

Deer Hill School NEWS

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- **Friday, February 8th is a professional development early release day.** Deer Hill will dismiss students at 12:40.
- The CEF supports our schools in many ways as evidenced by the grants highlighted in this newsletter over the last several weeks. You can support their mission by answering the call for their phone-a-thon on February 6th and 7th. Click [here](#) for more info.
- This week let's think about the bus. Please take time to review best bus behavior with your student. The Skipper Creed applies during this part of the day as well! Additionally, please remember that students may only ride the bus to which they are assigned and must disembark at their stop. Students may not hop a ride on a different bus for playdates, etc. This policy was announced at the beginning of the school year. Thank you for your support.
- The Paul Pratt Library is hosting an hour of trivia for students in grades 3-5 on February 8th at 3:30. Click [here](#) for information on how to register.
- **Save the Date:** The Deer Hill All School Chorus will perform on May 20th at 7pm. All Deer chorus members will be joining the middle and high school choruses for this performance. The location is TBD.
- For this week's grant spotlight, I'd like to share a PSO grant approved to enhance the 5th grade field trip to Duxbury Beach. As a result of this grant, there will be a pre-visit from Mass Audubon Society that will engage each 5th grade class in a 1 hour hands-on presentation to support their learning in connection to the new science standards. Thank you, PSO!
- 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.
- Attendance is important! Next week letters will be mailed to all families whose students have missed a notable amount of school as defined by Massachusetts law. Thank you for recognizing the positive impact that consistent school attendance has on student success.

“It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.” – J. K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*