

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**



**NEW HOMEWORK  
COMPUTER STATION**



**MAKING EYEBALL  
PILLOWS**



**WILD FLOWERS AT COLD SPRING  
PARK IN FALL BLOOM**

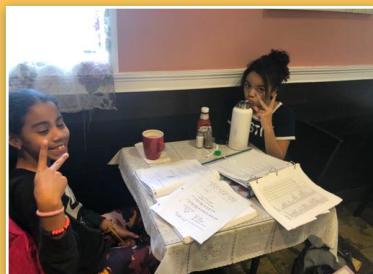
# HIGHLANDS AFTER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Early Release on October 30th** was a festive celebration of Halloween. We went to Kenmore Square and enjoyed lunch at Pizzeria Uno. On our return, we launched into an edible haunted houses and after a Halloween Bingo game.

The next early release is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. In December, we'll be heading to Boston for our annual trip to Copley Square. If there is interest, we'll offer a stay back option, with special activities. Details will follow in a few weeks.

*Homework Cafe  
@ the Eatery in  
Newton  
Highlands*



It was great fun bringing our homework to the local bakery and doing Homework Cafe. We try to do this a few times during the year, but because the store schedule is limited, we're not able to do it monthly.

# Things we're thankful for:

Family, Kpop, Brigham House, the Hyde Gym, my parents, being alive, friends and family, food, not being born in Russia or China, Halloween, cookies, homework cafe, HASP families, food on my plate, Christmas, my pet chickens, a good book, Halloween, my home, food, family, friends, family, good markers, sewing machines that work well, my cat, my family is alive and healthy, my dog, my job, wii day at HASP, capitalism, being alive, family, democracy, progress, Congress, family, all the kids at HASP, generosity, donations, my plants, gardens, trees, snow days, chocolate, holidays, birthday snacks at HASP & Thanksgiving!

## *Baking Classic Butter Cookies*



(LandOLakes) Recipe:

Ingredients~

1 cup soften butter

1 cup sugar

2 tablespoons OJ

1 tablespoon vanilla

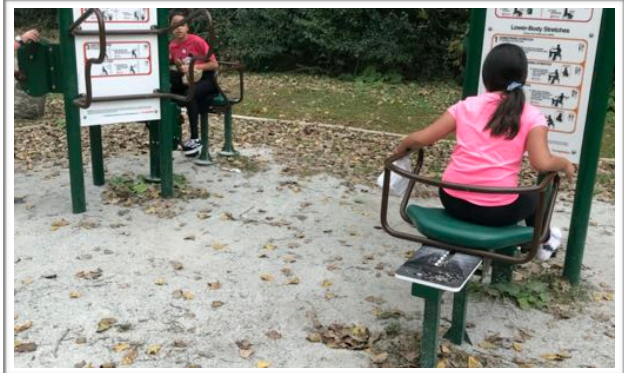
1 egg

2.5 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

Directions: Cream butter & sugar, mix in OJ, vanilla and egg and add flour and baking powder.

Refrigerate for 3 hours. Roll out dough and cut cookies. Bake at 350 for about 10 minutes.



**Our trips to Cold Spring Park and the Farmer's Market ended on October 26th on the final day for this seasonal activity. We purchased lots of goodies and enjoyed the beautiful park and walking the trails of this fantastic park.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Tuesday, November 5 Election Day Bake Sale**  
Donation accepted Monday & Tuesday morning!

**Wednesday, November 27 Early Release**  
**Pizza Party & Movie, with HASP closing**  
**at 4 pm.**

**Wednesday, December 4 Early Release**  
**Trip to Copley Square**

**December is staff appreciation month at HASP!**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Vacation from 12.20.19-1.2.20**



**Gym activities are offered almost every day!**



**Scary eyeball & candy corn pillow making and charades.**

**Dear Parents,**

**Candace, Francis, Kate and I have spent a lot of time discussing electronics and how they can best serve the children at HASP.**

**On the subject of computers, we created a designated computer area in the middle room of Brigham House for three reasons. First, it will allow us to better supervise what content is used. Second, we want to make sure our computers are treated gently (the sofas turned out to be a risky location for both) and lastly there are health risks to holding computers on laps. We ask that children who choose to bring their own computers use them at tables and not in the blue room. Our laptops are for homework all afternoon, and the desktops are for homework or creative activities until 5:00 pm. After 5:00, the desktops can be used to play games and watch appropriate content. We have a sign up sheet for “play computer time” and work to have it balanced fairly.**

**As for cell phones, we use a three point policy for phones at the program with teacher permission: to reach parents, to check on homework assignments, or to listen to music while doing homework. We are also making sure children do not use their phones while walking to and from Brigham House. The traffic on Hartford Street can be unpredictable and hazardous, so we don’t want children distracted while walking.**

**We ask for your help and support in reinforcing these policies. Please limit calls and texts to your children. As always, if you need to reach your child, you can call the HASP phone number. Lastly, we appreciate feedback. This is a challenging issue for all of us and new ideas are welcome as we work for positive solutions.**

**Best,  
Rochelle**



