

Dedham Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear DMS Families,

Thank you so much for all of your support and generosity last week during Teacher Appreciation Week! I'd like to also express my gratitude to our PTO for organizing everything for our teachers!

Here's what's going on this week:

- **Assistant Principal Update:** Thank you again to the AP Search Committee (including 3 parents!) for their contributions to our process. I am pleased to announce that Mr. George Benzie will begin on July 1st and the next DMS Assistant Principal. Mr. Benzie comes to us with many years as a secondary administrator, most recently in Wayland and Wellesley. Since student voice is so important at DMS, here are excerpts from the feedback forms after they interviewed Mr. Benzie, "I really like him, he is caring for kids, and would be a great fit for DMS. He finds our 3 R's very important, he is really exciting, and has humor." Another remarked, "Seems like a leader, listener, and someone who wants to get to know the students and help them..accepting, upstander, inclusionary, and respectful," "10/10!"
- **Sound of Music:** Wow! It was amazing to see a full auditorium on Friday night for our spring musical! Kudos to the cast and crew for their hard work in preparing for the performances. And of course thank you to Mr. Wray and Ms. Petersen for their leadership!
- **MCAS:** We will administer the math MCAS on Thursday and Friday this week. As a reminder, it is critical that your child arrives at school on time (**8:05 am**) with a charged chromebook.
- **Progress Reports:** Trimester 3 progress report grades and comments will be posted on Friday, May 13th.
- **Summer Academic Support:** Based on Trimester 3 grades at progress report time, I will be contacting families regarding potential summer academic support in English and math.
- **Library Newsletter:** Please take a moment to review the spring newsletter from Mrs. Matthews in the library!
- **Art Show:** Please mark your calendar for the Dedham Art Show on May 26th from 5:00-7:00 pm at DMS.

I hope all the moms, grandmas, aunts, and caregivers had a wonderful Mother's Day yesterday!

With gratitude,

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