# The HPE Update

January 2017

Please make sure your children are appropriately dressed (hats, boots, gloves, snow pants) for winter months so that recess outdoors does not become a problem.



## **Important Dates:**

Jan. 6: Third Grade Assembly Gym 2:25 PM Foothills Rotary dictionary distribution

Jan. 11: Report Cards Open

Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Day, No School

Jan. 18: BOE Meeting 7:00 PM

Jan. 27: PTA Movie Night for HPE Students

6:00 PM Gym

Jan. 27: 20 Week Interim

Feb. 1: BOE Meeting 7:00 PM Feb. 2: PTA Meeting 7:00 LGI

Feb. 15: BOE Meeting 7:00 PM

Feb. 20-24: Mid-Winter Recess

Please Note: The Science Fair and Spring

Book Fair dates have changed.

Book Fair Apr. 10-12 Science Fair Apr. 12

### Principal's Message

Dear HPE Families:

Happy New Year! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to those I have not had the opportunity to meet. My name is Sarah Vergis and I am the new Principal at HPE. I am excited to get to know the teachers and staff at the school, the students, parents and community of Holland Patent. Please feel free to stop in and introduce yourself when you are in the building.

With the holidays and vacation behind us, students are back in the swing of things here at HPE. We will have our second Character Education Assembly, on January 31<sup>st</sup>, which will recognize nominated students for the trait of integrity. On January 6, students in third grade received a dictionary from The Adirondack Foothills Rotary.

I look forward to working with all the students here at HPE. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Vergis, Principal

#### Dear Parents,

We make every effort to keep your child safe at Holland Patent Elementary. It is very important that if your child is riding a different bus home that we have a written note with your child's name, the address of where they are going, a phone number to contact you regarding the change and your signature. We discourage changes over the phone because it is difficult to know who is on the other end of the call. During the school day it is our responsibility to ensure that your child is safe and get home safely. Should an emergency arise and you need to change your child's bus route, then we ask you bring in a hand written note to school. Thank you for your continued support. It is very important to us that we maintain a safe environment for our students. If you have any concerns, please contact me at 865-8151. Mrs. Sarah Vergis, Principal

#### PTA Notes:

The PTA will be holding a Movie Night on Jan. 27 in the HPE Gym. For admittance, the PTA suggests a donation of a non-perishable food item to benefit the Foothills Rural Community Food Pantry.

Parents are required to sign their children in and out of this event. Snacks will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5:45 PM.

http://www.goldenknightspta.org/. The next PTA Meeting will be Feb. 2 @ 7pm in the HPE LGI Room. To make PTA events successful, please consider volunteering.