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Spotlight on Dedham High School

On May 16th, 40 DHS students were inducted into the Dedham High School National Honor Society. This included 29 members of the sophomore class, four members of the junior class and seven members of the senior class. Current members of NHS inducted their fellow classmates. Several upperclassmen had the honor of inducting their siblings into the Society.

Some of the colleges senior members of NHS will be attending are Bentley College, Boston College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brown University, College of the Holy Cross, Hofstra University, Quinnipiac University, New York University, Northeastern University and Skidmore College.

District Administration and School Committee

It is with very mixed emotions that I announce my resignation as the Superintendent of the Dedham Public Schools. As many of you are aware, I have had the honor to serve as superintendent for almost six years. On July 1, I will officially become the Superintendent for the Mendon-Upton Regional School District. As I begin to close out my remaining days in Dedham, I am often reminded of the many positive experiences I have had here. Most importantly, I shall always be appreciative of the opportunity to have known and worked with so many caring and dedicated individuals. The Dedham community should take pride in knowing that they have an excellent educational model that is provided to students each and every day. When I look back at my experiences here, I am proud of the accomplishments the district has made to improve the quality of education.

Although I am excited to begin the next phase in my professional career, I will always respect and look back fondly on my time in Dedham. I am confident that the future holds many great opportunities for the students in Dedham and the district will continue to be a leader in educational reform. Thank you for your support and all you do to promote education.

~Sincerely, Antonio J. Fernandes, Jr.

Dedham High School

- The Junior/Senior Prom, held on May 19th at the Quincy Marriott Hotel, was attended by 360 students. Attendees gathered prior to the event at the Endicott Estate for a pre-prom reception and pictures.
- On June 4th, the Class of 2006 will hold the annual Senior Class Outing aboard the M/V New Boston. Coach buses will take the students from Dedham High School to Rowes Wharf, Boston Harbor. Seniors receive their yearbooks at the outing.
- Class Evening will be held on June 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Mr. Joseph Brogan will lead a musical prelude at 6:30 p.m. Graduating seniors and outstanding alumni will be honored at this event.
- Graduation will be held at Veteran's Memorial Field at Stone Park on June 7 at 5:30 p.m. State Representative Robert Coughlin will be the featured speaker.

June 13th
DEP/PTO Board
Training

June 20th
Last Day of
Preschool and
Kindergarten
Classes

June 21st
Last Day of School
for Grades 1-12

September 6th
Preschool/
Kindergarten
Orientation

September 7th
First full day of
School 2006-2007
School Year

June 3rd
SATs

June 4th
Senior Class Day,
Boston Harbor
Cruise

June 5th
Class Evening

June 7th
Class of 2006
Graduation

Attention DHS parents!

The administration is conducting a survey of all high school parents as part of an effort to assess and improve various programs.

The survey is online at www.dedham.k12.ma.us.

If you don't have access to the internet, call the administration office at 781-326-5622 x11, leave your name and address and a survey will be sent to you. Stay tuned for surveys of other parents and teachers.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dedham Middle School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Spanish and French exams were recently administered at DMS. Students of Ms. Bird, Ms. Walter, Ms. Farry and Ms. Reilley participated in the challenging exams. The school administration and staff congratulate all the 7th graders who participated. Susannah White is a national award winner in the 7th Grade French exam. She will receive an award from the American Association of Teachers of French. Melissa St. Preux, Lauren Totino, Meghan Dwan, Gabby Bansie and Kayla Cunningham received certificates from the association based on their high scores. Giovanna Guzman, a 7th Grade Spanish student, received one of the highest scores in Eastern Massachusetts on the National Spanish exam. Giovanna will receive an award from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish. Josh Piccone received a certificate from the association based on his high score. 	<p>*June 5th-12th* Final Exams</p> <p>*June 13th* Vocal Night</p> <p>*June 15th* DMSPG Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Avery Elementary School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avery School was one of 130 schools in the country selected for a 2006 HP Technology for Teaching grant. The grant program is designed to transform and improve learning in the classroom through innovative uses of technology. Avery School will receive an HP award package valued at more than \$35,000, which will include five HP Tablet PCs, five HP multimedia projectors, five HP digital cameras, five HP all-in-one printer/scanner/copiers, software and accessories, a cash stipend for each teacher and a professional development program that includes customized learning opportunities, expert mentoring and participation in an online learning community to support teachers' use of technology. Team members responsible for the writing of this grant were teachers' Allison Kieffner, Ellen Sexton, Michelle Joyce, Shannon Foley, K-12 Technology Coordinator Paula Marini, and Principal Chris Campbell. 	<p>*June 8th* Multicultural Day Celebration</p> <p>*June 9th* Literacy Day & Family Fun Night</p> <p>*June 15* Spring Concert</p> <p>*June 20th* Grade 5 graduations</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Curran Early Childhood Education Center</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual preschool picnic is scheduled for Thursday, June 15 (rain date: June 16). All preschool students, parents and siblings are invited to come to school fun, games, and a celebration of a year of learning. The event runs from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on the field adjacent to the school. There are no preschool classes held the day of the picnic, and an adult family member must accompany the students. The plans for transitioning our kindergarten students to grade 1 are in full swing. Parent input forms have been submitted to the receiving elementary principals. Teachers are preparing an individual profile on the progress of each student that will also go to the new principals. On June 13, kindergarten students will visit their new classroom and will meet the teachers. On June 14, parents of kindergarten students will be able to visit the elementary schools as well. We hope to make this a positive experience for the children. 	<p>*June 13th* Kindergarten visits the elementary schools</p> <p>*June 14th* Kindergarten parent open house at elementary schools</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Greenlodge Elementary School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual Variety Show was a huge success again this year with close to 100 students participating in over 25 performances. Many thanks to the students for their participation, the parents for their support, and especially to Kathy Burns for organizing the show. The Teachers Appreciation Luncheon was held on May 19th. With the help of many parents, the teachers were treated to a nice lunch while parents filled in for them in the classroom. 	<p>*June 7th & 8th* Literacy Fair</p> <p>*June 9th* Field Day</p> <p>*June 12th* Book Swap</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Oakdale Elementary School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oakdale is preparing for their International Day Celebration. Educational activities begin on June 9th with a kick off by master story performer Leeny Del Seamonds. Each classroom in Oakdale School has been focusing on a different country. They have been learning about the country's culture, language, people, and climate. As a culminating activity, an International Celebration will take place on June 16th. Students will share expertise and knowledge of their chosen country. Students will participate in an assembly, an international parade, and an international food tasting. 	<p>*June 8th* Spring Concert</p> <p>*June 12th* Governance Council Meeting</p> <p>*June 15th* 5th Grade Barbeque</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Riverdale Elementary School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riverdale School ended the Read-a-while, Walk-a-mile program with an assembly honoring those students who participated. Ayla Brown of American Idol fame treated the children to several songs and words of encouragement. On May 17th the Dedham School Committee honored the top readers and walkers from each Riverdale classroom. The following students were in attendance and honored: Jack Herndon (1C), Norah McGregor (1D), Michael Linnehan (1K), Natalie Raposo (2C), Amelia Amato (2P), Kristiana Grinbergs (3D), Andres Molano (3M), Boski Patel (4F), Jennifer Guccione (4W), Jeffrey Letourneau (5C) and Victoria Walter (5H). Many family members and Riverdale staff were in attendance at this meeting. 	<p>*June 15th* Grade 5 Play and school wide art exhibit</p> <p>*June 20th* Grade 5 Class Day & Nobles Pool Party</p>
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