

# Deer Hill School News

## January 23, 2015

### Important Dates:

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| Jan 26       | Full Professional Day, No School                       |
| Feb. 3       | SEPAC speaker and mtg. 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Pratt Library   |
| Feb. 4       | Early Release (12:40)                                  |
| Feb. 5       | DH PSO mtg. 9:30 am                                    |
| Feb. 6       | Readathon Opening Ceremony                             |
| Feb. 12      | States of the Union Enrichment (4 <sup>th</sup> grade) |
| Feb. 16 – 20 | Winter vacation  |

### School Crossing Guard

Some of you may have noticed that we have had some substitute school crossing guards lately. In conjunction with the Cohasset Police, Cohasset Schools has reposted to fill this position as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them respond to the local newspaper posting.

### KEEP THOSE BOX TOPS COMING!

Last month, Deer Hill received a check for \$695 from Box Tops! Keep clipping and submitting Box Tops - they directly translate to money for our school. Tell empty nesters and relatives that there is a box top collection container at the Paul Pratt Library. Please clip those coupons before they end up in the trash! Congratulations to Mrs. Moser's class for winning the Box Tops Trophy for November/December!



### READATHON 2015

The 2015 “Cohasset Reading Rocketeers” Read-a-thon begins on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Read-a-thon encourages students to read, while raising money for the Cohasset PSO. The Read-a-thon will feature special guest readers, read your heart out day and much more. The funds raised from the Read-a-thon will be put toward curriculum enrichment programs and teacher grants that support our school. Get ready to blast off with the Reading Rocketeers!

**SAVE THE DATE: PSO Basketball Showdown, Osgood vs. Deer Hill, Faculty and Parents, March 27th, 2015!** Mark your calendars for this great family event!

Our next Deer Hill PSO meeting is on February 5th at 9:30am in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

### COHASSET METCO HOST FAMILY NETWORK

A host family is a Cohasset family that provides support to a Boston METCO student while they are attending school in town. Support ranges from allowing

an occasional afternoon visit at your home on an early release day, to attending a school function on behalf of the Boston student. Not only do they provide a cultural exchange between families, hosts also assist in the adjustment of Boston students to their new school community. Because METCO students spend approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes in daily travel to and from Cohasset, those wanting to participate in after school activities must sometimes lose out on participating because of the distance away from home. For increased socialization and to help facilitate a smooth transition, hosts play a very important role.

Because we currently return to Boston on Early Release Days, hosting duties have changed. Instead of the monthly play date at the host's home (although that is still a possibility), we are now asking host families to be available to keep students in the event there is an emergency, an evening event at one of the schools, or a community event in town. But as always, the level of commitment is always determined by the participating families.

To sign up to be a host, please visit, the Cohasset METCO web page, [www.cohassetmetco.weebly.com](http://www.cohassetmetco.weebly.com), click on the Host Family Network tab at the top of the page and fill out the enrollment form. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the Cohasset METCO Program Office at (781) 383-2804 or Mrs. Aleisa Gittens-Carle, METCO Director, at [agittens-carle@cohassetk12.org](mailto:agittens-carle@cohassetk12.org).

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Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is accepting nominations for **Massachusetts Teacher of the Year**. This is an outstanding educator who demonstrates professionalism, leadership, excellent communication skills, and an outstanding and measurable commitment to student achievement and to the teaching profession. Anyone can nominate a teacher, including parents! Once a nomination is received, the teacher will receive information about completing the application. For more information, look up the DESE website at [www.doe.mass.edu/educators/recognition/toy](http://www.doe.mass.edu/educators/recognition/toy). The deadline to submit nominations is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

### **Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) EVENTS**

#### **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

**February 3, 2015**

**7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Paul Pratt Library, Community Room**

Presented by Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN). Let's help you to have the most beneficial IEP meetings! This workshop offers communication skill building and conflict resolution for parents in their roles as IEP Team members.

#### **SAVE THE DATES: MCAS 2015**

ELA, grades 3 – 5, March 23 – April 6

Math, grades 3 – 5, May 4 – May 19

Science, grade 5, May 5 – May 19