

Many thanks and much appreciation to...

all those who generously contributed to the Northeast Animal Shelter fundraiser ~ thanks to your generosity, \$222.63 was raised!

all the Grade 6 parents who participated in the Pi Number Challenge; impressive, and very entertaining!

the Class of 2025 for the donation of a large screen for the Penn Brook gymnasium ~ seeing projections on a large screen will greatly enrich our Gatherings!

the PTA for the donation to help defray the cost of the Grade 2 trip to the North Shore Music Theater!

Monday, 3/25	Clothing Collection for Cradles to Crayons Begins (please see flyer)
Tuesday, 3/26	1874- Birthday of American poet, Robert Frost (d. 1963)
Wednesday 3/27	Spelling Bee! (See below)
Thursday, 3/28	Kindergarten and Grade 2 to North Shore Music Theater 3:00 Math MCAS tutoring begins for those registered 6:30 p.m. School Committee Meeting
Friday, 3/29	“Mutually caring relationships require kindness and patience, tolerance, optimism, joy in the other's achievements, confidence in oneself, and the ability to give without undue thought of gain.” ~ Fred Rogers

Please check the Lost and Found by Friday, April 5.

Any unclaimed clothing will be donated to Cradles to Crayons.

Please see the attached information on:

Term I and Term II Academic Achievements

Pi Day Results

Sweet Paws

Cradles to Crayons Flyer ~ Please see information below

STEM Teacher Nominations

STEM Save the Dates

Mother/Son Invite

Mother/Son FAQs

Picture of Mrs. Brooks and GEF Representatives

Please visit the Parent Backpack:

<http://www.gssapp.org/GeorgetownPublicSchools/pennbrook/parent-backpack/> for past attachments.

Announcements

Spelling Bee: Wednesday, March 27, schedule as follows:

3rd grade Check-In: 4:00pm; Bee starts at 4:30pm

4th grade Check-In: 5:30 pm; Bee starts at 6:00pm

5th grade Check-In: 7:00 pm; Bee starts at 7:30pm

For more information, families should check the Spelling Bee web page:

<http://www.georgetown-pta.com/spelling-bee-2019/>

Or email Elizabeth de Veer at edarbydeveer@gmail.com.

Penn Brook After School Enrichment Registration: PLEASE NOTE: Session 4 of the PB After School Enrichment **Registration will begin on WEDNESDAY March 27 at 10** and will close on April 2 at noon. (The original start date of 3/26 is incorrect)

We have many great after school options for our students including Arts, Yoga, Makerspace, Coding, and more. Schedule and class information can be found on the Enrichment Website and will be sent home via classroom teachers this week. For more information, please see our Enrichment Page website or contact Deb DiFruscio at pbenrichment@georgetown.k12.ma.us

Dear 6th Grade Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with the 7th grade master schedule. The Middle School schedule consists of 7 blocks per day. Five blocks are dedicated to core academics and 2 blocks are reserved for non-academic classes with the exception of Technology & Engineering and World Language, which are mandatory. It is important for us to know your preference for our music program. Students must decide if they want to enter our Band or Chorus program which meet every other day for the entire year, or select a General Music class which meets every other day for 1 semester. All students will be scheduled into music. The rest of their non-academic blocks will be filled in with some combination of Art, Theater, Computers and Wellness. **Please visit the link below to make your choice by April 26, 2019. All students that have not responded by then will be placed in general music. I encourage you to attend the 7th Grade Parent Information Night on April 25th at 6 PM in the auditorium for a more detailed explanation of our schedule and the 7th grade experience.** <https://goo.gl/forms/J3Wg3GhMBptF5orE3>

Sincerely,

Daniel Richards
Principal
Georgetown Middle High School

GEF: Grants, Awards, and a "Gala" (but not really a "Gala" type of gala) This year it's being held at **Peirce Farm at Witch Hill, Topsfield (www.peircefarm.com) on Friday, April 5th from 7pm-11pm.** The mission of the GEF is to support innovative programs in the areas of science, arts and technology through supplemental funding in the form of grants. Funding is provided from our two major fundraising events: the GEF Links for Learning Golf Tournament and the Annual GEF Spring Gala. The Gala is an INFORMAL (so not really a gala) evening of music, food, raffles, and festivities. We present the grant recipient and award the Golden Apple and Partner in Education award.

The Golden Apple Awards have been presented to this years recipients- Terri Brooks from Penn Brook and Liz Marchetti from GMHS have been nominated by their colleagues, and we surprised them this week in their classrooms to let them know. **A formal recognition and award will be given at the GEF Spring Fling, on Friday April 5th.** Come out and show your support for Terri and Liz and the students of Georgetown. We will also be revealing the Partner in Education award winner, as well as celebrate all the recipients of the GEF Grants.

There will be food, drink, a DJ, silent auction and awesome raffles... get your tickets at www.gef-kids.com

EXCITING CAFETERIA NEWS~ Ice Cream ~ Please notice *new* start date!

We are happy to announce a new A-List snack option at Penn Brook Elementary **starting April 12, 2019**. Using our "Wellness Policy" as guidance, we are excited to bring "Ice Cream Friday's" to the cafeteria. We will be offering 3-4 choices of novelty ice cream. They are all processed in a nut free facility, and select items contain no artificial coloring or high fructose corn syrup, Several are even gluten free and considered a "smart snack" according to the USDA school lunch program! In order to keep things simple, ice cream will be sold at lunch on Friday only, as a cash sale (cannot be purchased through My School Bucks account) and cost \$1. We are thrilled to provide this at Penn Brook seeing it has been such a welcomed treat at GMHS for years. More info to come in the following weeks.

Any questions can be answered by contacting Sean Riley in food services at 978-352-5777 ext. 105

Cradles to Crayons Collection: Former Penn Brook student, and now 8th Grader, Zoey Halmen has been nominated to be an ambassador for Project 351. Project 351 is a non profit organization that unites one 8th grader from every city/town across Massachusetts for a year of community service. Zoey has taken on the community project of a clothing drive for children who are currently homeless. There will be a bin in the Penn Brook lobby and at the Perley Preschool from March 25 - April 3.

SAVE THE DATE for STEAM Night: Penn Brook Schools will be celebrating STEAM Night on **Thursday, April 4th** from 6pm – 7pm, for grades K-2 and 7pm - 8pm for grades 3-6. Penn

Brook students and their families will be able to participate in many exciting STEAM challenges. Everyone who participates will receive a Table Talk Pie in honor of Pie Day. Please keep an eye out for the sign-up link coming soon.

Health and Wellness Fair: The Health and Wellness Committee is hosting a Wellness Fair at Penn Brook School on **Saturday, April 6 from 8 - 11**. Come and check your blood pressure! Evaluate your posture with Precision Chiropractic! Try out some organic lotions! Learn what our community is doing to support our young people with Georgetown Cares! Check out how to stay fit with Cross Fit! And bring your teddy bear to the Teddy Bear Hospital!! We will fix what ails him! Don't miss out on this opportunity to spring into health!!

Grade 6 Parents: Plans are well under way for end of the year Grade 6 celebrations! Your child recently received five fun pages to fill out that will go into the 2025 Time Capsule. Please remind your child to complete the pages and return to his/her homeroom teacher as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, April 12**.

Incoming Grade 7 Parent Information Night: Thursday, April 25th 6:00- 7:00, in the Georgetown Middle High School Media Center. This is a 6th Grade Parent Information Night to discuss transition and scheduling for the incoming 7th grade students. Please make every effort to attend as important information will be discussed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sharon Dowdell at 978-352-5790 x 3046.

Makerspace: MakerSpace has run out of masking tape, duct tape, and 9-volt batteries. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

2nd Annual Laurie Condon Hodges Memorial Run/Walk 5K: Break out your sneakers and join us for the 2nd Annual Laurie Condon Hodges Memorial Run/Walk 5K on **Saturday, April 6th at 5 PM!** This run/walk has been created to honor and celebrate Laurie Condon Hodges and to support the Memorial Fund in her name. Laurie was a lifelong resident of Georgetown, wife and mother of 3 children who attend Penn Brook (Bryce 11; Brynn 9; and Bylee 7). Laurie was also a middle school math teacher, athlete and loving friend. She lost her courageous 4-year battle to cancer in December of 2015. All proceeds from the race will go to the Laurie Condon Hodges Memorial Fund, which provides a scholarship to a Georgetown Senior each year. For more information about the race and to register, please go to <https://risingreg.com/lauries-run/>

Mulan! YOUR Penn Brook classmates will be debuting in MULAN at TTS in Byfield Please come support!

Where

Byfield Community Arts Center
7 Central Street, Byfield, MA

Show Dates and Times

March 29 @ 7 p.m.

March 30 & 31 @ 2 p.m.

April 5 @ 7 p.m.

April 6 & 7 @ 2 p.m.

For tickets and info:

Call the TTS Box Office at

(978) 463-3335

Camp Invention: Camp Invention is coming once again to PennBrook! Sign-up early! Camp has sold out for the past three summers! Early sign -up discount!

GAA Youth Lacrosse: GAA youth lacrosse registration is open. Spring will be here before you know it and lacrosse is a ton of fun. Don't miss out on a chance to play. New to the game or an experienced player, everyone is welcome and encouraged to play. For boys and girls registrations visit: <http://www.georgetownathletics.com/lacrosseregistration>

Questions? Email: stephcannata@yahoo.com

Georgetown Softball: Georgetown Softball (Grade 1 through Grade 8) registration is now open! More info and registration for all levels can be found at:

<http://www.georgetownathletics.com/softball>

Georgetown Baseball: Georgetown Baseball (T-ball through Babe Ruth) registration is now open! More info and registration for all levels can be found at:

<http://www.georgetownathletics.com/baseball>

Telephone Calls to Front Office: If you are calling the front office and your call is not answered, please leave a message and your call will be returned. If your call is not answered it is most likely because the front office staff are dealing with other immediate issues.

Looking Ahead

April 5 12:00 Early Release

 7:00- 11:00 p.m. GEF Gala

Grade 6 Activities:

- April 12 Time capsules due
- April 25 6:00- 7:00 Parent Information Night at GMHS
- June 4 Cedardale
- June 7 Step-Up Day for Grade 6 to GMS
- June 14 Grade 6 Class party at Camp Denison
- June 18 9:30 a.m. Moving On Ceremony

For a look at the year ahead, please see the Penn Brook Events and Activities Calendar under the Quick Links on the Penn Brook website:

<http://www.gssapp.org/GeorgetownPublicSchools/pennbrook/>

2018-2019 School Committee Meetings*

Aug. 30			
Sept. 13 & 27	Oct. 11 & 25	Nov. 15	Dec. 13 & 20
Jan. 10 & 24	Feb. 14 & 28	Mar. 13 & 28	Apr. 11 & 25
May 9 & 23	June 13 & 27		