



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Science Fair &  
Science Quest**  
March 10th

**Staff Appreciation  
Breakfast**  
March 13th

**Mardi Gras  
Auction**  
March 24th

**5th + 2nd grade  
Teacher Brunch**  
March 28th

**International  
Cultural Night**  
April 27th

**Bike Safety Day**  
May 5th

**MFA Trip**  
May 9th

**3rd + 1st grade  
Teacher**

### **A Letter From the President:**

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Hello Chickering family and friends!

I can't believe it is already March - what an exciting month for the Chickering PTO! March 10th is our annual Science Fair and, of course, March 24th is our biennial auction - this year's theme is Mardi Gras! I hope to see you there - remember bid early and bid often! Your generous donations enable the support of teachers, staff and the school - both directly with grants and scholarships and Curriculum Enrichment programs, both at the grade level and school-wide.

Best wishes,

Jim McLaughlin

Dover PTO President 2017-2018

May 9th

**Dover School  
Committee  
Meeting**  
May 14th

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## Latest Auction Scoop!

**Beads and Bidding---Bourbon Street Comes to Dover**

**Saturday, March 24- 6-11pm; Auctions (Live and Silent); DJ and Dancing**

Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler! Join your friends as Chickering is transformed into a Mardi Gras Carnival for the biggest fundraiser of the year! Below are some details to help plan your night (or you can download the full [Auction Scoop flyer here](#)).



### Hours:

Come early! The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the announcement of classroom raffle winners and our highly anticipated \$25 mystery item trays.

### What to Wear, Whatever! Anything Goes:

If you're wondering what to wear or are planning on wearing a costume, know that anything goes on Mardi Gras! Elaborate costumes, masks, and crazy outfits are the norm for anyone wanting to go all out for this celebration! Don't want to wear a costume? That's ok! You'll fit right in wearing purple, green, and gold. Most importantly, dress comfortably and get ready for a night of fun!

### Tickets:

Invitations were sent home in backpacks on **"Fat Tuesday"** so be sure to RSVP soon. **If you didn't receive one, you can pick one up at the front desk.** We will be selling tickets at the March 7 and March 14 conferences as well as the March 10 Science Fair. You may also purchase event and drink tickets online anytime at [www.doverpto.org/auction2018](http://www.doverpto.org/auction2018). Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door.

### Food and Drink:

options are Wine, Beer, Prosecco and a signature Voo Doo Punch. And, of course, a variety of free non-alcoholic drinks will also be available.

Let us know if you have ANY questions. See you on March 24!



## Chickering Science Fair

March 10th, 2018  
Chickering Cafeteria  
10am - 11:30am



The Chickering Science Fair will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM in the Chickering Cafeteria. The Science Fair is an optional, fun and fantastic event with the goal to inspire the minds of our students with science and engineering. Set up will take place from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM and project viewing will begin at 10:30 AM.

Students from any grade can enter a project in the fair and all work should be done by the student. However, parents are encouraged to guide their child with the project, especially in using the Scientific Method. To enter, a student simply chooses a project from one of the following categories:

1. Classification/Collection
2. Hypothesis/Theory/Question
3. Invention/Innovation

Once your child chooses a project, submit a registration form to the teacher by Thursday, March 1st. Registration forms were distributed in backpacks and are also available on the PTO website.

For more detailed information on project categories, ideas, rules and regulations please go online to <http://chickeringscifair.wixsite.com/chickeringscifair>

## Chickering Science Quest

Saturday, March 10, 2018  
10:00am - 11:30am  
Chickering Gym



Get ready to for the Science Quest! If you do

our first Science Quest! All visitors to the fair are encouraged to take a quest sheet and search for answers throughout the fair. Science themed prizes will be given to everyone who completes the quest!

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## Help Transform Chickering!

Sarah Puerini, our Mardi Gras Events Chair, is looking for some creative minded people to help transform Chickering into Bourbon Street!

There are several opportunities to help behind the scenes at what will be a fantastic fun-filled auction night! No task is too small, no volunteer hour refused. We're looking for people to help create centerpieces, decorate Chickering and help liaise with vendors. Please sign up for any or all slots that you're able to help with and please share this with your friends! You'll get a first hand sneak peak at what our team has dreamed up to bring a bit of Mardi Gras Madness to our school!



Please sign up here to be a part of our team:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49aeab2eabfe3-mardi>

For questions, please email Sarah at [spuerini@gmail.com](mailto:spuerini@gmail.com)

Thanks and see you on Bourbon Street!

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## Hospitality Events

In appreciation of the teachers and the school staff, The Hospitality Team is coordinating two events in March.

Here are some planning guidelines for parent volunteers:

- If you are providing a hot dish, please drop it off as close to the end of the “set-up” window as possible so that it remains warm.
- Non-perishable items can be dropped off to Karen in the front office in advance of the event. Please let her know if anything needs refrigeration.
- Please label all serving dishes and utensils from home, they will be washed and left in the school lobby for pick-up after the event or the following day.



- If you are providing a dish with multiple servings, for example a cake or a pie, please pre-slice it.

The first event this month is **The Staff Appreciation Breakfast hosted by Pre-K and PTO Board Members on Tuesday, March 13th at 8:25 AM** in the cafeteria. The staff is made up of our bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers and Officer Harry. The Staff Appreciation Breakfast is an annual event that the team is hosting this year with the Pre-K parents and the PTO Executive Board Members. If you would like to bring something in or can help with either set-up or clean-up, please use the SignUpGenius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48a5ac2faaf49-staff1>

The second event is a **Teacher Brunch being hosted by 5th and 2nd grade parents on Wednesday, March 28th**. The brunch will begin at 8:00 AM in the teacher's lounge next to the nurse's room. There is still plenty of time to volunteer to bring something in, set-up the brunch or help with clean-up. Please use the SignUpGenius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48a5ac2faaf49-teacher2>

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## International Cultural Night: A Family Favorite

Friday April 27th  
Chickering Gym  
6:00pm

The passports are back! Chickering's Fifth Annual International Night is Friday, April 27th at 6:00PM. Don't miss one of the most popular community events of the year in which we sample cuisines from all over the world, including cultural regions of the United States!



The festivities won't just stop with your stomach. Your eyes will feast on performances of international traditional cultural dances performed by none other than your own children.

This event is a community effort, so we're looking for volunteers. Do you have a particular heritage, nation, region or culture that you would like to showcase? Then perhaps you would be interested in setting up a table displaying representative food, clothing and artifacts.

If you are interested in hosting a table please use the SignUpGenius link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4caaaa29a3fc1-international>

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