



HASP'S FIRST SNOWMAN OF THE WINTER

# Highlands After-School Program DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

EDITION 45

## December at HASP

### SNOW

Although some appreciated it more than others, many at HASP enjoyed the first snow of the winter. As seen above, Stefan even managed to make a family of snowpeople. Kids played baseball by replacing the ball with snow, and much to the delight of the occasional pedestrian, some students threw armloads of snow into the air catching it on their heads.

### CRAFT SALE

Thank you to everyone who made purchases at our December craft sale. Students spent the early weeks of the month crafting to their hearts content. They made magnetic picture frames, ornaments, holiday coco mix, candles, and much more. Our hottest selling item this year was the 10cent candy cane sold by students manning the table.

### BAKING

There is always a lot of baking going on at the Brigham House and this month was no exception. Students helped Rochelle make pound cake and ice cream cake for a birthday celebration. Lots of holiday cookies were baked and decorated both to bring home and give to our reliable bus drivers and the folks who work for the transportation department. Last but not least, Rochelle made many latkes for snack on the Tuesday before break.

### HOMework CAFE

Once a month we offer what we call HW café. This involves a quiet trip over to our neighbor, Bread and Chocolate. Everyone who signs up gets to enjoy a small beverage while they read or do homework. This month was a hit with hot chocolate being the favored drink.



## Early Release

Our most recent early release day involved a trip to the Prudential Center and Newbury Street for some holiday shopping, or staying at the Brigham house for a circus workshop. The Boston group went to the Mac store, Newbury Comics, Anime Zakka, Ben and Jerry's, and a few other stores. Students came back with holiday gifts and overall deemed it a success.

The circus group went over to the Hyde gym where they learned and practiced a number of tricks. Students learned how to juggle; use Diablo sticks, Chinese yoyo, and they balanced spinning plates. Jeremy, the gentleman running the show, had the group active and practicing these new skills for over an hour. After the workshop, students came back to hasp for a relaxing afternoon watching a movie.



## Thank You!

Thanks again to everyone who supported HASP by making a purchase at the craft sale, and to those who bought a wooden spoon to support Project Bread. Additionally, the staff would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the staff appreciation fund; they were well received and greatly appreciated.





## Important Dates and Announcements:

- HASP FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER ~ 04-2707265
- SIGN UP FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 EARLY RELEASE WILL BE FROM JANUARY 23-27
- IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE A GENTLY AGED COMPUTER, LET US KNOW.
- ENROLLMENT FOR 2017-18 AT HASP BEGINS IN MARCH!
- THURSDAY, MARCH 9 IS AN EARLY RELEASE.
- SEE JANUARY'S CALENDAR NOTES FOR MORE ANNOUCEMENTS ...
- THANKS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!