



# NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Boston Celtics Afternoon**

January 21st, 2018

### **Family Movie Night**

January 26th, 2018

### **Science Fair**

March 11th, 2018

### **Mardi Gras**

#### **Auction**

March 24th, 2018

### **International Cultural Night**

April 27th, 2018

### **MFA Trip**

May 9th, 2018

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## **A Letter From the President:**

Dear Chickering friends and families:

As we enter December, we wanted to wish you a wonderful holiday season and highlight some of the great events coming in 2018.

The Dover PTO has planned some terrific events for next year, starting with an afternoon with the Celtics on January 21 and a Family Movie Night on January 26. We have the Science Fair planned for March 11 and our big Mardi Gras Auction on March 24. We hope to see you at some (or all!) of these events!

For more information on these activities, please read the newsletter below or visit our website.

Thanks for your continued support and enjoy the rest of the year.

Sincerely,

Jim McLaughlin  
Dover PTO President 2017-2018  
[president@doverpto.org](mailto:president@doverpto.org)

**International Cultural Night**



Chickering's Fifth Annual International Cultural Night is Friday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. 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!

And the festivities won't just stop with your stomach. Your eyes will feast on performances of international traditional cultural dances performed by none other than your own children.

This event is a community effort, so we're looking for volunteers. 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 contact Amy Baskin or Hannah Riley Bowles at [VP@doverpto.org](mailto:VP@doverpto.org).

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## Community Outreach Holiday Food Drive

The Holidays are here again, and what better time to teach our children about the importance of giving to others less fortunate. This year the 4th grade MAD club (Make A Difference) is conducting a new, **all-school Food Drive** starting **Monday, December 18** and ending **Wednesday, December 20**. The purpose is to build awareness among all students of the need for food within our own local communities and to motivate each child at Chickering to make a difference in the lives of others. Whereas past food drives collected food on an ongoing basis, this Food Drive will take place over 3 days to help children see the power of collective effort. Another Food Drive will take place in the spring, and it's important for children to know the need is ongoing.

Each student is encouraged to bring in food Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that week, and each classroom will count the number of items collected and place in bags outside rooms in the hallway. Parent volunteers and 4th 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>.

We will make an announcement of how many food items we collected so children realize the power of collective efforts and that they can truly make a difference.

Thank you all for your support!



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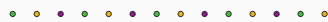
**Opportunity to be in class with your child and support the 2018 Mardi Gras auction!**



If you have any creative tendencies at all and can spare a little time to join your child's classmates during their art classes in January, we need you! Each K-4 class will be designing and developing a work of art to be auctioned off at the 2018 Mardi Gras auction on March 24th. This is super fun and exciting for the kids. You will be guided on the creativity part, so don't sweat it. The projects are expected to be completed in 1-2 art class sessions, and we are seeking 2 parent volunteers per class. Keep your eyes peeled for a Sign-Up Genius and more details coming soon or send an email to [cofundraising@doverpto.org](mailto:cofundraising@doverpto.org) if you're interested. Please include your name, cell phone number and teacher you are volunteering to support.



Save the Date:  
**March 24th 2018**



**Auction update!** Are you looking for a tax deduction for 2017? Contributing an auction item or a monetary donation to the Chickering auction is an answer that can help you and your child's school!

Did you know that the majority of our silent and live auction items are donated by generous parents like you? We are looking for a variety of donated items!

If you are interested in making a monetary donation to the auction fund, which supports our PTO-funded curriculum enrichment programs, teacher and classroom support, as well as many other PTO programs and initiatives, we welcome your support! It's tax deductible--- a win/win!

You can visit our auction webpage ([www.doverpto.org/auction2018](http://www.doverpto.org/auction2018)), and click the "Donation/Gift Form" button to download and print a donation, or click "Make a Gift Online" to make a donation via credit card.

Please email Kristen Griebel at [kgriebel2@gmail.com](mailto:kgriebel2@gmail.com) for donation/underwriting information, or any other questions regarding this event.

Thank you for your help and support!

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