

Dedham Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear DMS Families,

Sometimes, weeks are so busy...they require TWO updates. It's one of those weeks at DMS!

A few more notes:

- **From Nurse Farrar:** Nurse Averill and I will be starting grade-based health screenings next week. Can you believe it is a "normal" school nurse duty? For more information on MA state-mandated screenings including grades and screening types, you can click [here](#). If for any reason you DO NOT want your student to participate in the state-mandated screenings, please fill out this [form](#). As always I thank you for your help, support, and most of all your patience over this past year!
- **Sound of Music:** Support drama at DMS! 100% of the "Well Wishes" donations in the Sound of Music program book go back to the drama productions at our school. Shout out support and thank students, staff, friends... 1-35 characters (\$15), 35-50 characters (\$25). Deadline April 28. More details and sign up [here](#).
- **MCAS:** One more reminder about tomorrow and Friday's tests! In yesterday's presentation, I asked students to get a good night's sleep (you are welcome to blame me at bedtime tonight!) and be sure to get to school on time (by 8:05 am). Chromebooks need to be charged overnight as well.

I'm incredibly proud of our students' behavior during our MCAS presentations yesterday. We have not assembled frequently over the past two years and therefore they were understandably a bit out of practice. During this morning's announcements, I praised their attentiveness and respect while Superintendent Welch and I discussed this year's MCAS expectations.

Have a wonderful evening,
Karen

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