



# Around the Round!

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## Important Dates

### March:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> PTO Meeting 4pm.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Suessabration  
Author Visit: Phillip Stead
- 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Mtg
- 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 19<sup>th</sup> Scoops and Stories 4:15-5:15
- 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Break
- 4/6 School Resumes

### April:

- 4/16 PTO Meeting
- 4/20 School Board Meeting
- 4/27 Teacher Appreciation Week

### School Hours

Monday -Thursday  
8:50 – 3:50pm

*Students may enter at 8:45am*

### Fridays

8:50 -2:50



## March is Reading Month!!

Our theme is the Reading Olympics! We have an exciting eventful calendar full of opportunities to facilitate our student's love of reading. Our goal this month is to increase student's volume, stamina and love of reading. If they haven't caught the reading bug yet, we hope they will in March!

Thanks to your continued support and our amazing PTO, we will have a Book Fair, Suessabration with popcorn, and Author Philip Stead!

Please see page 2 for an interesting article about the importance of teaching children to be "Upstanders". Here is a video about bullying and the importance of being an "Upstander".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF6Y3TiDtBQ>

Our 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders are learning to "stand up for themselves and others" with Sensei.

We encourage children to report any thing that hurts their body or their feelings. Reporting being hurt is not tattling. The adults at school need students to report mean behavior for themselves and others. We can't hear everything.

Hartland Consolidated Schools is accepting kindergarten enrollment online at the district website:

[www.hartlandschools.us](http://www.hartlandschools.us).



Wishing you a "Lucky" Month,  
Mrs. Dotty Hottum

# THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING AN UPSTANDER

## What is an upstander? Why is it important to consider when we think about bullying?

An upstander is someone who says “no” to bullying. In virtually all bully-victim situations, there are witnesses who view or know about the act. We want to make sure our kids are part of a community where everyone—kids and grownups alike—makes the decision to be an upstander, rather than a passive bystander who does nothing. **See Something, Hear Something, Say Something!**

## Does being an upstander mean that my child (or I) has to directly confront people when they are acting as a bully?

**No!** There are lots of moments when a child or an adult may feel too scared to directly talk to a bully. There are other ways that kids and adults can be upstanders. A child, for example can tell a teacher.

One of the important activities that Upstanders/student leaders can become involved with is thinking about what will really help in your school. Reporting mean behavior is an important first step.

## Is “being an upstander” a new idea?

*(We are grateful to Marco Stoffel, Ph.D. who first suggested the term Upstanders to us in 2004.)*

**No.** In many ways this is another word for being socially responsible and being socially responsible is a foundation for democracy. In the words of our founding fathers, “we are only as strong as our weakest members.” We all have a responsibility to pay attention to others who are in trouble and help. In the world of bully prevention, we believe that the first two people to independently write about this are Ron Slaby, Ph.D. (Educational Development Center and Harvard University) and Stu Twemlow, MD (Menninger Foundation and the Baylor College of Medicine).

## How I can talk to my child about being an upstander.

Here are some questions that can help to start this kind of important discussion. If being an upstander is something that you value and want your children to understand and practice, these questions will support this process:

- Have you ever seen a friend or classmate being bullied? What are possible ways you can respond to the situation? How would each way affect other people involved?
- How would you like others to react if you were being bullied, targeted or excluded?
- What music, TV shows and movies promote kindness or upstander behavior?
- What are your special talents? What are the special talents of your friends and classmates? Why is it important to be different and work together?
- How is upstander behavior similar and/or different from being a hero?
- When you think about our country’s past, who would you consider to be an upstander/s? Who are our country’s current upstanders?
- When have you been an upstander? What is difficult or scary about being an upstander?

### If someone is mean to my child, what should they do?

- Say “Stop”
- If the other child continues, say “Stop or I will tell”
- If the child continues, your child needs to tell the nearest adult. When they report the behavior they need to say, “\_\_\_\_\_ was being mean. I asked him/her to stop 2 times. I need help.
- This helps adults know the difference between “tattling” and situations that require intervention.

## PTO

The Round Elementary PTO plays a vital role in the education of our students. We feel extremely fortunate to have a caring, energetic group of parents that volunteer their time and efforts to give our students the best experience possible. Please consider accepting a nomination or nominating yourself for a PTO Board position as the elections for the next school year will be held at the April meeting. To find out more, please join us at the next meeting on March 3rd at 4:00 pm.

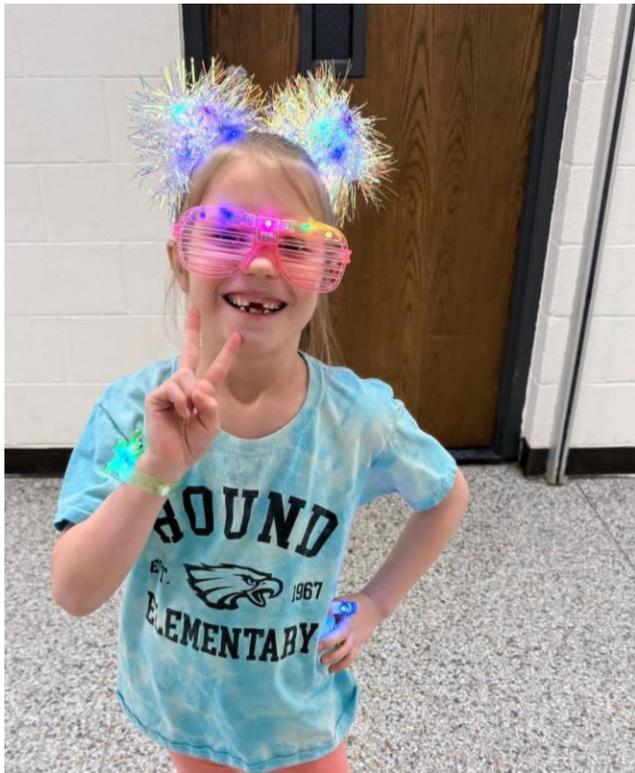
In the past 5 years, the PTO supported the purchase of playground equipment/toys, field trips, books (over \$20,000.00), chromebooks, shelving, Reflex/Frax math program, bookbags for incoming Kindergarteners, and many extra supplies for our classroom teachers. These dollars have enabled K-4 teachers to teach students in small reading groups and one-on-one to ensure our students are able to read successfully by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

In addition, PTO has provided many activities that support our school community and families such as Suessabration, Trunk or Treat, the Fun Run, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spirit Sticks, Glow Dance, Talent Show and Field Day.

All of the things that make Round wonderful require a dedicated volunteer group. Please consider volunteering for a PTO event and/or as a board member. **We want you on the TEAM!**



# Around the Round



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