



“On this day, let us remember all those who have had the courage to put on the uniform and sacrifice for our great nation. Our way of life has always been, and will always be, protected and preserved by volunteers willing to give their lives for what we believe in.”

~ Daniel K. Inouye

Statement on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2002

Daniel Ken Inouye, (born September 7, 1924, Honolulu, Hawaii [U.S.]—died December 17, 2012, Bethesda, Maryland), American Democratic politician who was the first U.S. representative of Hawaii (1959–63) and who later served as a U.S. senator (1963–2012). He was the first Japanese American to serve in both bodies of Congress. He was known for his energetic advocacy of his home state, his bipartisanship, and his commitment to fighting discrimination. Inouye was the first Japanese American to serve in Congress, and, as President pro tempore of the United States Senate from 2010 to 2012, he was third in the line of succession to the presidency. In 2013 Senator Inouye was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, becoming the first—and to date, only—senator to receive both the Medal of Freedom and the Medal of Honor. For more on the life of Daniel Inouye, visit:

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/medal-of-honor-recipient-daniel-inouye>

The month of May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AA and NHPI)

Thank you and much appreciation to:

Georgetown Education Foundation, for your continuing support for students and educators through your grant program and this year’s grant recipient, Grade 5 teacher, Marianne McGee! We were so appreciative that Kendra Church, Kristen Macchiavelli, and Tara Reed were able to join us at our Community Gathering to present the check to Ms. McGee and also to present special guests, retired Kindergarten teachers, Fee Bongiorno and Donna Donohoe with the Golden Apple Award for which they were nominated last year! In addition, this year’s recipients of the Golden Apple were presented to Administrative Assistants, Dianne Collins and Jeannine Dion. Finally, there aren’t adequate words of thanks and appreciation for your kind words, and support of me throughout my 12 years in Georgetown.

Congratulations to:


*All those students in Grades 4, 5, 6 who participated in the MA Children's Book Awards program this year, and the 80 who read five or more books! This year, 111 schools and libraries across the Commonwealth participated in the Massachusetts Children's Book Award program with a total of 3,432 votes cast by children in grades 4, 5 & 6, voting **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown as the MCBA WINNER! Penn Brook voted, and we had a tie between **The Witch Boy** and **The Wild Robot**!*

Hope you have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Maher

Penn Brook CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, Self-Control)

Looking ahead in May:

Monday, May 23	Book Fair Opens (5/23- 5/31) Spelling Bee (Starting at 4:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, May 25	6:30 p.m. Shining Star Awards Ceremony at Penn Brook on the Big Playground (See attached flyer for nominations) 6:30 p.m. Grade 5 Parent Information Night for Kieve (Fall 2022) COVID at-home testing day for those who opted in. (If you forget to test on Wednesday, testing on Thursday or Friday is fine!) If you have not opted in, and would like to, please go to: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YJWRQnPoZHxiZO7S-RC1jCifNJxoyRAK/view?usp=sharing
Thursday, May 26	6:30 p.m. School Committee
Friday, May 27	2nd & 3rd Year Band and Chorus to Great East Music Festival
Monday, May 30	No School- Memorial Day 

Looking ahead in June:

Wednesday, June 1	5:30- 6:30 Arts Night at Penn Brook 6:30 p.m. SEPAC General Open Meeting in the Penn Brook Library *Electoral nominations due
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If your child is out of school due to illness, please call the school at 978-352-5785 to report your child absent, even if you have notified your child's teacher.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, a few reminders about appropriate wear at school from our handbook: "... Shorts and skirts must be of an appropriate length. No bare midsections, bare backs or spaghetti straps please. Hats are not allowed in the building... For safety reasons, flip-flops will not be allowed."

Please see the attached information:

Grade 6 End of Year Party

Shining Star Flyer

Shining Star Recipients

SEPAC May Awareness

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Spring into GYCC -[GYCC Spring Book 22](#)

Penn Brook Handbook:

<https://www.gssapp.org/GeorgetownPublicSchools/pennbrook/penn-brook-handbook/> .

Note from the Nurse's Office:

As you have seen, COVID has not disappeared from our lives. If your child has any symptoms (congestion or runny nose, cough, fatigue, headache, stomachache or fever) please test your child before sending them to school. If you need additional tests we can give them to you.

If your child develops symptoms during school, we will call you and request testing. We will only test your child with your consent.

Masks are not required in school, but with the rising case numbers the school nurses are advocates of mask-wearing. We have plenty of masks available if needed.

Also, we are dealing with cases of Flu A in school. You can request a flu test from your doctor as well as a covid test. If your child tests positive for either flu or covid please inform your school nurse. It is very helpful information.

Thanks for all your cooperation during these trying year(s)!!

*Mary Beth Doherty, MS,RN
Penn Brook School Nurse
978-352-5785 ext. 2016/18*

6th Grade Students!

You are cordially invited to Camp Denison on Thursday, June 16th to celebrate moving on from Penn Brook to GMHS! Please see the attached flyer for more details.

6th grade parents, we need some volunteers for this event! Please click on the link below to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4AADAEE2EA7FB6-endofyear>

Armed Forces Day: There are three distinct days set aside each year in the United States to pay tribute and to honor all those who serve, have served, or died in service to our country, and the Penn Brook community is committed to commemorating each of these days:

Saturday, May 21 is Armed Forces Day, a day on which to honor all those who are presently serving in one of the six branches of the U.S. military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Space Force). During the month of May, the Penn Brook community would like to pay tribute to any parent, aunt, uncle, sibling (or any other relation), **related to a Penn Brook student** who is presently serving in any one of these branches of the U.S. military.

If your child would like to share this information, students should let their classroom teacher know. Then, at home, please help your child write a brief script (a minute or two) with the name, branch, rank of the person serving and something the family member has done in their service that they are proud of, or is notable, or an anecdote, and help your child practice reading the script. It would be great if you could also provide a photo and send it into school with your child. In school, your child's teacher will record your child reading the script and showing the picture, and it will be sent out to all classrooms with our daily Morning Message. (Classroom teachers can also send the link to the presenting student's parents!)

Memorial Day is commemorated on Monday, May 30; a day on which we honor all those who have died in the nation's wars. We will not be holding an in-person ceremony to commemorate Memorial Day, but will be creating a video presentation to send out to families.

Veterans Day 2022 is on Friday, November 11 and is a day to honor American veterans of all wars. In the fall, there will be a special in-person ceremony to honor our veterans.

Thank you to all those who serve in any number of ways for the safety and security of all.

2022- 2023 Penn Brook Extended Day: Penn Brook Extended Day is accepting registrations for the 2022-23 school year.

Please see the link below for information and registration.

<https://sites.google.com/a/georgetown.k12.ma.us/pbextendedday>

SPRING BOOK FAIR

Here is our Spring Book Fair website! Look here to see a digital flyer, sign up to volunteer, find out when your child's class is visiting the fair, how to set up E-Wallet, and more! Remember the Spring Book Fair Runs from May 23rd to May 31st!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/pennbrookelementaryschool>

Book Fair Volunteers Needed:

The Georgetown PTA is hosting a Spring Book Fair at Penn Brook School from May 23rd through May 31st. We will be running a special promotion to give back to the students and their families.

When any student spends at least \$10 and purchases at least 1 book, he/she will get a free book valued up to \$10 to be paid for by the PTA.

WE NEED YOU! We are reaching out early for book fair volunteers. Help out by assisting students with their book selections, checking students out on the register, restocking the shelves, etc. We would love your involvement! Sign up below.

https://volunteer.scholastic.com/?fbclid=IwAR3T1rPUuPH_mXwkEa31CvkSuPf5sfAiBMNr6co3Ck1PSUlg0JxeAoomm7g#/experience/login/ZNUbbrV6B

LINKS for LEARNING: The Georgetown Education Foundation (GEF) is back, and ready to host the Links for Learning Golf Tournament on Monday, May 16th at Black Swan Country Club. Please join us and help support the GEF and the students of Georgetown! Visit www.gef-kids.com to register!

2022-2023 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2022, she/he is eligible to attend kindergarten.

Registration packets are available for pick up in front of the Penn Brook School. To register your child for **2022- 2023 Penn Brook kindergarten**, please pick up a registration packet in front of the school and bring the completed registration packet and documentation with you to the front office. You must have a complete packet to register your child for kindergarten. With questions, please contact Jeannine Dion at dionj@georgetown.k12.ma.us or 978-352-5785.

To register your child, please bring the registration forms and provide copies of the following:

- Your child's birth certificate,
- Three forms - proof of residency (copy of utility bill, rental agreement or mortgage),
- A current immunization record

[Don't forget to order the 2021-2022 Penn Brook Yearbook!](#)

There's nothing else like your school yearbook. Get your hands on the limited edition collection of our stories from the year. Share it with your friends and hang on to it for years to come.

Purchase your Penn Brook Yearbook (\$35.00) online at:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1083045/Penn-Brook-School/2022-Yearbook/20211104133039647138/CATALOG_SHOP/

Hello Georgetown Public School Community -

Do you have, or know somebody who has, an idea for a project that will make Georgetown more AWESOME? Perhaps a teacher, staff member, parent group, school club or student? Do you know somebody that is in need of funding for this type of project? If so, please keep on reading!!!!

Awesome Georgetown will award ten, \$1,000 grants throughout the calendar year (grants will not be awarded in July and August). The group gives “no strings attached” grants to applicants deemed to have the most awesome idea to enhance the Georgetown community in some positive way. So where does the money come from? Each of our 20 Trustees donates \$50 each month to give back to the community for a project that is considered the most AWESOME!

We will award grants to members of the Georgetown Public schools four times per year (February, April, June and November) and to the entire Georgetown community six times per year (January, March, May, September, October and December). Members of the Georgetown Public School system are eligible for the community awards as well.

People of all ages are encouraged to enter project applications for consideration of these grants. Awesome Georgetown is especially looking to fund projects that may not have any other avenue of funding, including project ideas that may be unconventional.

Though projects can be awesome in almost any way, Awesome Georgetown seeks to fund ideas that will be significantly enhanced with a \$1,000 cash infusion.

Although certainly not limited, the group is also interested in supporting projects that fall into any of the following categories: (1) Innovation (2) Preservation of Culture and Heritage and (3) Community Appreciation and Togetherness.

To apply, you will need to fill out a very basic application online. In a nutshell, applicants need to answer three main questions:

1. Tell us about yourself.
2. Tell us about your project and how it will make Georgetown more awesome.
3. Tell us how you'll use the money.

The deadline for applications is the last day of each month. Three finalists each month will be selected and will present their AWESOME idea at our Pitch Night at Flatbread Georgetown the last Wednesday of each month – **the public is welcome!!!**

Awesome Georgetown Website

<https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/georgetown>

Awesome Georgetown Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/Awesome-Georgetown-101663222168760/?ref=page_internal

Awesome Georgetown Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/awesomegeorgetown/?hl=en>

From the Nurses' Office:

Thank you for the vigilance you have provided: keeping children home if they are not feeling well and covid-testing; picking children up quickly and without question if they exhibit symptoms during school; and providing masks for your children.

The current Covid-19 symptoms list is below:

COVID-19 symptoms list:

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms

Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

Please contact the nurse's office with any questions or concerns. We will do our best to assist you!

Mary Beth Doherty, MS,RN

Colleen Wilson, BSN, RN

Penn Brook School Nurse

978-352-5785 ext. 2016/18

PHOTOS: Throughout the year, we will also be taking photos for end-of-the-year presentations, our monthly Penn Brook Perspectives, and other celebrations. Please email your child's teacher if you DO NOT want photos of your child shared in these, and other, opportunities.