



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

April 2nd
8:25am - 9:45am

6th Grade Parent Orientation Meeting

April 4th
6:30pm

Celebrating 50 Years of METCO

April 6th
6:30pm

Spring Food Drive

April 8th - 10th

Joint School Committee Meeting

April 9th

International Night

April 26th

A Letter From the Presidents:

Dear Chickering friends and families,

When it comes to volunteering in your child's school some people think it's this huge "all or nothing" thing. We're happy to tell you that it's not and more importantly, a little can really go a long way! There's a lot of behind the - scenes work to be done at Chickering that doesn't require anything other than a willingness to give a little time and and a little energy. Everyone is good at something which means everyone has something to offer.

What are you good at? How can you apply your skills and passions to help build your child's school community? The trick is to look at what you're passionate about and apply it to volunteer work. Do you love art, music, gardening, event planning or computers? Many of these passions can be used to enhance Chickering School through volunteering with the Dover PTO. Our curriculum enrichment programs, teacher wish list items, book fairs and special events are organized by parent volunteers who believe that our kids are worth the extra effort. Helping to oversee some of these programs and events can help to give you and your child a more meaningful school experience and that should be motivation enough

6 - 8pm

**Joint School
Committee
Meeting**
April 30th

**Artful Adventure to
the MFA**
May 8th
12 - 4pm

Bike Safety Day
May 18th
2 - 4pm

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for anyone! We are currently seeking Chickering parents to fill open volunteer positions for the 2019 - 2020 school year. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone you think would be a great candidate visit bit.ly/ChickeringVolunteers. Not only will your volunteer efforts pay off by enhancing the school experience of our children, you'll feel pretty good about yourself, too! Doing good for others feels right - it's as simple as that. Have a wonderful April break this month!

Sincerely,

Sarah Puerini & Hannah Bowles

Dover PTO Co-Presidents 2018 - 2019

Staff Appreciation Breakfast **April 2nd 8:25am**

Pre-K parents and PTO Board Members will be hosting a breakfast for our bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria staff and Officer Harry. We are still in need of breakfast items. Please sign up using the following link:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F48A5AC2FAAF49-staff2>

Comment on the item you are bringing so that we do not have multiple platters of the same dish. Food items need to be dropped off to the cafeteria between 7:45am and 8:15am on the day of the breakfast (it's great if hot items can come towards the end of this window), and non-perishable items can also be dropped to Karen in the office any time the day before. Please her know the items are for the staff breakfast.

The breakfast will start promptly at 8:25am. Please label with your name any serving items brought from home and these will be washed after the event and left on the tables outside the office for collection.

Thank you so much for your efforts!

The Hospitality Team

Karen Anderson and Susanne Kluitmans-Erickson

METCO 50th Anniversary Party

April 6th at 6:30pm

Dover Legion

Come celebrate 50 years of METCO in Dover and Sherborn on Saturday, April 6th at 6:30pm at the Dover Legion!

The Dover Sherborn METCO Program and the DS METCO Scholarship Fund invite you to join us for a night celebrating 50 years of the DS METCO program. Whether you're an active participant, supporter, alumni, or community member we want to toast with you and share our take on the question: what does METCO mean to you?



The party will begin with live jazz music, followed by a short program during which a few people influenced by DS METCO will share their experiences. After that, the fun will continue with upbeat music and a chance to mingle with old and new friends. You can make your way to the cash bar, linger over some delicious bites from Pauline's Catering, and check out our unique raffle items.

For those who feel inclined, there will be opportunities to donate to DS METCO and the DS METCO Scholarship Fund throughout the evening.

Please RSVP at: <https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/253a41e3f0702891235a> and call or text **Mila Clark** at 774.567.5132 with any questions or inquiries. Thank you!

Spring Food Drive

Sponsored by the Make a Difference Club

April 8th - 10th

The 5th grade **Make a Difference Club** is once again sponsoring a food drive for the local pantry, A Place to Turn. Last year we collected over 1,300 pounds of food for A Place to Turn and they were incredibly grateful for our efforts. This year we hope to make a similar impact.



With summer upon us, the pantry is entering into their most critical (and often forgotten) time. With kids home from school, families are tasked with feeding their children more meals, and it is more important than ever to keep the shelves at the pantry stocked! The 5th grade MAD club would like to help with this and will be running an all-school food drive

the week of April, 8th. ***This food drive will take place over 3 days*** to help children see the power of collective effort.

Each student is encouraged to bring in bags of food Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday April 8-10th, and each classroom will count the number of items they collect. On April 10th, parent volunteers and fifth graders in the MAD Club will collect the food from hallways and bring the donations to A Place to Turn food pantry in Natick. Please see their website for more information about most needed and acceptable items to donate: <http://www.aplacetoturn-natick.org>. **NO EXPIRED ITEMS!**

IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Jelly/Jam and Peanut Butter, Canned Chicken, Rice (white or brown) and Baking Mixes

ALSO NEEDED: Dry Pasta, Beans, Cereal, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Dry & Canned Soup, Mac and Cheese, Canned Vegetables & Fruit (100% juice), Diapers, Shaving Products, Laundry/Cleaning Supplies, Snacks, Toilet paper, Tissues and Paper Towels.

Thank you for your help!

International Night

Friday, April 26th 6pm - 8pm
Chickering Cafeteria

Spots Still Available!

Chickering's Sixth Annual International Night is Friday, April 26th at 6pm. Don't miss one of the most popular community events of the year in which we sample cuisines from all over the world, including cultural regions of the United States! Do you have a particular heritage, nation, region or culture that you would like to showcase?

Then perhaps you would be interested in setting up a table displaying representative food, clothing and artifacts.

If you are interested in hosting a table please use the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CAAAA29A3FC1-international1>

Dance or other cultural performances are welcomed! Please email **Jenn Bender** or **Martha Holt Castle** at vp@doverpto.org if your child has a cultural dance they'd like to perform.

Artful Adventure to the MFA

Guided Tour of the Museum of Fine Arts
May 8, 2019 12:15pm - 4:30pm

Dover PTO's annual **Artful Adventure at the Museum of Fine Arts** will be held this year



on the afternoon of early release Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Last year we sold-out with 100 students joining the Artful Adventure, which includes a guided tour of the MFA and an individual art project. The tours are very well curated and differ every year, so returning students are exposed to different artwork each visit. The individual art projects are also different every year and based on the theme of the year's tour. Everyone has a really good time and learns a lot! Please note that space is strictly limited (the trip sold out 6 of the past 7 years), so don't wait until the last minute to sign-up. The trip is open to children in grades 1-5.



PARENTS: Please consider joining us as a chaperone this year. We literally couldn't make this trip work without parent chaperones. It is important that chaperones are available to join us not just at the MFA, but at Chickering before the kids are released from school so that they can assist with getting the kids into groups, fed lunch, and onto the buses. We have a limited number of spaces available for chaperones, so act fast if you want to join us. Also, please be aware that we cannot guarantee that all chaperones will be assigned to their children's group during the actual guided tour of the museum, as each group needs several chaperones, but there will be many opportunities to interact with your child during the trip.

REGISTRATION: Please register your child at <https://goo.gl/emx9gn> and send in your payment school by April 26th in an envelope labeled "**MFA Trip c/o Peter Hoffmann**". This trip is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait until the last minute. Checks should be made payable to Dover PTO. The total cost for each student is \$20, which includes admission to MFA, guided tour and art activity, snack, and round trip bus transportation. There is a \$10 cost for chaperones. If the trip is sold out, we will let you know and return your payment to you.

STUDENTS must bring a packed lunch from home to eat in the Chickering cafeteria before the bus ride. Our tour of the MFA is planned from 1.30 – 3 pm. The bus will leave from Chickering at 12:30 and will be back around 4:15pm. We will provide a snack before we board the buses back to Chickering.

Please don't hesitate to contact Community Outreach Chair, **Peter Hoffmann**, at community@doverpto.org with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities 2019 - 2020

Each year dedicated teachers, support staff, administration, and **PARENTS** help make Chickering Elementary an exceptional school! The Dover PTO is looking for Dedicated Parents to join our team. It's rewarding, it's important and it's even fun! Please click on the link to the below, review the positions available and please sign up for anything and everything you may be interested in. Also, if you truly enjoyed your position this year and

would like a chance to do it again, please sign up using the following link bit.ly/ChickeringVolunteers. We will be collecting signups throughout the month of April. The nomination committee will review the candidates and confirm volunteers in May.



The deadline for Committee Lead position sign ups is April 26th, 2019.

We thank you for your response and please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

The Dover PTO Nominating Committee:

Jackie Taylor - volunteers@doverpto.org

Ellie Beasley - coenrichment@doverpto.org

Curriculum Enrichment

In March, our students enjoyed Curriculum Enrichment programs such as:

- Paul Revere's Ride--- a re-enactment of Paul Revere's historic ride with our 3rd Grade
- Audubon visit with Broadmoor Naturalists in 3rd Grade



In April, we will be welcoming the following Curriculum Enrichment programs to Chickering:

- Bugworks—an interactive enrichment program specializing in live insects and other arthropods for our 1st Grade
- Barn Babies—a hands-on petting zoo experience for our Pre-K classes

These programs are all made possible by the generous funding provided by you and the Dover PTO!

To learn more about CE at Chickering, please visit: <http://www.doverpto.org/curriculum-enrichment>

- **Rachel Motley and Ellie Beasley**

Curriculum Enrichment Chairs

Portrait of a Dover-Sherborn Graduate

At DS, [The Innovation Committee](#) has been working on what the [Portrait of a DS](#)

[Graduate](#) looks like by delving into the essential question "***What skills do our graduates need for success in college, career and life in the 21st century?***". By answering this question we will be able to create a vision of expectations from our youngest learners to our graduating seniors that in turn will help to re-frame what we do as a school community to meet the needs of our diverse learners.

News and information will be posted on the new [Academic Innovation website](#) as the Innovation Committee continues to explore this initiative. Please consider following along and joining their [Facebook group](#) as they will be looking for your input and feedback.



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