



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings HMS Community,

Hopefully this correspondence finds all of our families healthy and safe. Thank you to the HMS community for coming together during this challenging time to make the best of this difficult situation. It is predictable that it may be harder to motivate our students as the academic routines have taken shape and the novelty of Home Learning wears off and the weather gets better. Please know that we have been listening and know how tough this can be for families. Our Home Learning phases are based on clear expectations and emphasis on caring, understanding and flexibility. Contact the HMS teachers and administration for support in any way that you may need.

At the end of this week, it is hard to believe that there are only 25 school days left of the 2019-2020 academic year. There are so many special grade-level experiences that our students will miss out on; From the Student/Faculty basketball game, to Mary Poppins, all of the socials, Spring Fling and concerts, Six Flags, Museum of Science and DARE graduation for our 5th grade, Make a Difference Day and Camp Squanto in 6th, the Greek Olympics, Career Day, and Canobie Lake



Promotion and Celebration

The staff of HMS and the HPTA have been working on a plan to recognize the accomplishments and work of our 8th graders over the last 4 years. There is a tentative date of Friday, June 12th. We are also looking for guidelines as we would like to still have the Dinner Dance in July if CDC guidelines allow. Please know that there will be more to follow.

Park in 7th, Washington D.C and all of the traditional end of year celebrations in 8th and so much more. HMS is a special place and what amazes me most of all is the positive attitude and resiliency of our students, parents, and staff. Though they are missing out on those positive experiences this year, our kids have learned a great deal and gained a new set of skills in a remarkably short time. Of course there is no replacement for the face-to-face learning that was happening in classrooms everyday, our students are enhancing their technology skills and communicating in new ways. These skills and innovations will have an enduring positive impact on how we teach and how our students learn. Although I do not want our students to grow up too fast, we have seen our students demonstrating responsibility and ownership of their learning. It has been exciting and amazing to watch. Your kids and our teachers have grown in so many ways. They have truly expanded their tool boxes.

Grading Reminder- Term III and Year End Grade

For staff, the goal for Term III during this Home Learning Phase was to focus on prerequisite standards, positive communication, and feedback. The final report card of the year will include a term III column, a final grade column, and comments. The Department of Education recommends that we have a credit/no credit designation for the work done during home learning. The staff of HMS wanted any grade to be a little more personal, to recognize the students who are really going above and beyond during this time.

Term III Grading Categories

- ▶ Completed Work Exceeds Expectations - EE
- ▶ Completed Work Meets Expectations - ME
- ▶ Completed Work Does Not Meet Expectations - NM

The final grades will be in the form of a letter grade and will represent the year’s work.

Upcoming Events

- 5/25 Memorial Day**
Memorial Day 2020
Reverse Parade
- 6/1 Parent Information Night**
Incoming 5th grade parents
and new to Hanover
parents
- 6/3 New Student Orientation**
Incoming 5th grade and
new to Hanover Middle
School Students
- 6/12 8th Grade Celebration**
- 6/15 Yearbooks Available**
- 6/19 Last Day of School**
Report Cards available in
Aspen

Hanover Middle School
ANCHOR AWARD
Congrats!

So many of our students have been working hard with online learning, completed assigned tasks, shown up for virtual classes, been patient, understanding, and most importantly have stayed positive!
Keep up the good work!

Locker Clean and Personal Belongings

We are in the process of creating a safe and social distancing plan for students to gather their belongings. The instructions will be specific, clear and meet the recommendations and regulations put forth by the CDC. Please reach out to me by email if there is a need to make different and more immediate accommodations (glasses, phones, keys, inhalers). The plan will be sent out as soon as it has been finalized.

Planning 2020-2021

Please know that we are planning for the upcoming school year and the transition of our students to the next grade. I know that many of you have questions about what it will look like and I wish that I could give you definitive answers. We are currently planning for our students to be physically back at school in early September, while also planning for what Home Learning would look like to start the year, and everything in between. The Office of the Superintendent and our administrative team are monitoring the many moving parts that will help to determine the decisions on a daily basis and will try to get information to you as soon as possible. There are some logistical actions that need to happen under any scenario for our students. Next week, please be on the look out for course selection Google Forms to go out to this year’s current grades 5 & 6. Please complete and return those forms.

Grade 4 to 5	Grade 5 to 6	Grade 6 to 7	Grade 7 to 8
Parent Zoom June 1st @ 5:30	Placement of Students Homeroom and Teams	Placement of Students Homeroom and Team	Placement of Students Homeroom and Teams
Student Orientation Zoom June 3rd @ 3:00	Band, Chorus, or Exploratory choices	Band, Chorus, or Exploratory Foreign Language or Study Skills Accelerated Math (TBA)	Student Leadership Zoom Meeting June TBA More information to follow.
Student Virtual Tour TBA			
5th Grade Orientation and Tour (in person) August TBA			

I would like to end by thanking the Hanover Community as a whole for making the best out of such a challenging set of circumstances. It takes a village to raise a child and I feel lucky to be part of the Hanover village!

As always, please contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Dan Birolini
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Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4-8



Hanover Public Schools

Celebrate a Senior



Any conversation that I have about school with anyone, I hear the phrase, "I feel awful for the Seniors." The Hanover School Committee has a wonderful initiative to "Celebrate a Senior." Please think about sponsoring a Senior during their last week of school (26th-29th). Please see the link below for details:

<https://www.hanoverschools.org/district/news/celebrateasenior-project-extension>



MEMORIAL DAY 2020 REVERSE PARADE

The HPS community is invited to participate in two ways. In the lead up to Memorial Day, we're asking Hanover residents to decorate their home in a way that can be seen from the road. We encourage messages of hope, unity, love, patriotism, and community in whatever artistic way you can (symbols of Memorial Day created with signs, chalk, lights, etc).

On Memorial Day, Hanover residents will be invited to do a reverse parade throughout the town. Within the safety of their vehicle, participants will tour neighborhoods, take in the art, and search for the positive symbols, messages, and tributes displayed all over Hanover.