



Thank you and much appreciation to:

The PTA for:

the gift of the Kona Ice Truck! What a wonderful treat on a beautiful day ~ students really enjoyed the event, and always, your thoughtfulness is much appreciated!

The DJ for our cookout! It was another perfect day! Students had so much fun, and the music added to the festive atmosphere!

All the many ways, you have supported students and staff throughout the district ~ your attentiveness and thoughtfulness have been much appreciated!

You!

This is my final This Week ~ I have such gratitude, appreciation, and thanks for all your support, collaboration, and kindness over the past 12 years. This is an especially symbolic year in which to leave, as I am “moving on” with the Grade 6 class, which was the first to start kindergarten in the new Penn Brook School. We both move on excited, perhaps a little unsure, with what is ahead. Regardless of what is ahead, there will be new adventures and in the words of Fred Rogers, “Often when you think you’re at the end of something, you’re at the beginning of something else.”

To all our families, we at Penn Brook wish you a wonderful summer and “may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face.”

Until we meet again, I wish you the very best...

Mrs. Maher

Congratulations to Penn Brook Grade 6 Moving on to Grade 7!

Grade 6 Moving-On Ceremony: 10:00, Wednesday, June 15:

The Moving On Ceremony will be outside on the Penn Brook baseball field. Because it is outside, there is no limit to the number of family members who can attend. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs!

If you would like Penn Brook siblings to attend, please **email your child's teacher by Tuesday, June 14. Siblings will meet you at the gym door entrance at 9:45.**

In order to minimize confusion before and after the 6th grade Moving on Ceremony, we are asking parents to **send in a note by Tuesday, June 14 regarding dismissals for your Grade 6 student and other siblings you plan to dismiss after the ceremony.** Sign out sheets will be at a table by the field where the ceremony is being held, and you may sign out your Grade 6 students and any siblings before the ceremony or directly afterward, but **all students being dismissed must be signed out.**

Please be sure that your child knows your plan. Teachers and administrators are trying to coordinate this in advance to avoid any confusion.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this process.


Hope you have a wonderful week and a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Maher

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

Looking ahead in June:

Tuesday, June 14	Flag Day! <i>"We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth, peace, security, liberty, our family, our friends, our home... But when we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it is the result of duty done."</i> <i>~ Calvin Coolidge</i> Though Flag Day may not be quite as well-known or widely celebrated as the Fourth of July or other patriotic holidays, it does mark an important day in history. It is the celebration of the birthday of the Stars and Stripes, which was adopted as the official flag of the United States in 1777.
Wednesday, June 15	10:00 a.m. Grade 6 Moving On Ceremony

	<p>(Rain Date Thursday, June 16)</p> <p>12:30- 2:30 Grade 4 Field Day</p> <p>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:</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YJWRQnPoZHxiZO7S-RC1jCifNJxoyRAK/view?usp=sharing</p>
Thursday, June 16	5:30- 8:00 p.m. Grade 6 Party at Camp Denison
Friday, June 17	<p>12:00 Dismissal for the Last Day of the 2021- 2022 School Year!</p> <p>Please check your mail for updates and information during the summer!</p> 

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.

Please see the attached information:

GYCC Summer Programs

Grade 6 End of Year Party

Georgetown Peabody Library Summer Reading Flier

Penn Brook Handbook:

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

1:1 iPad Initiative for Incoming Grade 7 Students:

Greetings 6th grade (almost 7th grade!) parents and guardians,

Georgetown Middle High School is excited to continue its 1:1 iPad initiative for the 2022-2023 school year. An iPad will be required for all incoming 7th grade students. Below, you will find a letter from the Director of Instructional Technology, Collin MacDonald, as well as information on different payment plans, and a step-by-step slideshow for setting up payment plans. **Payment plans must be set up through FACTS by June 25th, 2022.**

2022-2023 1:1 iPad Letter to Parents

<https://bit.ly/1to1parentletter>

iPad Lease Payment Options

<https://bit.ly/ipadpayments>

Link to set up a payment plan through FACTS

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4L5FP>

1:1 iPad Payment Plan Slideshow

<https://bit.ly/1to1ipadslideshow>

If there are any questions regarding the 1:1 iPad program, please do not hesitate to contact Collin MacDonald at macdonaldc@georgetown.k12.ma.us

Wishing everyone good health and a happy start to the summer,
Collin MacDonald

Collin M. MacDonald
Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Director of Instructional Technology
Georgetown Public Schools

Summer GYCC: The Friends of the GYCC are sponsoring 4-day weekly programming that runs Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM. The offerings are for youth entering 5th grade and up this fall. The programming will be offering a variety of sports, arts, gaming, outdoor activities, walking field trips, and workshops from outside vendors. You must register and pay for your week on the [website](#). There will be no drop-ins. If you have any questions feel free to ask me or email Coach Avre at

gyccyouthcouncil@gmail.com

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SUMMER PROGRAMS](#)

[REGISTER HERE FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS](#)

Grade 7 Orientation will be on August 24th at 9:00am. Meet your teachers, tour the building and get your schedule. Please contact Cheryl O'Leary with questions at: olearyc@georgetown.k12.ma.us

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/5080D4AADA2EA7FB6-endofyear>

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

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>

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

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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.

