

Deer Hill School News

March 6, 2015

Important Dates:

3/6	Readathon	Closing Ceremony, 1:30
3/9	EMC class lists published	
3/10	Weather: Wind, Water, and Temperature	
3/12	DH School Council meeting, 3:00	
3/19	Animal Adaptations,	
3/20	End of Term 2	
3/26	All District Band Concert, CHS Gym, 7:00	
3/27	Deer Hill/Osgood Basketball Showdown, 7:00 pm, CMHS gym	
3/27	Progress reports go home	

SUPPORT DEER HILL BASKETBALL TEAM!

The PSO sponsored Osgood vs. Deer Hill Basketball Showdown is just 3 weeks away on Friday, March 27! Discounted tickets are available now online! In addition, we are looking for volunteers to make this night happen!

Visit www.bitly.com/osdhibasketball to purchase tickets and to sign up to volunteer! Don't miss the chance to see Deer Hill faculty and parents bring home the trophy...again!

Show your Deer Hill spirit by wearing NAVY BLUE to the game. To buy the newly redesigned Deer Hill long sleeve t-shirt for \$15, contact Rebecca Synnestvedt at rjsynn@aol.com or 781.383.0898.



**Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) EVENTS:
DECIPHERING A
NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL
EVALUATION, Writing Measurable
Goals, and MEASURING Your
Child's Progress
April 7, 2015, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Paul Pratt Library, Community Room**

Presented by NESCA Neuropsychology.

5th GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY...the planning has begun!

The 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 26th! A flyer was emailed to 5th grade students last week. In order to get the pieces in place, we kindly request students send in their photo, donation, and questionnaire by Wednesday April 1st.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Any questions can be directed to co-chairs Marianne Fitzpatrick (fitzpatrick23@verizon.net) or Jen Miller (jencoakleymiller@mac.com)

A very special thanks to all of the families who helped make the **PSO Valentine Luncheon** a success!

Satara Wilson, Katie Norton, Karen Morrissey, Deanna Boyle, Laurie Greenip, Mary Burnieka, Montse Garriga, Helen-Anne Babiy, Katie Dugan, Monique Smith, Nicole Engles, Andrea Hillier, Deb Thomas, Joanne Molloy, Maureen Griffin, Catherine

Harvey, Trisha Lewis-Gibbons, Barbara Wrenn, Stacey Mulhern, Megan Brinzey, Gia Reyes, Michelle Appleby, Jennifer Connell, Maura Cosentino, Dannielle Squatrito, Betsy Crumley, Tracey Welsh, Sue Sheperd, Penny Najjar, An LeFevre, Carlene Lanier, Sharon Stade, Sharon Smith

**Special thanks to: Lisa Kupperstein
Trisha-Lewis Gibbons, PSO
Hospitality**

**SAVE THE DATES: MCAS Revised
Due to Snow Dates**

Thursday, 3/26 - Grade 5 ELA #1
Monday, 3/30 - Grade 4 ELA #1
Tuesday, 3/31 - Grade 3 Reading #1
Thursday, 4/2 - Grade 4 Long Comp
Monday, 4/6 - Grade 5 ELA #2
Tuesday, 4/7 - Grade 4, ELA #2
Friday, 4/10 - Grade 3 Reading #2

Keeping Students Safe...

This winter has challenged our ability to manage parking and pickups/drop offs safely and efficiently. Due to the piled up snow in both parking lots, it is difficult to navigate and to see around the corners. We have many more pickups than usual due to the fact that our walkers and bikers are being driven to and from school. In order to keep our students and staff safe, please observe these requests:

Before School: Drop off's before 8:15 am (band, before school activities) Drive up to the front door using the bus driveway.

Back doors open at 8:15 am. Please make sure your children are ready to exit the car on the right side only with minimal time devoted to goodbye's, looking for books, etc. (Every extra 3

seconds spent looking for an item means another car is backed up on Sohier Street – very dangerous)

Between 7:45 and 8:15 am – Please be mindful that this is the time most of our staff members arrive at work. Don't drive into the front parking lot in an attempt to avoid the drop off line in back. **Cars stopped at the flagpole to let out students create a back up of staff anxious to get into school and start the day on time. Before 8:15 – use the bus lane. After 8:15 – use the back drop off line.** Also, we are not able to provide student supervision before 8:15 am.

(There is signage in front that says "Do Not Enter, Buses Only between 8:00 – 9:00 am," but that is outdated for our purposes. Use the bus lane before 8:15 and after 8:30 am.)

Pickups: Usually we are able to create a double lane of cars entering the back parking lot for pickups, alleviating the backup on Sohier Street. However, due to the snow, there isn't always enough room for two cars coming in with adequate egress for cars leaving. We have begun dismissing student pickups 5 minutes early in order to alleviate this situation, but we still ask for your patience as we try to move the line along as efficiently as possible without compromising student safety.

Lost and Found: A surprising amount of coats and other winter items are in our Lost and Found on the cafeteria stage. On Thursday, April 2nd, we will donate all items to the Salvation Army.

METCO Needs Your Voice

There is a METCO March for Equity at the Massachusetts Statehouse on Thursday, March 19. (Rally at 9:00 am.) Cohasset

Public Schools has partnered with the METCO program for many years, a relationship which has strengthened and benefited all members of our school community. Please lend your support to this very worthwhile organization. For more details, see the flyer coming home with this newsletter.