We're a few weeks into the school year, and things are settling into a routine, so we thought we would send an official welcome from this year's room parent team. ­­We have quite a bit of information for you in this email, so please be sure to read it completely and let us know if you have any questions.

Please ensure we have the correct contact information for you. **Since FourLeaf is not yet active, please email your room parent to receive communications from the room parents**. If you would like an additional email added to the distribution list (i.e., spouse’s email etc.), please let us know.

**ROOM PARENTS:**

The main responsibilities as Room Parents include:

* Planning class celebrations
* Coordinating/purchasing gifts for the teacher throughout the year (birthday gift, holiday gift, and end-of-year gift)
* Forwarding important information/reminders to the class from the Home and School Club
* Coordination of class volunteers for various school and class events including The Harvest Festival, The Swarm, grade-specific events, field trips, etc.
* Creation of a Class Scarecrow to be raffled off at The Harvest Festival Fall Fundraiser which takes place on Sunday, Oct. 22.

**CLASS FUND:**

**We are asking each family for a suggested donation of $25-$30 for our class fund.**The money collected for this fund will go towards the purchase of class gifts for the teacher as noted above and for class celebrations throughout the year. You can drop off your donation in the ROOM PARENT ENVELOPE just inside the classroom door or send it in with your child. Payment by either cash or check, **payable to your class treasurer,** is fine. Cash donations should be put in an envelope labeled with your child’s name. *Donations in any amount are appreciated, and all families’ names will be included on every class gift.*

**CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS:**

If you would like to volunteer for your classroom team, please let your room parent know!

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 22** for the Home and School Club’s fall fundraiser, The Harvest Festival!  While this is a fun-filled, carnival-like event for the whole family to enjoy, it also requires the generosity and support of our parent community to be a success. Accordingly, each class will be asked to do the following:

* Create and decorate a Class Scarecrow for the Raffle (if you’d like to help out with our Class Scarecrow, please let us know!)
* Staff approximately 4 – 6 shifts for a booth or game
* Provide 2 desserts for the Dessert Booth
* Provide 4 cakes for the Cake Walk

An online signup sheet for volunteering will be sent out via email soon. Stay tuned for further details!

**ONE CHECK FUNDRAISER:**

The Home and School Club’s largest fundraiser**, ONE CHECK**, is taking place right now. **Please complete your One Check contribution as soon as possible.** Blossom Hill School does not ask families to purchase back-to-school supplies. We simply request that you donate funds to cover these supplies via the ONE CHECK program. The $175 supply fund is the minimum ask which goes directly to the school supplies that your child is using in the classroom, to personnel such as the Health Clerk and the Math Specialist, and to so much more. Payment plans are available for those who wish to use that option. We simply request that you donate funds to cover these supplies via the ONE CHECK program. Please visit [**hsc.blossomhill.org**](http://hsc.blossomhill.org/) and click on the ONE CHECK icon (on the left side of the home page) to contribute.

**BEST WAYS TO STAY INFORMED:**

* BEEHIVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – Be sure to check out our school’s weekly newsletter, The Beehive, to stay completely up-to-date and informed of current happenings at Blossom Hill.  An email, which contains a link to the online Beehive Newsletter, is sent out every Wednesday.  You can also access current issues of The Beehive anytime on Blossom Hill School’s website.
* HOME & SCHOOL CLUB QUARTERLY MEETINGS – All are welcome and encouraged to attend!  Principal Reynolds along with the H&SC Board and Committee Chairs discuss important school issues and upcoming events as well as provide H&SC fundraising updates and budget reviews. The first H&SC meeting of the school year is on Wednesday, Sept. 20th  at 8:15am. Hope to see you there!
* HOME & SCHOOL CLUB CALENDAR – You will find the Home & School Club Calendar at [http://hsc.blossomhill.org](http://hsc.blossomhill.org/)
* PARENT COMMUNICATIONS link on the Home & School Club website. All communications from the Home & School Club to the room parents will be posted here. If you think you missed one, you can check here!

**YEAR ROUND FUNDRAISERS:**

**Help support our school by participating in the following simple, year-round fundraising programs:**

* **Box Tops**
  + Clip Box Tops coupons on participating products and turn them in to the Room Parent envelope.
  + Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school
* **eScrip**
  + eScrip is a vital, behind-the-scenes fundraising program that generates approximately $2,000-$5,000 per year for Blossom Hill School.
  + eScrip is like a rewards program where participating merchants contribute each time you make a purchase using your grocery club or registered credit/debit cards.
  + To register go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com/) and use our Group Name: **Blossom Hill, ID No. 137330968.**
  + More information about this important program will be provided to you in a separate email.  If you have any questions, please email [escrip@blossomhill.org](mailto:escrip@blossomhill.org)

That’s it for now!  We look forward to working with you to make this year a truly wonderful year for our children. Please feel free to contact your room parents with any questions!