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Hart Weekly Woof

Week of May 2, 2010

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STAR Testing Starts Monday

Students in all grades take the STAR state exams starting **Monday, May 3** and continuing through **May 11**.

We encourage parents to make sure students get a good night's sleep before test days and come to school with their tummies full of a hearty, nutritious breakfast on test days. Of course, we know you do this every day for your kids because Hart has the best parents on Earth!

On test days, students should have two sharpened No. 2 pencils, a good eraser and a book to read in case they finish a test early.

Click [here for all the juicy STAR details](#) on the Hart web site. It should answer all of your burning questions about these state exams.

Donate Food: Get Treats for Testing

Students who bring food to donate to [Open Heart Kitchen](#) will get two lollipops for each canned food item donated.

Students may donate as many non-perishable food items as they like, but the maximum lollipop allotment is 10 per student.

Students may drop off food donations in room B-151

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Quick Calendar

May 3 & 4 --

STAR testing

May 4 -- Deadline to turn in cookie dough orders

May 5 -- Internat'l Fair student meeting, 8:45 a.m., MPR

May 6 & 7 -- STAR testing

May 7 -- Rummage sale drop-off, 3-7 p.m., MPR

May 8 -- Rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., MPR

May 10 & 11 -- STAR testing

May 13 & 14 -- STAR makeup exams

before school starting at 8 a.m. on [May 3, 4, 6 and 7](#). The food drive is sponsored by the student council.

Thank you for supporting Open Heart Kitchen, the valley's leading charity to feed hungry families and individuals.

Let's Get Ready to Rummage Sale

It's time to start cleaning out your closets and clearing your shelves in preparation for Hart's spring rummage sale **this weekend** -- [Saturday, May 8](#).

Search through your home for wonderful treasures that can be donated to the rummage sale to raise much-needed money for Hart. We'll accept almost anything, as long as it's in good shape and no parts are missing. Bicycles are particularly popular, so drop off any two-wheelers your family no longer uses.

Your gently used donations may be dropped off in the multipurpose room [Friday, May 7](#) from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

What are you waiting for? Start cleaning! Your second-hand goods can bring in first-rate money for Hart.

Volunteers Needed

We need lots of hard-working folks to help set up the rummage sale on Friday evening and more folks to help run the sale on Saturday. This is a fantastic opportunity for high school students who need community service hours.

Drop a note to volunteer coordinator Kathy Soldati at hartvolunteer@comcast.net to let her know when you can help.

Rummage Ruler Needed

Stalwart volunteer Cie Probst has long been the ruler of all things rummage at Hart, organizing this twice-yearly event that brings in a few extra bucks for our school.

Cie is moving on since her youngest will soon graduate from Hart, so that means we need someone to fill Cie's

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Student Spotlight

Hart's talented musicians took Disneyland by storm in mid-April.

Click [here for the full story](#) on the Hart web site.

gently used shoes. We're hoping beyond hope that someone will step forward ASAP so that they can work with Cie on the May rummage sale to learn the ropes.

If you're eager to tackle this fun task, please drop a note to Cie at c.probst@yahoo.com. It doesn't need to be just one person. This would be a great task for two or three friends to work on together. The more, the merrier!

Cookie Dough: Prizes Galore!

We hope you're pounding the pavement, hawking Hart's scrumptious cookie dough to raise money for the school and bring in lots of cool prizes for the students.

The top 10 selling students will each get a \$5 Jamba Juice gift card. The advisement teacher whose students sell the most cookie dough will get a \$25 Amazon gift card. Bribery works, folks!

We hope you've checked your kids' backpacks for the complete cookie dough packet with all the info you need to order and sell these yummy treats. The packet has info about other great prizes students may win by selling dough.

We're peddling high-quality goods, offering top-notch Otis Spunkmeyer cookies, brownies and pretzels. These treats are made with the finest real ingredients, including creamy butter, fresh eggs and premium chocolate. The best thing is that all the treats have absolutely zero trans fat.

You have another full week to ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers, relatives and other folks to buy these delectable treats. ***The deadline to turn in all cookie dough orders is Tuesday, May 4.*** Orders will be delivered in late May.

The biannual cookie dough extravaganza has become one of Hart's biggest fundraisers, pulling in roughly \$5,000 each time we offer this delectable cookie dough. That's

Student Akshay Ravikumar qualified for USA Junior Math Olympiad. Click [here for more details](#).

big-time money for our school in these difficult financial times.

Buy plenty of cookie dough and other treats to get you through the summer. Each item sells for \$15 -- and Hart gets to keep an impressive 40 percent of every item sold.

This cookie dough practically sells itself. All you have to do is spread the word and the orders will start rolling in. The more dough we sell, the more dough Hart gets!

Cookie Dough Volunteers Needed

We need lots and lots of folks to help us on cookie dough delivery day. The delivery date has not yet been set, but it will be sometime in late May.

We'll be working all day on delivery day to sort orders and then hand them out after school. Any amount of time you can work would be greatly appreciated. The work will start around 9 a.m. and end by 4:30 p.m.

If you can help, please e-mail Zoe Francis at harthuskies@me.com and let me know when you can lend a hand. Stay all day or help for an hour or two. Every little bit helps!

The Few, The Proud, The PFA

It takes an army of volunteers to ensure Hart's continued success, and the cream of the crop proudly steps forward to serve as leaders of this fine platoon of supporters.

If you have what it takes to lead our school as part of the Parent-Faculty Association (PFA), then we urge you to heed the call of duty and sign up for the job that best suits your skills. You will be richly rewarded for your stalwart service to our fine educational institution.

Here are the fun and glorious jobs we need to fill for the 2010-11 school year:

- Treasurer
- Fundraising
- Rummage sale
- eScrip
- Spirit wear
- 8th-grade promotion chair

Any of these jobs can be done by one stellar human being or by two or more friends. It's always good to work in teams to tackle these tasks, thus spreading the work load and making the job more fun by sharing with a friend.

Click [here for more info about these volunteer jobs](#).

There are plenty of veteran PFA volunteers staying on board to guide you in your chosen field. We guarantee you will enjoy your tour of duty with the Hart PFA!

Wear Some International Flair

Don't be left out of the coolest fashion trend of the year -- the sizzling hot 2010 International Fair T-shirts.

Students may order T-shirts at the student store during lunch through [Tuesday, May 4](#). T-shirts are a mere \$10 each.

The theme for this year's fair is *Come Together*. The T-shirt was designed by student Tanya Kim.

T-shirts must be pre-ordered. Students may pay with cash or a check made to Hart Middle School. T-shirts will be delivered before the May 27 International Fair.

Questions? Please see teacher Jane Maker in room C-113.

Book Fair Coming Soon to Hart

The book fair is coming! The book fair is coming! And just in time to stock up on your summer reading.

Hart's spring book fair will be held [Monday, May 17](#) through [Friday, May 21](#) in the school library. Click [here for more details](#), including the hours the book fair will be open.

Mark your calendars for a special family night at the book fair on [Tuesday, March 18](#) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our very own Head Husky, Steve Maher, will be on hand for chatting and perhaps even some personal reading suggestions. (We hear he's a big fan of *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*.)

During family night, people who buy a book will be entered

in a raffle to win these prizes -- a pizza lunch with Mr. Maher, the raffle winner and three friends, and a baseball autographed by Jason Giambi and donate by Mr. Maher.

Volunteers Needed

We need lots of friendly folks to help during the book fair. We also need one, two or more people to take charge for next year's book fair since our current book fair coordinator is moving on. Leading the book fair would be a great job for two or more friends to share.

If you'd like to volunteer during the book fair or are interested in leading the charge next year, please contact Denise Bassi at denisebassi@comcast.net or 462-1620.

Box Tops Bring Bucks

The [Box Tops for Education](#) program has pulled in \$225 for our school so far this school year. As you know, every little bit helps in this difficult economy.

Our venerable Box Tops coordinator, Lynley Payne, will be sending in a final shipment of Box Tops before the next deadline on June 1. Please turn in your Box Tops to the Hart office before [May 28](#).

A big thanks to everyone who has been checking their packaging for these valuable little gems. Please continue to collect Box Tops during the summer. We'll collect them at back-to-school registration in August.

Make a Difference as Barton Volunteer

It's easy to make a huge impact on a child's life as a [Barton Reading](#) tutor.

Barton is a specially designed program that uses one-on-one tutoring to improve students' spelling, reading and writing skills. It is incredibly beneficial to students who are struggling to read at grade level.

You don't need any tutoring experience. The Barton folks will provide you with the necessary training, free of charge. All you need to do is volunteer your time to change a student's life as you help improve reading skills.

If you'd like to volunteer or want more info, please contact

Christina Clark at christina.clark2@comcast.net or 596-0292.

Summer School: Deadline Extended

You have a few extra days to decide what academic and/or enrichment classes you want your kids to take this summer.

The new deadline to register for summer school is [Friday, May 14](#), giving you another full week to make your important choices.

Click [here for more info](#) about the full offerings at summer school.

Summer school will be held Monday through Thursday with the exception of the week of July 4. Since Monday, July 5 is a holiday, school will be held that week on Friday, July 9 so that students may have a full week of education.

Save the Arts

Mark your calendars for art and musical extravaganzas on [Friday, May 21](#) and [Saturday, May 22](#) to help save music and arts in Pleasanton schools.

The benefit, dubbed *Celebrate*, will include an art show Friday evening, followed by five separate musical performances on Saturday to raise money for music and arts in the schools.

Tickets are not required, but a donation of \$15 per adult and \$10 per student is greatly encouraged. Donations are suggested for each separate performance.

A gala featuring student art will be held Friday, May 21 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. All of the art on display will be for sale.

Musical performances start at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 22 and continue until 6:30 p.m. Click [here for the schedule of school groups that will perform](#), including the Hart Beats choir and the Hart band. You may print the form to order tickets or [order online at the Bankhead Theater web site](#).

The fundraiser is hosted by the Pleasanton Schools

Educational Enrichment Foundation (PSEE). Click [here for more info about PSEE and the Celebrate benefit](#).

That's it for this week. Submissions for your Hart weekly update are due by noon Thursday. Please include all pertinent info -- who, what, where, when, why and how much does it cost. E-mails are sent on Sundays.

Go Huskies!

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