

Dedham Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

November 22, 2021

Dear DMS Families,

It's hard to believe we are already at Thanksgiving week! I hope you have a holiday filled with family, delicious food, and moments of gratitude.

Here's what's happening this week and beyond:

- **Family Conferences:** I'm so pleased to share that 974 conferences were held over the last two weeks! Thank you for making the time to connect with our staff regarding your child's academic process. If you have feedback on the format, please let me know as we're always looking to improve.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday:** Please remember that we have an early dismissal on Wednesday at 11:35 am and no school on Thursday or Friday. We will offer grab and go lunches on Wednesday.
- **PTO Meeting:** You are all invited to the next PTO meeting on November 30th at 7:00 pm. Superintendent Welch will be joining us to discuss the next strategic plan. A zoom link will be provided next week.
- **PTO Fundraiser:** It's the last week for the fundraiser. The winning homeroom will get a pizza party!
- **Term 1:** The first trimester will be ending on Friday December 3rd. Now is a great time to check PowerSchool to see if your child is missing any assignments.
- **Winter Sports:** Since moving our second lunch seating area from the gym to the library, we are now able to offer winter basketball to grades 7 & 8. For details, refer to the email from Athletic Director Traister or [CLICK HERE FOR WINTER ATHLETIC REGISTRATION](#).
- **Library Newsletter:** Please take a moment to read what's going on in our library! And for a giggle, ask your child about the question of the week that I read on the morning announcements.
- **Blue Hills Showcase:** If your 8th grader is participating in the Blue Hills Showcase tomorrow, the bus will be leaving at 8:15 am sharp!

Practicing gratitude is an important part of my life and this week is no exception. I'd like to express my appreciation to each of you for partnership in this middle school journey. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with your children each and every day!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Karen

File attachments:

[flyers for emails wk of 11-22-Batch 1.pdf](#)

[DMS Library Letter November 2021.pdf](#)

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