

## Deer Hill School News

May 1, 2015

### Important Dates:

- May 4 – 8 Teacher Appreciation  
May 5 SEPAC mtg, Pratt Library, 7:00 pm  
May 6 School Committee 7:00  
May 6 Hats on for Nepal Day  
May 6 Walk to School Day 8:10 am (Pratt Library Parking Lot)  
May 7 DH PSO mtg. 9:30 am  
May 8 Cradles to Crayons final pickup  
May 8 – 21 MCAS Math and Science  
May 13 Early release day (12:40)  
May 20 School Committee 7:00 pm  
May 25 Memorial Day, no school  
May 26-28 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Recorder  
May 28 Spring Concert 7:00 pm

### Walk to School Day Wednesday, May 6

Please join us as we participate in the annual Massachusetts Walk to School Day, sponsored by Safe Routes to School, of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. We will meet in the parking lot at the Pratt Library and walk up Sohier Street at around 8:10 am.

### Student led fundraiser to assist the victims of the earthquake in Nepal:

#### Hats on for Nepal!

On Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Deer Hill School Kindness Squad and the Fourth Grade are collecting donations to send aid to the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. For a \$1 donation, students and staff are asked to wear a hat to show their support for this effort. Contributions will go to the Red Cross Organization, earmarked for Nepal.



### Spring MCAS Dates

**Math Sessions #1 and #2**  
Grade 3 May 14 and May 20  
Grade 4 May 15 and May 19  
Grade 5 May 8 and May 12

**Science Sessions #1 and #2**  
Grade 5 only. May 18 and May 21

**Regarding MCAS participation:** All students are required by law to participate in MCAS. Make ups are available for students who are absent due to illness up to the last day before test pick up. (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) Students may not leave MCAS midsession due to illness and resume testing when they are well. Therefore, it's better to keep your child at home if he or she is ill than to have them come to school for the sake of getting it done that day.

### Deer Hill Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week, May 4 – May 8

Next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week! Our teachers are dedicated to our students and to helping them become fully engaged citizens of the academic, technological, global, and social world. Every day they work toward developing students' interests, talents, skills, and understandings with a

vision of students' well-placed confidence in themselves as learners. At Deer Hill School, we recognize that all staff, including ancillary, administrative, special education support and counseling, play an essential role in carrying out this vision for our students, and so we honor all members of the Deer Hill School staff and faculty for the work that they do and the spirit in which they do it.



**You are invited to attend our year end recorder concert, to be held in the music room!**

**Tuesday, May 26th**

9:15 – Mrs. Jordan's class

1:15 – Mrs. Holland's class

**Wednesday May 27<sup>st</sup>**

10:15 – Mrs. Clark's class

11:00– Ms. Unangst class

1:30– Mrs. Massari / Robinson's

**Thursday, May 28th**

11:30– Mrs. Smith's class

Concerts should last no longer than one half hour. All students should still be practicing daily in preparation for our concerts!

**Attention Fifth Grade Families: The Annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser** Orders and payments will be due on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Delivery of your items will be in early June (we will let you know pick-up details as it gets closer...). Thank you and good luck with your fundraising efforts!  
Stacy Heinlein & Beth Mullaly

## **A message from Mrs. Connolly, Principal, CMHS...**

Greetings Families,

This is a reminder that there will be a middle school information night for 5th grade parents next Tuesday evening at 6 pm. The agenda includes:

- Introduction from me and Asst. Principal Kerri Sandler
- overview of middle school life and transition steps
- presentation from Camp Wing Director
- walk through the Camp Wing registration packet
- Lots of Q & A!

This evening is only for parents and caregivers. We have several separate events planned for students. I hope to see many of you there. Have a nice evening,

**Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) EVENT:  
Creating a Vision  
7 – 9 PM  
Paul Pratt Library**

Parents are guided through examples in how to transform their hopes and dreams into a written vision for their child's future. Participants will break down their vision into skill categories and engage in discussion about how those skills can be integrated into their child's IEP development. Presented by Brian J. McLaughlin, Attorney at Law, Federation for Children with Special Needs.