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Letter from the Director..

As the new Director of this department, I look back at where we started to where we are today. The Directors before me have done such a great job setting the standard for this department and continuing to grow the programming with the times. I am excited to have the opportunity to bring some of my ideas...my visions and those of my staff and the residents to

fruition. As we grow our Department to be more community focused, I will look for the support of the Town Manager, the Council and the Hermon Community. We will continue to strive to provide the best quality services to the residents of Hermon.

Michelle Thayer
Parks & Recreation Director



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End of Summer Celebration..

Throughout the year, Hermon Recreation strives to provide this community with quality recreational options for all ages and greatly appreciates the participation and volunteers in all of our programs! This summer as a “thank you” to our youth participants and their families, we invited them to join us for

an “*End of Summer Celebration*”. This event took place on Saturday, August 15 at the Hermon Elementary School. We had a full schedule of events ranging from a children's 1K road race sponsored by *Sweet Frog of Bangor* to a petting zoo, cupcake walk, scavenger hunt, bounce houses and obstacle course,

water activities, crafts, music and yummy treats... *just to name a few!* Many families that joined our event donated school supplies to help us fill backpacks for children in our community. Special thanks to *Douglass Photography* of Hermon for catching the day's excitement!

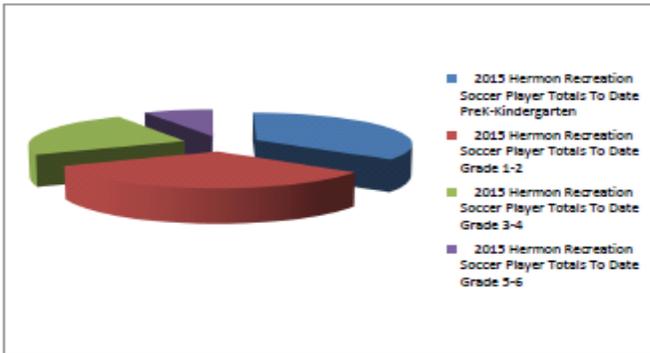


Youth Soccer...



On Saturday, September 12 we will begin our fall session of youth soccer. This year looks to be another great year with record #'s! For many players and parents, recreational soccer is their first introduction to organized sports. We want to make the game fun and introduce soccer to as many children as possible. We strive to give these children a positive experience and hopefully players will continue playing soccer year after year.

2015 Hermon Recreation Soccer Player Totals To Date			
PreK-Kindergarten	Grade 1-2	Grade 3-4	Grade 5-6
74	69	50	17
TOTAL PLAYERS		210	
TOTAL COACHES		40	
TOTAL TEAMS		21	



**all totals as of 9-9-15

Youth Tackle Football...

Tackle players learning how to tackle together...



Our players may not realize it when they start, but they will learn that football is not just about playing the game, but about so much more. They are benefiting physically, socially as well as emotionally from playing

football. They are a team and they practice and play as a team. They learn qualities of leadership and responsibility all while having fun! They will take what they learn and make this a great season to come! Our

numbers to date are 26 at the 5/6 level and 33 at the 7/8 level. Our first home game is on Sunday, September 13 at the Hermon Elementary School beginning at 12:00 p.m. Our families, players & coaches are looking forward to using our new scoreboard and goal posts!

What goes on behind the scenes...

This month, I will be talking about the planning that goes along with one of our upcoming events - the **Hermon Recreation Halloween Party**. This event will be taking place on Saturday, October 24 at the Hermon Elementary School. The space has been reserved and now we will begin planning what the event will look like this year. What games and

activities do we want? Are we going to serve *ghoulish goodies* like we have in the past? Are we going to have a haunted hallway, hayride or trick-o-treat alley? These are some of the details we will be finalizing in the next few weeks. The event flyer will be created and distributed...website will be updated and emails will be sent to all our Rec families. We will deco-

rate the gymnasium and cafeteria the evening before. This usually takes hours to give these areas the spooky...but children friendly...atmosphere. This event is always well attended and everyone leaves with a bag of goodies! Once the party is done the Rec staff, volunteers and HSD custodians clean up and put everything away for another year to come!



Before & After School Program...

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Open Monday - Friday
Before School 6:30-9:00 a.m.
After School 2:30-6:00 p.m.

We are open during School Vacations, Snow Days, and Early Release Days!

The 2015-16 school year is now in session. Whether our families are using our before school or after school program, they can be guaranteed that our new Director and her staff will be there to provide a quality program worthy of fun...creativity and physical activity! We have two age groups in

our program...the Cubs (Kindergarten age thru Grade 2) and the Bears (Grade 3 & up). Attached you will find a copy of our weekly schedule of activity as well as the new marketing brochure which the new director has put her personal touches on! I have no doubt that this year will be a great year!



Hermon Recreation Before and After School Program

outside schedule	Mystery Monday	Teamwork Tuesday	Work Out Wednesday	Thoughtful Thursday	Free Time Friday
3:10-3:40	Rec is closed. Labor Day	snack	snack	snack	snack
3:40-4:15		outside	outside	outside	outside
4:15-4:30		homework	free time in gym	free time in gym	
4:30-4:45		free time in gym	free time in gym	free time in gym	
4:45-5:00		café/gym activity	café/gym activity	café/gym activity	
5:00-5:15		crab soccer	fitness checklist	Fall Leaves Activity	free time
5:15-6:00	groups unite, free time in cafeteria	groups unite, free time in cafeteria	groups unite, free time in cafeteria		

September Week 2 (8/31-9/4) Grades K-2 Cubs

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3:10-3:40	Rec is closed. Labor Day	snack	snack	snack	snack
3:40-4:15		Pull			Gym
4:15-4:30		homework	homework	homework	
4:30-4:45		free time in gym	free time in gym	free time in gym	
4:45-5:00		café/gym activity	café/gym activity	café/gym activity	
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REC NUMBERS:

7 The total number of days our B&A Program has been in session this year.

20 The total number of Kindergarten students are registered in our B&A program this year!

134
CHILDREN

Are registered in our 2015-16 Before and After School Program.



Our September bulletin board and information area. Here you can find our B&A brochures, a copy of our monthly newsletter and calendar, and other flyers promoting Hermon Rec activities and events!

46

This is the average number of kids during our 7 days in session. We spend our time in the gym having free time as well as an organized activity. In the cafeteria, we build with Legos and Lincoln Logs. The children enjoy the board games Sorry and Monopoly. There are puzzles and card games being played every morning. We have also had time for crafts to take home with markers, glue and glitter!

Mornings at Hermon Rec are a great start to the day!



Our CUBS (grades K-2) take a break from homework to smile for the camera while the BEARS (grades 3 & up) use the gym for free time!

62

This is the average number of kids attending our afternoon session. The weather has been so nice that we have been able to spend time outside on the playground every day since school has started! The children also have been working on an "All About Me" project that will soon adorn the walls of Hermon Rec.



144

This is the total number of followers on Hermon Recreation's new Facebook Page!

COMPLIMENTS FROM PARENTS:

"This is awesome! So many great improvements to the program. Thanks for making Rec so much fun for the kids"

"Thank you so much for all your hard work to make Rec fun for all the kiddos! We really do appreciate all of you"

September

WELCOME TO HERMON REC!

Thank you for signing your child up for our program, we are so glad they're here. We at Hermon Rec hope you have all had an easy transition from summer to school mode. The first few days of our B&A Program have been busy and exciting! There have been a few changes to our program, one which requires your child to pack an afternoon snack and that has been going very well. We will also be sending out attendance/payment invoices

on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Please be sure to look over your invoices and let us know if you have questions.

Reminder: please remember to pay for your services at the beginning of each week.

Rec programming reminders: The youth soccer season will be starting on Saturday, September 12. Coaches have their team rosters and schedules. You should be hearing from them soon!

We need your help! Hermon Recreation offers Senior Citizen Programming. Do you know someone that might like to be part of our group? Our current list of activities consists of crafts, luncheons, board & card games, swimming, walking and bowling...just to name a few! Please contact the Rec office at 848-4075 to register!

Thank you to all who attended our End of Summer Celebration! We were also very grateful for the donations of school supplies to help us fill back packs for children in need at HES! We stuffed six back packs full of markers, pencils, folders and other items needed

for back to school. There were so many donations, we were able to give some HES teachers a few supplies too!

Lindsey Ouellette
Before & After School Director



We are now on Facebook! Please like and share our page!

Take a peek:



These are our new themed weekdays in addition to our daily routine. Every Afternoon we will have a new activity for you child to take part in!

- ▶ Mystery Monday
- ▶ Teamwork Tuesday
- ▶ Work Out Wednesday
- ▶ Thoughtful Thursday
- ▶ Free Time Friday

Our special snack this month will be on Thurs, 9/10.

We will watch Home and enjoy popcorn on Friday, 9/18.

ALSO...

We will be closed Labor Day Monday, September 7th.