

# Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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January 21, 2022

Good afternoon,

Happy Friday BMS families! Please see the following important information below:

- Please have a conversation with your students about the importance of Friday Folder communications coming home. I have heard many concerns about students not having important information from Friday folders and in discussing the concern with staff, there is a sense that students are taking communications and then throwing them out instead of bringing them home. We will continue to do our best to also make Friday Folder communications digital where possible.
- **PTO NEWS:**
  - Thank you for supporting the PTO Winter Scholastic Book Fair. \$1300 was donated to the DHBMS Library! We will have another fair in the Spring.
  - Support the Canterbury Elementary School & Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School PTOs by shopping at Better Valu Feb. 6-Feb. 19 and rounding up at the register. Remember, YOUR Superbowl party can be rounded up to support our students!
  - The next PTO meeting is on February 9th at 6 PM in the DHBMS Library. All are welcome! We have some great activities lined up for the Spring that will need volunteers.
- The NECC program is happy to announce a ten-week online Parent Leadership Training through UCONN's People Empowering People curriculum through grant funding. They are accepting applications for this training **through February 7th, 2022**. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Thank you Baldwin community and have a great weekend. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mr. Dukette

Principal, Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School



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SERVING THE TOWNS OF BROOKLYN, CANTERBURY, KILLINGLY, PLAINFIELD, PUTNAM,  
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## **FREE ONLINE 10 WEEK People Empowering People (PEP) PARENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING**



- ✓ *Do you have something you want to accomplish, but don't know where to begin?*
- ✓ *Do you want to make positive changes for yourself, your children & your community?*

**Who can participate?** Any parent or caregiver

**Where?** Online via Zoom Platform

**When?** Thursday evenings 6:00-8:00pm for 10 weeks: March 3, 2022 through May 12, 2022 (no session on April 21<sup>st</sup>). Tentative graduation date is June 2, 2022

**How do I Sign-Up?** Please scan the QR code or visit:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PEPLeadershipTraining>



**Space is limited. Sign up by:** Monday, February 7, 2022

**What if I need more information?** Please contact Shannon Haney: email: [haneys@putnam.k12.ct.us](mailto:haneys@putnam.k12.ct.us) or 860-963-6940.

**Participation Incentives!**

"PEP teaches you a lot about yourself. A huge benefit from the course was learning skills that I have continued to use in my everyday life."

Renee Toper , PEP Graduate

THESE SESSIONS WILL  
FOCUS ON:

- ✓ **Values**
- ✓ **Communication Skills: verbal, non-verbal & active listening**
- ✓ **Understanding the helping role: yourself, your children & others**
- ✓ **Problem Solving**
- ✓ **Action Planning**
- ✓ **Building upon personal strengths and life experiences**

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