us for some Bad Guys fun and prizes -- including a chance to see the movie for free! Grades K to 4.



Robots Run

Thursday, April 14, 1:00 PM

Come check out the Sphero Bolt robots on loan to Burlington Public Library this month! Learn to drive and program a Bolt and create an obstacle course for it to navigate. Grades PreK to 4.



Imagination Workshop (All Ages)

Saturday, April 23, 1:00 - 3:00PM

Put your creativity to work! Drop in art for all ages -- adults included! No registration necessary.

MAY



Let's All Play!

Wednesday, May 4, 10:15 AM

Come and play outside in the library courtyard! We'll put out toys and a couple of sensory play opportunities; you bring the fun! Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy outside afterwards if you like. Rain cancels. Open to caregivers and babies, toddlers and preschoolers.



Books and Bikes with Mr. D. (Family)

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 AM

May is National Bike Month! Learn about bikes and bike safety from Craig DiCiancia of Mobile Bicycle Repair and Service who will demonstrate how to perform a safety check on your bike and helmet before you ride. Check out Mr. D's repair trailer and maybe win a helmet, a biking book, or a bell for your bike.



Picnic at the Pond

Monday, May 23, 11:00 AM

What can we spot at the Johnnycake Mountain Park pond in the springtime? Join Miss April from the library and Miss Karen from the Burlington Land Trust to find out! We'll share a story and then take a short walk to the pond, where we'll stop for a picnic before walking back. Sponsored by The Burlington Land Trust.



After-school Special: Candy Sushi

Thursday, May 12, 4:00 PM

Whether you like sushi or not, you'll love making your own candy version! Create sweet maki rolls and nigiri to take home. Grades PreK - 4



Let's All Play!

Wednesday, May 18, 10:15 AM

Come and play outside in the library courtyard! We'll put out toys and a couple of sensory play opportunities; you bring the fun! Feel free to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the grass or at our picnic table afterwards if you like. Rain cancels. Open to caregivers and babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

