

Deer Hill School News

January 9, 2015

Important Dates:

- 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
- Feb. 6 Readathon Opening Ceremony

Thanks to all Knitters!

A heartfelt thank you to the Deer Hill community for all their effort and hard work in knitting beautiful hats for the women and children of Rosie's Place, a Boston-area homeless shelter. Since 1996, we have knit and delivered close to 3000 hats, and this year the hats were especially beautiful! Thank you to Carol Henvey (our knitting fairy!) for fixing up all those loose threads and holes, Pat LaLiberte for helping to teach the children to knit, and lastly, a big thank you goes out to all our hardworking student knitters, we could not have done it without you! Many people will be warm this winter all because of your kindness and generosity. Keep knitting!!!

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



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.CohassetSEPA.org. As always, the meeting is free and open to the public

Deer Hill School Awarded CEF, PSO Grants!

Once again, our school is the lucky recipient of several grants which will add tremendously to the quality of the teaching and learning at Deer Hill School. Some people don't realize, but our wonderful **Deer Hill PSO**, in addition to providing volunteerism, enrichment, parent communication, and widespread student and school support, also awards monetary grants to school staff who make requests to fund special projects. Recently, the PSO funded the following staff generated grants:

A schoolwide subscription to "**Adventure to Fitness.**" This series of on-line video adventures provides guided movement in the context of a highly engaging and educational adventure movie. It is a perfect activity for indoor recess. (\$499.99)

Mentor Texts to support writing units; Personal Narrative, Fairy Tale and Historical Fiction. (\$911.00)

Expedition XP40iw **Rechargeable Portable PA** with Handheld Wireless System. (\$240)

The Cohasset Education Foundation, (CEF), also continues to award generous grants to improve the quality of our programs:

Universal Design for Promoting Executive Function Funds from this grant will be used to purchase educational materials and furniture especially suited to meet the needs of students with challenges in the areas of executive function, attention, anxiety, and sensory integration. (\$11,127)

Digital Sign for the Deer Hill School Lobby This vivid technology shows off our students and programs to all visitors to our school. (\$1900)

Leading Future Learning PLC

To fund the creation of a Professional Learning Community which will promote the use of technology tools to enhance student learning and engagement and prepare students to be proficient in 21st century skills. Funds used for technology and training, including devices and materials, and conference attendance for 5 teachers at the MassCue two day conference. (\$6931)

Reminder for drop offs and pickups: In order to alleviate backed up traffic on Sohler 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.