

Deer Hill School News

December 19, 2014

Important Dates:

Dec. 24 – Jan 2	Vacation, No School
Jan. 5	School reopens
Jan. 8	PSO meeting, 9:30 am
Jan. 13	SEPAC Speaker, Pratt Library, 7:00 pm
Jan. 15	DH School Council meeting, 3:00 pm
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No school
Jan. 20	Ben Franklin Enrichment (grade 3 only)
Jan 26	Full Professional Day, No School

Deer Hill Circus Outstanding!

On December 5th our fifth grade students performed in acrobatics, juggling, plate spinning, stilt-walking, high-ball balancing, diabolos and devil sticks, even the Cirque –de Soleil style high wire fabrics! Each and every student took a risk and tried something new, and then overcame nervousness and performance jitters to perform in front of a crowd of over 500 people! We are all so proud of them! This amazing opportunity, in conjunction with Circus Kid Productions, is looking like it will make a great fifth grade tradition! Check out some great pictures at <http://jdechiara.weebly.com>!



Check out our high tech lobby!

We have 2 new exciting additions to our lobby. The first is the Lobby Guard visitor-screening system, which identifies visitors and prints out visitor badges so that we all can recognize authorized visitors to the school. The second is a Digital ePoster that lets us display media on a large 42 inch monitor! (Hint: Look up!) The screen was provided to us by funds from a generous grant from the Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF).

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) EVENTS

UNDERSTANDING MY CHILD'S LEARNING STYLE

January 13, 2014

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Paul Pratt Library, Community Room

Presented by Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN). The different ways in which people take in and generate information can greatly affect how and whether they succeed in school and in life. This workshop will

delve into different learning styles and show how they can be understood and harnessed to achieve success in many different environments, including the classroom.

**Parent-to-parent Support Coffee
January 21, 2014
11:00 – 1:00 pm**

Home of Co-Chair Helene Childs
73 Pond Street

Topics are parent-led and facilitated by SEPAC board. Great place for advice on anything from services to doctors and activities for siblings. Babies are welcome.

For more information regarding Cohasset SEPAC, please visit our website at www.CohassetSEPAC.org. As always, the meeting is free and open to the public

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Happy December!

I hope that everyone is ready for the holiday break. As we look to the upcoming days and weeks I encourage families to share with their children the importance of gratitude.

At this time of year I discuss with many students the glories of the season. We focus heavily on how to “give back” and the importance of being grateful. Lunch groups and the Kindness Squad watched videos about Kindness. I have attached a link to one of my favorites.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4-yXiRcjM>

Also I have attached an article on turning your kids into givers. It is a

quick read but reminds us the importance of “fostering gratitude and a spirit of giving in your children.”

<http://www.parenting.org/article/turn-your-kids-into-givers-this-holiday-season>

Please enjoy the break!

Mrs. Costa
Adjustment Counselor

Reminder for afternoon pickups: In order to alleviate backed up traffic on Sohier Street, drivers are asked to form a double line coming into the driveway rather than allowing cars to back up on the street. (If there is no back up and cars are moving down the line freely, there doesn't need to be a double line.)

***Most importantly:* Please leave enough time and be patient while picking up or dropping off your child. Accidents happen we are rushed and frustrated.**



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