

Deer Hill School NEWS

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- **Dismissal will be at 12:40 on 4/10.** Teachers will participate in professional development that focuses on differentiated instruction and meeting the needs of all learners.
- Computer-based MCAS is in full swing at Deer Hill. The last session of ELA is Monday and will be 3rd grade. ELA makeups will follow later that week. Math sessions begin on Monday April 29th with 5th grade. Just a reminder that all MCAS dates are posted on our [Deer Hill calendar](#) on the school website. I'm so proud of the focus and effort our students have demonstrated this week. Our teachers have also done a beautiful job creating calm, positive, and supportive testing environments.
- The week of April 22nd brings two wonderful events to Deer Hill: the **Buttonwood Book Fair** and **Favorites Night** annual art show. The PSO is hoping for your help to make them a success. To donate food items or volunteer your time, please email PSO co-president Jen Safarik at jens@cohassetpsa.org The most recent [PSO newsletter](#) has more details about these events and how you can help.
- April 24th is our first Italian Food Day in the cafeteria. Please consider having your student buy lunch that day – the menu is *delizioso*! We look forward to hosting more international and multicultural cuisine days in the future.
- The next PSO meeting is Thursday, April 11th at 9:30.
- This week I'd like to spotlight a PSO grant that supports technology in the classroom. Our Instructional Technology Specialist, Mrs. O'Brien received a grant to pilot a program called Pear Deck in two 4th and two 5th grade classrooms as well as the computer lab. Pear Deck allows teachers to create interactive presentations embedded with questions where students can respond and actively participate using their computer devices. Visit the [Pear Deck website](#) for more information.
- **Spring Break is from April 15th through April 19th. Enjoy!**

"We all can dance," he said, "if we find the music that we love."

– Giles Andreae, [Giraffes Can't Dance](#)