



# Josiah Haynes School

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**HELP HOP ORDER 5 *ActivBoards* and *Activotes* BY THE END OF MAY AND REACH THE GOAL OF *ActivBoards* IN ALL HAYNES CLASSROOMS IN GRADES 3-5.**

- ◆ ALL OF THE OTHER SUDBURY PARENT ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE PURCHASING *ActivBoards* AT THIS TIME.
- ◆ THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN NO LONGER FUND TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES AS A RESULT OF THE FAILED OVERRIDE.
- ◆ IF WE WANT THIS STANDARD TECHNOLOGY IN OUR CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS, WE NEED TO ACT NOW.
- ◆ PLEASE CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION OF WHAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR FAMILY BY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>. A CONTRIBUTION OF \$105 PER FAMILY ACHIEVES THE GOAL OF \$31,500!
- ◆ *ActivBoard* DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE TEACHERS with Q&A SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT HAYNES ON MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FROM 3:40-4:45PM AND FROM 7:00-7:45PM.

**THIS COULD BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE THIS TECHNOLOGY UNTIL SPRING 2009.**

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your tax-deductible donation by May 27th to Meg Picornell, HOP Assistant Treasurer. Alternatively, you can drop off your form and donation at Haynes in the front office in the Tech Appeal box. Please make your check payable to HOP, Inc. The mailing address is:

HOP, Inc.  
c/o Meg Picornell  
44 Mossman Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776

----- Please detach and enclose with your contribution. -----

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of tax deductible donation: \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_\$105 \_\_\_Other

***Please check with your employer to see if they might match your contribution.***

Dear Haynes Parents,

May 2008

Haynes would not be Haynes without the generous financial support of parents. The money you donate through our Direct Appeal and events such as our Parent Auction go directly to fund our cultural and science enrichment programs, grade level events, and other necessary programs that support Haynes.

We are proud to announce that we have exceeded our fundraising goals this year! It is because of your support that we were able to raise \$57,139 and fund all of our school programs plus three ActivBoard packages! We now have ActivBoards in all three 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, one in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and one in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

The school district has requested that all PTOs make ActivBoard purchases by the end of May so that the ActivBoards are installed and teachers are trained by the fall. By purchasing ActivBoards now, Haynes will take advantage of the school district's implementation plan along with the other Sudbury elementary schools and the middle school whose fundraising activities have specifically focused on increasing classroom technology.

At the end of May, the school district is going to place an order for 23 ActivBoards for the other PTOs. We would like to be able to include Haynes in this order. This order will include ActivBoards and accessories. In our school, all of the classrooms that currently have ActivBoards will also benefit, because there will be an opportunity for us to acquire essential accessories, like Activotes and Activexpressions.

As we all know, the current Sudbury Public Schools (SPS) budget requires many cuts in funding district-wide. The district's technology budget will be able to support maintenance and repairs of existing equipment but will be unable to fund ActivBoards for the schools or subsidize installation and training as it has in the past. If HOP is unable to fund this effort by the end of May, it may be a full year before the school district is able to support ordering and implementing additional units.

With this end of year appeal, HOP has set a goal of raising \$31,500 by the end of May. These funds will be used to purchase five additional ActivBoard packages. Reaching this goal will allow Haynes students in every 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom to take advantage of this unique and effective learning tool.

We have approximately 300 families at Haynes, with a large percentage having made generous donations to past fundraising activities. We believe that if each family makes a contribution at a level with which they are comfortable, we will achieve our goal of enhancing our children's education through the use of innovative technology. Adding our order to the one that will be placed by the district at the end of May will allow us to have ActivBoards with trained teachers ready to go in the fall.

As always, your support and generosity are very much appreciated. This technology purchase is an important investment and one that is based on the knowledge that our children will benefit, and our school will have technology in the classrooms that is standard throughout many school districts.

Thank you!

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