

METHUEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

JUNE, 2016

UPCOMING DISTRICT-WIDE DATES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>PLEASE SEE SCHOOL UPDATES BELOW FOR HAPPENINGS IN THEIR SCHOOLS</i>			
June 20	Early Release	Last Day CGS, Marsh, Tenney, High School Students & Faculty	
June 21	Early Release	Last Day for Timony Grammar School Students & Faculty	

METHUEN HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL, CLUB AND ACTIVITY UPDATES

Submitted by Mr. Richard Barden, Principal

The end of the year is near and we are all excited about the rest and relaxation that comes during the warm summer months. In early June, grade nine students are administered the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) test. Our ninth graders are scheduled to take the Biology exam, the first of three high-stakes tests. It is important that students focus on putting forth the necessary effort to score proficient and advanced.

Also in early June, we celebrate our accomplished Class of 2016. The One Hundred Forty-Fifth Commencement of Methuen High School will be held at Nicholson Stadium on Friday, June 3, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. This celebration will be the first on the new turf field at the stadium. As always, there is much joy in sending graduates off to their next adventure, but there is also a feeling of sadness that goes with saying goodbye.

To the Class of 2016: You are always welcome home and we are so proud of you.

JUST IN:

Senior Wileshka Samuel won the Division 1 State Title in the 200-meter dash and was runner-up in the 100-meter dash last Sunday. She holds school records in both events. She repeated as champion in the 200- meter dash.

JROTC

Pass & Review:

On May 13th at Methuen High School gym, the Ranger Battalion Pass & Review took place. At the Pass & Review Military Personnel, Retired Military, and Methuen Public School Officials came to participate in the event. Many Classes from all over the School came to watch the presentation as well. Cadets from all over the Battalion were chosen to receive Awards that included things such as Medals and Scholarships. During the Pass & Review a special thanks was Given to 1st Sergeant Gary Cebula for his service to JROTC and the Ranger Battalion, 1st Sergeant will retire from teaching on December of 2016. Also a Change of Command happened at the event where former Battalion Commander Sean Cushing passed over his rank to new Battalion Commander Keyla Fondeur.

Raiders At Devens:

The Methuen Ranger Raider Team attended a Competition at Fort Devens on May 14th. There was Six Events that took Place at Devens which included First Aid, a 5K, a Litter Carry, a One Rope Bridge, a PT Test, and Land Navigation. The Raider Team led by Captain Justin Ley came in 2nd Place for Land Navigation. The 12 Raiders had a lot of fun at the Competition and are hoping to get more awards next year.

Red Cross Blood Drive:

On May 20th a Red Cross Blood Drive took place the Methuen High School Gym. The JROTC Cadets helped the Red Cross Manage and Coordinate the Event. Not many kids attended to the Blood Drive, but the kids that did donate Blood were happy Knowing it was for a Good Cause.

Flag Replacement:

On May 21st a Flag Replacement took place at Bellevue and Immaculate Conception Cemetery, which the Ranger Battalion Attended. There Cadets and Many different groups from the Lawrence and Methuen area, replaced the flags of the ones who took the Ultimate Sacrifice for our Country. Afterwards the groups were invited to a cookout for helping replace the flags.

Sons of Italy Road Race:

On May 28th the some JROTC Cadets will attend the Sons of Italy Road Race. The race will be a length of 5 kilometers and at the Event Cadets will compete and help manage the 5K.

Memorial Day Parade:

On the 30th of May the Ranger Battalion will attend the Memorial Day Parade. Over a 100 cadets will attend the Parade and march through the streets of Methuen. This event commemorates the lives of the Fallen Soldiers who fought for our Country and ends the month of May JROTC Events.

Best Buddies

Best Buddies is looking forward to an end of the year ice cream social to be held in the MHS cafeteria on Friday, June 10 at 5:30. There will be lots of flavors and to top it off, lots of conversations about the year past and the summer ahead.

Best Buddies mission is to establish friendships with the hope of their developing into lasting bonds. Peers and Buddies will discuss ways in which established partners can remain in touch during the summer break.

Best Buddies wishes everyone a safe, enjoyable summer and looks forward to seeing former and recruiting new members in the Fall, 2016!

Best Wishes to Danielle Fortier, Taylor Trussell, and ALL graduating senior members! Congratulations and Success in your future endeavors! Thank you for your dedication to MHS' Best Buddies Chapter and another successful year!

Events planned for the month of June:

- Senior Class Trip to Six Flags - Wednesday, June 1, 2016
- MCAS STE Test, Grade 9 Biology, Session 1 - Wednesday, June 1, 2016
- MCAS STE Test, Grade 9 Biology, Session 2 - Thursday, June 2, 2016
- Graduation Practice and Senior Cookout - Thursday, June 2, 2016

- MHS Class of 2016 Commencement - Friday, June 3, 2016
- Spring Choral Concert - Monday, June 6, 2016
- Move up to MHS - CGS & Marsh Grade 8 Students - Monday, June 6, 2016
- Move up to MHS - Timony & Tenney Grade 8 Students - Tuesday, June 7, 2016
- Connections - Wednesday, June 8, 2016
- Spring Athletic Awards Night - Thursday, June 9, 2016
- Early Release - Friday, June 10, 2016
- MHS Special Olympics - Friday, June 10, 2016
- Final Exams Review Day - Monday, June 13, 2016
- Final Exams - Tuesday, June 14, 2016, through Monday, June 20, 2016
- MHS Little Rangers Preschool Graduation - Friday, June 17, 2016
- Summer Reading - Throughout the summer
- Click on the link for more information: [2016-2017 Summer Reading](#)

A complete list of MHS athletic events can be viewed by selecting the link [Athletics Calendar](#) on the MHS webpage.

COMPREHENSIVE GRAMMAR SCHOOL UPDATES

Submitted by Mr. Christopher Reeve, Principal

LOWER

June is a very busy month! Here are a few happenings:

- The Nevins library staff will deliver grade level workshops to inspire our students to continue reading during the summer. We are thankful to have this community partner.
- 4th grade students will complete their discoveries of prey/predator relationships by attending an in-school presentation on *Birds of Prey*.
- 4th grade teacher, Ms. Licciardi, (an accomplished beekeeper) will demonstrate the delicate process of caring for these important insects to the grade level. Live bees will not be used in the demonstration.
- Kindergarten students are excited to visit the Franklin Park Zoo as a culmination to their animal research projects!
- The CGS will donate a portion of the proceeds from the Walkathon on June 8th to the Kids' Cancer Club. This year, the club will be donating to a CGS family, suffering from a recent loss.
- On June 9th, Olympian Jimmy Pedro will visit the 2nd grade students to share his keys to success. Olympic Champion, Kayla Harrison will accompany him, showcasing her Judo skills for our students.

UPPER

The CGS Upper School has many exciting events and happenings for month of June:

- Nevins Library Summer Reading Group for grades 5, 6 and 7, June 1-3
- Spring Band Concert on June 1
- Family Fitness Night on June 2
- Hampton Beach 20+ Book Club Trip for grades 7 and 8 on June 3
- MHS Move up Day for grade 8 on June 6
- CGS Walk-a-thon June 8
- Skateland 20+ Book Club Trip for grades 5 and 6 on June 9
- Spirit of Boston Cruise for grade 8 on June 13
- Upper School Picnic on June 14
- Chunky's Movie Field Trip for grade 8 on June 15

- Canobie Lake Park Field Trip for grade 8 on June 16
 - Final Assembly for grade 8, 6:00PM
 - Boo-hoo Breakfast for grade 8 on June 20
- Happy Summer



MARSH GRAMMAR SCHOOL UPDATES

Submitted by Mr. Stephen Sierpina, Principal

LOWER

- Grade 3 headed to Lego Land on May 25th. Both students and teachers thought it was a very worthwhile field trip, with curriculum-related standards-based activities that were engaging and fun!
- Kindergarten students went to Stone Zoo on June 1st. Many parents were able to attend and they had a wonderful time with many stories!
- Grade 1 had a “Fancy Nancy” day on June 3rd. Students dressed up and everyone had a “fancy” word for the day.
- The last PBIS Assemblies for the school year were held on Monday and 4th grade students—she has done a fabulous job facilitating the PBIS program for the Lower School staff, and we really appreciate her effort and time.
- Grade 3 recorder concerts were held during their regular music time during the week of June 6th.
- Grade 4 will have their annual end-of-Lower-School social (“Hollywood Nights”) on Friday, June 10th from 6-8.
- Grade 4 went to the Methuen Music Hall on June 2nd.
- The Marsh Retirement Celebration was held on June 9th at Tavern by the Water from 4-6 p.m. Dan Pinciak, Donna Stetson, Donna Chaisson and Cathy Shea-Chiasson are retiring from the Marsh this year, and we wish them health and happiness in this new chapter of their lives.
- The Lower School will be treated to a Jump Rope Show in the Upper School gym on Monday, June 13th.
- Representatives from the Nevins Library will be here on June 14th to talk with grades 1-4 about their summer programs.
- Kindergarten students’ last day is June 15th. They will have their own mini-Fun Day in the morning, with slush and face painting. In the afternoon, they will meet their grade 1 teachers and say good-bye to their kindergarten teachers.
- Grade 2 will be performing their Schoolhouse Rock Live! Program in the auditorium on June 15th.
- Lower School Fun Day is Thursday, June 16th.
- Lower School Move-Up Day will be the last day of school, June 20th.

UPPER

- The Marsh Upper School began June with a send off concert for retiring band teacher Dan Pinciak. The show was a hit as it was a packed auditorium. Mrs. Veilleux presented Mr. Pinciak with gifts from students and staff, we wish Mr. Pinciak well and we thank him for all of the memories here at the Marsh.
- Going into the last weeks we are preparing for 8th grade trips and Fun Day for the entire school.
- As the new Upper School Associate Principal at the Marsh, I want to thank the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and School Committee for all of your support. It was a productive year and we look forward to continuing this productivity during the 2016-2017 school year.

TENNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL UPDATES

Submitted by Ms. Mary Beth Donovan, Principal

As the school year ends, everyone at the Tenney is working to finish strong. The learning and growing continues, with plans in place for at least one summer program just for Tenney students.

Consider:

- The second annual Grade Four Spelling Bee was a nail biter. We were thrilled to have so many parents and guests attend. Third place winner was William Pittman. Second place Ella Murphy and First place winner Olivia Murphy.
- Our media center hosted a special reading day. Elected officials, Public Safety and school officials spent time reading to lower school students.
- Grandparents and Older Friends Day packed our first grade wing with admirers who inspected student work.
- Our first annual Wiffle Ball Tourney, organized by Paula Simone, Upper School principal, is in full swing afternoons. Members of our teaching and custodial staff are participating in the fun.
- Fifth grade teachers hosted a special evening just for their future students. Soon-to-be- middle school students got to tour the upper school, meet teachers and talk about what they will learn.
- Our band and chorus concerts were great successes.
- The National Junior Honor Society inducted a new group of scholars. Jasmine Encarcion, a recent Methuen High graduate and member of the Tenney JNHS, was the guest speaker.
- Our last Saturday detention, established by our Dean of Students, Carl Derubeis was held June 3. The detention allowed staff to work with students to improve attendance, punctuality and behavior without missing valuable school time.
- We honored our students who read more than 20 books this year.

Coming up:

- We are teaming up with the Nevins Memorial Library for *Tenney Rocks the Nevins*. Every Friday during the summer, next year's 7th and 8th graders will meet every Friday morning at the Nevins to explore and read books, play games and more. Tenney staff will make guest appearances each week.
- The date for our Back to School Picnic date will be announced soon.

As the year ends, we must thank our fabulous PTO for their constant support, encouragement and partnership. We are so fortunate to have such enthusiastic parents. We will be in touch over the summer about new events and invite you to visit this page, "like" the Tenney Grammar PTO facebook Page and follow us on Twitter - TenneyGrammar@MPS_Tenney.

TIMONY GRAMMAR SCHOOL UPDATES

Submitted by Mr. Timothy Miller, Principal

LOWER

- The lower school staff and students have planned several family events through the end of the year.
- Grade 3 invited parents to the first Annual Poet's Café on Tuesday, June 7th.
- Grade 4 has created a fieldtrip which requires parents and students to solve mathematical problems using clues from various locations and businesses in Newburyport. The Grade 4 team also visited the Music hall in June followed by a visit and tour of City Hall. The children were very excited to meet the Mayor.

- In addition, the grade 4 team has invited parents to attend a Student Anti-Bullying Presentation on June 13th.
- Kindergarten hosted the second annual “Paint Night” which brings families together at the end of the year to meet and socialize while the children paint Dragon t-shirts and play with peers.
- June 13, the kindergarten team has invited parents to attend the annual end of the year musical performance.

UPPER

As we near the end of the year the students and staff in the upper school are on a roll.

Parents enjoyed the Band Concert and are looking forward to the Play, “The Little Mermaid Musical.” The Grade 8 students are excited about the upcoming field trips followed by the final assembly and dance scheduled for Friday evening, June 17th.

SADD UPDATE

District-Wide End of the Year Report

All advisors plan on returning next year. The CGS, High School and Timony are all planning their own celebrations for the end of the year. This year came with its’ challenges for the advisors; two were caring for ill fathers and one advisor was out sick. Our leader and friend, Dean, also suffered the loss of his son. The group of advisors is looking forward to starting off fresh and strong next year. Some great work was done over the course of the school year despite these challenges.

We are looking forward to continuing working with politicians and local drug and alcohol task force’s to further engage our students in the communities’ work to provide and healthy and safe environment for all. A request has been submitted for materials and funds to support more events and activates for the children who choose to live a healthy lifestyle and be substance-free. I have attached the requested materials at the end of the document.

Below are summaries of each school’s events and highlights.

High School wrap up

97 members
Monthly meetings
Red Ribbon Week
Guest Speaker: Jeff Allison(SADD students attended and sat in front)
Skateland Field Trip
Sticker shock campaign
Bowling(2x)

CGS Wrap up

46 members
Monthly meetings
Red Ribbon Week
Guest Speakers: Detectives Noonan and Little
Skateland Field Trip
Sticker shock campaign
Bowling(2x)

Marsh Wrap up

80 members
Monthly meetings
Red Ribbon Week
Guest Speaker: Sargent Gunther
Skateland Field Trip
School Dance
Attended Marsh Intramural Basketball games

Timony Wrap Up

May Meeting dates: *May 5,19*
June meeting date: *June 2*

MAY Meeting:

The decision was made not to march in the Memorial Day parade this year.
Made plans for the final meeting in June.

June Meeting:

Final meeting will be held on June 2nd with a pizza and ice cream celebration.
Will discuss and encourage my 7th grade students to commit to another year of being great role models for making positive choices.
Thanks for the opportunity to serve as SADD advisor. I look forward to another year of encouraging students to spread the word about positive choices and discouraging destructive decisions!