

Attention 4th Grade Parents: Get ready to vote for School Council!

On Tuesday, September 15 at the 4th Grade Curriculum night you'll be asked to vote for a representative for school council. Please take a moment now to review the brief biographical information provided by each of the candidates.

The Education Reform Act of 1993 established School Councils to increase collaboration among all school and community stakeholders to strengthen teaching and learning for all students. The parent/community representatives will meet regularly with the principal and selected teachers to formulate a plan for improving our school.

The candidates for 4th grade representative this year are:

Abbie Rosenberg

Hi. My name is Abbie Rosenberg (Sisitsky). My husband and two children (Zachary, entering 4th grade and Evan, entering 3rd grade), moved to Hopkinton almost 7 years ago from Framingham. We chose Hopkinton due to the excellent school systems and the appealing community.

I am a nurse practitioner in psychiatry as well as a psychologist. I have a background working with all forms of psychiatric illness, specializing in anxiety and depression. During my training I developed patient and family educational classes which I held for several years in many Massachusetts communities. Currently I have a part-time private practice out of my home in Hopkinton, serving adults with depression, anxiety, transitional issues and marital issues.

Since moving to Hopkinton I have become an active member in the Hopkinton Running Club and In Hopkinton By Women (a group devoted to supporting Women who own their own business). I also established and chair the Sharon Timlin Memorial Race and Family Fun Day, which has been a successful fundraiser for the past six years, raising money for ALS research. I have also been involved with many HPTA functions, serving on the mini-marathon committee for the past two years. Additionally, I have served as a facilitator for the Voices for Vision and served on Elmwood school council, completing a two year term this past Spring.

I enjoy spending time in both of my children's classrooms and have been very impressed with the educational system thus far. I look forward to becoming a member of the Hopkins School Council for the next two years and hope to contribute to continued growth and excellence in our schools.

Thank you!

Joan Yenawine

My 4th grader came home from her first day of school saying, "I can't wait to go back tomorrow!" I'm Joan Yenawine, and I want every child attending Hopkinton schools to feel the same way, and I would welcome the opportunity to serve as the 4th grade parent representative to the School Council.

I've lived in Hopkinton for five years with my husband and two daughters. Our youngest will enter kindergarten next fall. My professional background is in marketing and communications for non-profits; currently I'm a Senior Writer for a large Boston-based charity. I have previously volunteered for the Global Child language program at Elmwood School, and am in my third year of volunteering for the religious education program at my church. Thank you for considering me for the School Council!