



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAC Submission
Deadline**
November 8th

Parent's Night Out
November 9th
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

BOKS
Beginning on
November 15th

**Challenge Success
Speaker**
November 16th
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Meadow Farms
Fundraising
Deadline**
November 17th

**Boston Celtics
Afternoon**
January 21st, 2018

**Mardi Gras
Auction**
March 24th, 2018

MFA Trip

A Letter From the President:

Dear Chickering friends and families:

As we enter the holiday season, I want to give thanks for a great start to the school year and to all of the volunteers, parents, children, staff, teachers and administrators who make Chickering such a great place to learn and grow!

We have had wonderful curriculum enrichment programs in school and fun community events with Parents' Night Out coming this week at the Dover American Legion.

The incredible amount of candy that has been donated to the troops this past week is a further reminder of how fortunate we are to live and have our children attend school in a place like Dover - thank you again to everyone who has helped make all of these events happen.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Jim McLaughlin
Dover PTO President 2017-2018
president@doverpto.org

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Curriculum Enrichment

Curriculum Enrichment is off to a great start for the 2017-2018 school year! We are thrilled to have so many wonderful volunteers giving so much of their time to plan and attend so many of our wonderful programs! The beautiful weather we've had this fall has been a huge bonus when it comes to our **Audubon/Broadmoor Nature Programs**, and the kids have really enjoyed these visits! During the month of October, the 3rd graders were visited by **author Suzy Kline**. The 4th graders learned about **Rocks and Minerals with a visit from Dig-It**, and the 2nd graders were introduced to **"States of Matter" with a visit from the Museum of Science**. In the month of November, we are looking forward to **Ted Scheu, The Poetry Guy**, visiting the 4th grade and authors **Maryann Cocca-Leffler, Brian Lies** and **Jackie Davies** visiting the 1st, 2nd and 5th grades respectively. There are so many interesting programs planned throughout the year for our lucky students. These programs are all made possible by the generous funding from you and the Dover PTO!



Janet DeBevoise and Rachel Motley
Curriculum Enrichment Co-chairs
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SAC Member Recruitment for School Year 2017-2018

Parent/Guardians are invited to join the School Advisory Council (SAC) for the 2017-2018 school year. The School Advisory Council is an important body that addresses students' curricular and extracurricular needs, works to increase home-school support and communication, and encourages investment and participation in the life of the school. **We are seeking two new parent members for the 2017-2018 school year, as well as one community member.** *The latter is defined as a Dover resident without children in the school. This could be the parent of a student at the region who has an interest in continuing support of Chickering.*

The main topic for discussion this year is cultural responsiveness and being a school where everyone belongs. We would love to have you join us! Meetings will be held every 4-6 weeks, before school on Wednesdays, allowing a high level of parent participation.

School Councils are designed to assist the principal and are responsible for examining the needs of students, adopting educational goals for the school that reflect state and district goals, and creating a School Improvement Plan (SIP) annually. Per Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 59C, all public schools must maintain a School Council, comprised of parents/guardians, educators, an administrator and a community member.

would contribute a certain lens. **We seek a diverse set of perspectives, and people who represent the range of students and families within the school community.** If interested, please email Laura Dayal at dayall@doversherborn.org by **Wednesday, November 8th** with a subject heading "SAC Member Interest." Applicant statements will be shared with the parent community, and per Massachusetts law, SAC members will be elected by parents at Chickering through the PTO, under the direction of the principal.

We look forward to developing a council of educators, parents, and a community member that is dedicated to growth and collaboration, and works to continually improve the overall experience at Chickering. Please consider joining the School Advisory Council.

Note: SAC is separate from the PTO. PTO's support in recruiting and electing parents, per MA law, is greatly appreciated.

Parents' Night Out

Join fellow Chickering parents at the Dover Legion on **Thursday, November 9**, to mix and mingle and learn more about each other as well as the PTO. The event runs from 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm. Hope to see you all there! **To RSVP please email Amy and Hannah at vp@doverpto.org**



By Special Request:

Meadow Farms Fundraising Sale – EXTENDED through Nov. 17!

Due to popular demand, the Meadow Farms catalog sale is being extended through November 17! Use the link below for easy ordering. Share it with out-of-town family and friends!

<http://shop.meadowfarms.com/index.asp?PID=1056061>

Feel free to contact Deena with any questions at cofundraising@doverpto.org.

BOKS (Build Our Kids Success) Morning Exercise Program is open for enrollment once again!

Check out this wonderful program at <https://www.bokskids.org/about-boks>.

Please follow this link to



BOKS is a FREE morning exercise program running **ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS** from November 15th - February 2, 2018 The program runs from 7:40- 8:20 a.m. in the Chickering Gym. The program is open to children in grades K-5. **At this time we cannot take preschool students.** Students **must wear sneakers** and be able to fully participate to attend.

BOKS is run by unpaid parent volunteers. If your child registers, we ask that a parent/guardian volunteer at least once during the session. We cannot run the program without a safe trainer/student ratio.

Please sign up each child in your family separately. Please plan to also volunteer using the Sign-Up Genius at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544aaa923aa8-boks3>

We have limited space available.

Lastly, we are also looking for a few parents to take the BOKS training to continue the program beyond this academic year – **if you are interested in this, or if you have any questions please email Missy Gramer at mgramer@verizon.net**

Boston Celtics Afternoon

The PTO Celtics Afternoon is January 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. The Celtics will be playing the Orlando Magic. Order forms and payment are due by December 15, 2017; however, tickets are limited and orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.



For more information or to purchase tickets please email Amy and Hannah at vp@dovertpto.org



John O'Sullivan, Founder and CEO of Changing the Game Project to speak about:

"Changing the Game: Helping Your Athletes to Develop Excellence in Sports and Life"

Thursday, November 16
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Mudge Auditorium

DS Challenge Success and DS Boosters are pleased to bring John O'Sullivan, Founder and CEO of Changing the Game Project, to the DS Community on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, November 16th. He will address strategies to promote a healthy sports experience for our athletes - helping them achieve their potential on the field, court, course, track, rink, in the gym and in the pool - while having a positive and rewarding season.

John will begin addressing DS Student Athlete after school, followed by a meeting with the coaches and any interested youth coaches. At 6:30 pm, John will speak to parents, guardians and community members in Mudge Auditorium. All are encouraged to attend!

For more information, visit John's website at www.changingthegameproject.com

Community Outreach



METCO

The PTO's METCO committee organized an event for Chickering's METCO kids and their classmates during the second Parent-Teacher conference day on October 18th. The kids had a lot of fun participating in an active program led by Knucklebones. We plan on organizing additional drop-ins during the Parent-Teacher conferences in the Spring. **Please contact Peter Hoffmann at community@doverpto.org to learn more about Chickering's METCO activities.**

Make A Difference Club

The PTO's Make A Difference Club ("MAD") is a program available to Chickering's 4th graders, designed to present students with opportunities to contribute and "make a difference" within their community. 4th grade parents Whitney Gilchrist, Beth Wyers and Monica Herrera have generously offered to run the program this year. Among other plans for the year, MAD is hard at work bringing a Buddy Bench to Chickering and will be leading a newly-formatted food drive that will run twice a year schoolwide at Chickering (replacing the monthly-by-grade format utilized in prior years).

4th grade parents can contact Peter Hoffmann at community@doverpto.org to find out more about getting involved in MAD.

Artful Adventure to the Museum of Fine Arts

Save the Date: This year's Artful Adventure to the Museum of Fine Arts is scheduled for May 9th, 2018 (an early release day). Registration will begin as usual in early 2018 for students in the 1st to 5th grades. **Parents can contact Peter Hoffmann at community@doverpto.org to express early interest in chaperoning this year's trip, as space is always limited.**

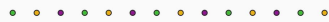


Beads and Bidding - Bourbon Street Comes to Dover!

The Dover PTO invites you to join us for our signature party and major fundraiser of the year to be held at Chickering School on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Mark your calendar now and get ready to be transported to Bourbon Street!



Save the Date:
March 24th 2018



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 will 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 such as:

- Tickets to a sporting event, concert or the theater
- Week/weekend at a vacation home
- Dinner at a favorite restaurant or a chef to cook at someone's home
- Landscaping, limo, or design services
- A piece of artwork or signed sports memorabilia

If you are interested in making a contribution to help underwrite this event, we invite you to choose from the suggested sponsorship levels below. Your support is greatly appreciated and your generosity will be recognized in the evening's program.

***Royalty of the Carnival: \$750+**

***Gold Level: \$500 - \$749**

Purple Level: \$250 - \$499

Green Level: \$25-\$249

Royalty and Gold Level donors will receive a special prize and recognition at the event

Please email Kristen Griebel at kgriebel2@gmail.com with donation/underwriting information, or any other questions regarding this event.

Thank you for your help and support!

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