

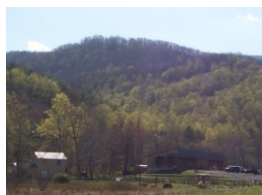


The Rhythm of Hearthstone

Hearthstone School

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Welcome to the first edition of Hearthstone's new monthly newsletter. Included you will find all kinds of events happening in and around Hearthstone. There will also be mention of opportunities for helping at Hearthstone, including finding items teachers may have on their wish list. You can learn interesting tidbits about members of the Hearthstone community as a different person is highlighted each month in "Getting to Know..." In the future, there will be ads submitted by readers. If there are any items that need to be mentioned in the newsletter, please leave a note in Stacy's box (labeled Casper/Drake) in the office.



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Special Information

New Policy

Students are expected to arrive between 8:35 and 8:45 each morning. If your child arrives late, after 8:50, please go to the office, sign them in and get a slip to give to their teacher. Please talk with your child's teacher about classroom policy for late arrivals. Depending on the teacher's policy, your child may be able to go on to class, or you may need to wait with your child until it is appropriate for them to enter the classroom.

If your child leaves early, they need to be signed out in the office. Please advise your child's core teacher of the early dismissal and give the teacher an early dismissal slip.

Teachers' Wishlists

Frances is looking for violin mutes. She would also like to take the students to see an orchestra. She is looking for a parent who can spend time looking for a symphony concert to attend.

Torry would like 35mm cameras.

Aron is looking for woodworking tools and wood scraps for the woodworking class.



There will now be separate boxes for each family in the office. In your box you will find notices and more. Please feel free to use the boxes as a way to communicate with other parents.

Membership Hours Opportunities

If you are looking for ideas on how to get your membership hours completed, here is a list.

Playground

Our playground has arrived and assembly has started. If you are interested in helping to complete the setup, please let Stacy know.

There is also an ongoing need to keep the mulch fairly deep around the play areas. Whenever you have a few extra minutes and want to move some mulch, feel free to do so.

Holiday Bazaar on December 6th

We will need to make items for the annual Holiday Bazaar. We need people who would like to make things. We would also like a few people who can demonstrate to a group how to create specific projects. If you are interested in leading or creating, let us know. We plan on meeting one afternoon per week starting November 3rd. These hours can go towards membership hours. If you are interested in being a vendor, let Jane know. Hearthstone receives 20% of the sales from vendors.

Teepee

Liz and Aron currently need people willing to oil the poles that will be used to raise the teepee in November. Please contact them for more details.

Up for Grabs!

There is a pair of snowboarding boots in the office that are size 6.

Also available is a large blue cloth bag with legos.

Cookbook

We are still in need of recipes for our cookbook. Desiree Cripps, Kenani's mom, is gathering recipes for our school cookbook. She is in need of recipes for the following categories:

dips/spreads
soups
appetizers



salads
beverages

Recipes need to be turned in as soon as possible. You may leave recipes for her in the office, or you may email them to her at diezlunas@embarqmail.com.

Rainbow Market

The store hours will be as follows:



Wednesday through Monday 10-5
Closed Tuesday

Currently the store is on an honor system. There is a clip board to fill out with information based on your purchase. If you find you need to purchase something from the store when it is not open, check in the office to see if it can be opened.



Want to learn photography? Torry is offering photography lessons to any adults interested

Frances and her partner Shoryo will be looking for a cabin or small house to rent when he arrives in January. They are hoping to live in the Sperryville area to be close to Hearthstone. A small, simple, rustic space is preferred, as well as a place with affordable rent, hopefully less than \$500 per month. Please let Frances know if you come across anything.

The school is in need of a vacuum. If anyone has one that they would like to donate or come across one at a yard sale, please keep us in mind.



High School Fundraising

The high school students are busy planning their annual class trip and fundraising to support this trip. They would like to set up some raffles. If anyone has an item they think would make a good raffle, please let them know. The high school students will also be creating a list of jobs they would be willing to do for a fee which would go to their trip fund. Please watch for more information.

Goodsearch/Goodshop

This is a new fundraiser to use when doing online searches and purchases. Go to www.goodsearch.com, type in your search keywords. Underneath this box there will be a box for you to type in Hearthstone. Click verify and you will chose the correct Hearthstone. After this you will be taken to your search results. For each search, Hearthstone will earn approximately \$.01. There are options on www.goodserach.com to add a Goodsearch tool bar.



For online shopping information, go to www.goodsearch.com. In the blue box is a tool for the shopping information. A lot of well known retailers are signed up. Donation to Hearthstone is based on dollar amount of purchase.

Crunch Time Environmental Conservation Fundraiser

Hearthstone receives 50% of the purchase price of items. There is a huge selection of items to buy, such as energy and water products, housewares, lawn and garden items, biodegradable cleaning products, personal care products, and much much more. Hearthstone's fundraiser code number is ctfr717286. To see all items please go to www.crunchtime.org.

eScrip

Hearthstone has been signed up with eScrip as a fundraiser for people who shop at Safeway. It was recently discovered that this fundraiser also includes major credit and debit cards. To participate, go to www.eScrip.com and register your store cards (Safeway), credit, and debit cards. Participating merchants make donations based on purchase amounts. Once you sign up, you don't need to do anything else other than use your store, debit, or credit card. If you need more assistance signing up, please see Stacy.

Food Lion

Sign up for the Lion Shop & Share program. Fill out the registration form in the school office using your MVP card. Remember to use your MVP card when you shop. We need at least 25 MVP cards registered in order to participate.

Martin's

If you shop at Martin's please fill out a form in the school office to enroll in the Martin's A+ School Rewards program, or enroll online at www.martinsaplus.com and go to Designate your School. For this program you may need to re-enroll annually.

Harris Teeter

Our application for Harris Teeter's Together in Education program is in process.

Target

Do you have a Target RED card? Enroll in Take Charge of Education and earn money for Hearthstone when you shop. You can enroll online at www.Target.com/tcoe, at any Target store, or call 1-800-316-6142. If you don't have a Target credit card, they also have a check card with the same fund raising abilities.

Box Top for Education

If you have any, please bring them to the office. Our next deadline is in February.

Cartridges for Kids

Please bring old cell phones, iPods, ink jets, laser cartridges, DVDs and video games to the schooler's office. The items will be recycled and we get cash.



Ebay

Hearthstone will be selling items on ebay as a fundraising effort. If you find any items you think may be valuable, please leave them in the office.

White Elephant

Hearthstone has an account set up with the consignment shop in Warrenton. If you are cleaning out closets please remember you can take your clothes there and Hearthstone will benefit. Hearthstone's account number is HE34.

Fundraising Letters

The database of recipients of Hearthstone Fundraising letter is being updated. If you know of people who should be included in this mailing, please let someone in the office know.

Community Meeting

Due to the presidential election, it was decided to move the community meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held on November 11th.

Getting to Know...

Elizabeth Shaw is a second year teacher at Hearthstone School. She currently teaches third and fourth grades in the Hearthstone lower school; and she is an adjunct teacher for the yoga, cooking, & crafts classes. Elizabeth currently resides in northern Albemarle County with her husband, Dave, their two dogs, cat, lizard, and many fish!

This past summer Elizabeth attended a one-week intensive program on teaching grade four in Waldorf schools, at Sunbridge College in Chestnut Ridge, New York. The summer of 2006 Elizabeth met with Beth Craig, a former Charlottesville Waldorf educator for preparations for teaching in a Waldorf inspired school.

In the winter of 2006 Elizabeth graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Elementary Education, and with a minor concentration in Religions and Philosophy. She interned in a public school for half a year in Wilmington, and worked as a substitute teacher and nanny up until the move to Virginia.

The Shaw's moved to Charlottesville, Virginia in the spring of 2007 from Wilmington, North Carolina. Elizabeth and Dave chose Charlottesville due to a geologist job offer Dave received in April 2006.

In Elizabeth's free time she enjoys creating things, practicing yoga & meditation, being outdoors, reading, and attending music events and gatherings. She is also currently learning to play the guitar with Frances Miller at Hearthstone.

Hearthcore Fest '08

As a fundraising project for their class trip, the High School students will be hosting a concert on November 15th at 2pm. Headlining acts include Hasten My Demise and Mechanism. Supporting acts are Forgetting A Farewell, High Street Rising, Gold Top Country Ramblers, Young Lions, and This Time Never. The cost for the concert will be \$10 and the event will be drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. The concert will be held outdoors, so dress appropriately and the rain date is scheduled for November 16th.

November

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Coming Events

11/11 Community Meeting
11/15 Concert (High School Fundraiser)
11/25 Hearthstone Thanksgiving Meal
11/26, 27, & 28 School Closed

Field Trips

On September 24th Hearthstone went to the Smithsonian Natural History Museum. They visited the soils exhibit which was especially for gardening class for all grades, 5th grade botany, as well as high school ecology. The students also saw the butterfly exhibit, which luckily had over 900 butterflies, the most they have had yet, because they inherited butterflies from another museum when their butterfly exhibit closed down. They were also able to see Dinosaurs 3D in the IMAX theater.

The entire school visited the Corn Maze in October.

The Nursery/Kindergarten and pre 1st grade classes went Apple Picking on October 30th.

On November 7th the high school class is going to visit the bunker at Greenbrier Resort.

The 3rd through 12th grades will be going to the Outdoor Lab in Fauquier County on November 12th.

Class Notes

High School

In Ecology class we have been studying populations, what they are and factors that determine population size.

We also did a stream study of the Horton River, behind the school. We collected organisms (macroinvertebrates) in the stream to determine the water quality of the stream. Certain organisms are very sensitive to pollution (Group One Taxa). When you find these organisms in a stream it is an indicator that the water quality is good.

We found many organisms that are in Group One Taxa. We found Stonefly Nymphs, many Caddisfly Nymphs, Water Pennies, Mayfly Nymphs, and Josh found the largest Dobsonfly Nymph Tamara has ever seen. It was about 6 inches long and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch wide!

We also took the pH of the water, or acidity levels. The stream had a pH of 7, which is neutral.

We also found Crayfish, Crane Fly Larva and Dragonfly Nymphs, which are in Group Two Taxa, meaning they can tolerate a little bit of pollution.

In English we are working on writing. So far they are working on writing about their families, and their next writing assignment they have is to research a profession that they are interested in and write about it.

In Pottery we have been on Primitive Sculpture, and Fall Leaves.

In Spanish, we are working on basic conversation.

The students will volunteer November 4th for the Piedmont Environmental Council.

Fifth Grade class:

The 5th grade so far this year has studied the following:

- Botany
 - Seed formation
 - germination
 - pollination
 - leaf structures of flowers
 - root structures
 - stems
- Geometric Drawing
 - symmetry
 - degrees
 - 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 16 pointed formations
- Ancient History of Mesopotamia
 - 1st documented civilization
 - invention of the wheel
 - 1st written documentation
 - farmers
 - craftspeople
 - possibly
 - the first temples and religious following

Miss Liz's class:

Our visit from Field Biologist Jeff Cooper of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries from the Fredericksburg office, toured and surveyed our schoolyard and grounds to identify habitat areas and make suggestions for certain terrains. We have been categorized in several areas including river, herbaceous, and meadow.

He suggested the for the front field a butterfly garden and a fruit orchard on the side grounds.

This initial visit from VDGIF will be followed with a specially designed seminar for Hearthstone from Carol Heiser, the education coordinator with the department. Carol holds workshops on becoming a "Wild School" and focuses on creating and sustaining habitats for native plants and animals in Virginia.

All faculty, parents, and community members will be welcome to attend the workshop which will be free of charge. The date of the workshop will be announced at a later time.

Miss Liz's and Mr. Aron's class have been participating in the Junior Ranger program sponsored by Shenandoah National Park. The students have to attend at least two workshops and complete their Junior Ranger workbooks to qualify for status as a Junior Ranger. Once completed, the students will receive a certificate and patch from the park showing their involvement in the program. So far they have made two trips up to the park, guided by a National Park Ranger.

The first workshop "What makes a Meadow" identified certain plants native to our area that grow in the park and defined their uses and dangers. It also showed us the difference between meadowland and pastureland. It also gave history and examples of how the families that once resided in the park lived prior to 1850, including some of the hardships they might have faced.

The second workshop we attended, "Birds of Prey," defined prey birds native to our area such as the owl, hawk, and falcon. We learned about their nesting habits and the fact that a bird of prey catches live food with it's talons and beak. We got to visit with a live barred owl from the Virginia Wildlife Refuge Center. We also learned that a vulture is not considered a bird or prey because it does not kill it's food and is more closely related to the ostrich.

The workshops will resume in the spring when the park reopens. Children will continue to work on their booklets.

Suzie Bean visited with the 3rd through 5th grades on September 29th. She spoke of her trip to Masailand in Africa, which was a course she took from Prescott College over the summer. The class discussed the overall theme of learning from those who are different from us.

About 30 baby snapping turtles were found mid September by the gardening class.

Miss Liz's and Mr Aron's class will be working on constructing the tee pee this month.