

# Deer Hill School NEWS

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- Happy New Year Deer Hill! We are excited to greet 2019 with an enthusiasm for learning and a commitment to the social-emotional needs of our students.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students took the Stanford/OLSAT tests in December. Parent reports will be mailed early next week. Please contact your child's teacher or me if you have any questions about your child's report.
- **We will observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.** There is no school this day.
- Thank you for your efforts to ensure your students' attendance at school. If your child will be absent or tardy due to illness or other reasons, please call the school at (781-383-6115, then press 1) to report it. If we do not receive this communication, you will receive an automated call from the school noting your child's absence and asking you to call to confirm. This helps us ensure the safety of all students. Your cooperation with our attendance policy is greatly appreciated.
- As promised, I will be highlighting the PSO and CEF grants awarded to Deer Hill in my newsletters. This week I'd like to spotlight a PSO grant written by 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Johnston, and ESP, Mrs. Farrell. Through the generosity of the PSO, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Farrell will be creating game carts for each grade level to use during indoor recesses. Each cart will have 12 popular games such as Headbanz, Hungry Hippo, and Battleship for students to enjoy when weather prevents them from playing outside. Thank you to Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Farrell, and the PSO for making this possible!
- The next PSO meeting is Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.
- Are you considering a technology device for your student to support their school work? For information from Sue Skeiber, our District Digital Learning Coordinator, click [here](#).
- Last call for lost and found items! Our PSO has organized our large collection and worked hard to reunite labeled items with their owners. We will be donating all remaining items at the end of next week. Please take a few moments to label your child's winter clothing so that they don't suffer the same fate.

“It doesn't happen all at once,” said the Skin Horse. “You become.” It takes a long time. – Margery Williams, *The Velveteen Rabbit*