

Deer Hill School NEWS

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- **We will observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 21st.** There is no school this day.
- Both safety and courtesy continue to be a concern at pick up and drop-off. Please remember that students **MAY NOT** be dropped off in front of the school unless an adult parks and escorts them to the door. Also, for a refresher on traffic flow in the back parking lot, please click [here](#).
- From Mrs. Berman, our Art teacher: A heartfelt thank you to the Deer Hill community for all their effort and hard work in knitting 150 beautiful hats for the women and children of Rosie's Place, a Boston-area homeless shelter. Since 1996, we have knit and delivered more than 3200 hats, and this year the hats were especially beautiful! This was our 22nd anniversary for the knitting project! Thank you to Carol Henvey (our knitting fairy!) for fixing up all those loose threads and holes, Pat LaLiberte for helping to teach the children to knit, and lastly, a big thank you goes out to all our hardworking student knitters, we could not have done it without you! Many people will be warm this winter all because of your kindness and generosity. Keep knitting!!!
- For this week's grant highlight, I'd like to shine the spotlight on two CEF grants: Mrs. Corkhum's robotics grant and Mrs. Chapman's reading club grant. Both of these grants will provide after-school enrichment opportunities to students in the areas of LEGO Mindstorms, LEGO WeDo, Sphero Coding, and reading. The robotics grant will also allow for a competitive robotics team in the 2019-20 school year. It's wonderful that we can extend student learning through the pursuit of their passions!
- The next PSO meeting is Thursday, February 7th at 9:30. Please note that this is the first Thursday of the month as opposed to the typically scheduled second Thursday.
- Brrrrr! It's getting colder as winter makes its late arrival. Please help your Deer Hill student make appropriate choices when dressing for cold weather. Our goal is for students to be outside for recess as often as possible (our threshold is 16-25 degrees, taking wind chill into consideration). We have quite a few students regularly sporting shorts, and this causes concern for their comfort and well-being.
- Are you saving those Box Tops? The PSO is sponsoring an exciting contest! A flier came home today that you can also access [here](#).

“You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing.”

– E. B. White, *Charlotte's Web*