



**A Note from Ms. Loughran, Interim Principal**

**“The human capacity for burden is like bamboo- far more flexible than you'd ever believe at first glance.”- unknown**

We are back in school, and our students are proving every day that they are resilient, flexible, and enthusiastic scholars ready for learning. Every parent and teacher, including me, worries about the setbacks our students have endured because of COVID-19. But when I see them in the classroom, engaged and learning, I am reassured and inspired! Check our [Hale slide deck](#) to see them in action.

NEWS TO CELEBRATE: More than 60% of our 6th graders gained admission to the exam schools for 7th grade! Congrats to Team Hale for our hard work!

MENTAL HEALTH LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES: May 19, 12:00 - 1:00PM, Co-sponsored by Brookview House, The Massachusetts Women of Color Network and Community Labor United, the topic of this lunch and learn is "Enhancing & Promoting Resiliency in Black & Brown Youth During A Pandemic." Use this [link](#) to join!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: We appreciate all that our Hale teachers do! The teachers got many thanks this week. Thank you to parents who contributed to the teacher appreciation coffee and lunch.

GEORGE COX MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Did you know our library is going to be ready by the end of this year? We will have thousands of new books. Ms. Loughran is working with the City of Boston so we can officially call it the George Cox Memorial Library. We hope to have a virtual opening ceremony on Friday, June 11th. As one of the final steps, we will host a public hearing on changing the library name. The agenda and public notice for this is here: [Public notice of hearing](#). This is the same zoom link as the School Site Council meeting.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: Our next School Site Council is Tuesday, June 1st at 5:30.

WALKING FIELD TRIPS: We have fun, educational walking field trips planned for the rest of the year. Please make sure you filled out a permission slip so your child does not miss out. Mr Arroyo has planned trips to the farm! Let us know if you need another copy.

SUMMER LEARNING: We hope all Hale students will participate in enriching, engaging summer camps and summer learning. Do you need support signing up your child? Check out the [Summer Stuff/ Summer Learning overview](#). Ms. Gazerro, our school social worker, can help. Please reach out to her with questions at [cgazerro@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:cgazerro@bostonpublicschools.org).

PARKING: Please do not park on Cedar Street when dropping off or picking up your student. We need this street open so buses can safely pass. We had a smooth and fast dismissal on Friday when Boston School Police helped keep Cedar Street open for buses.

BOKS: [BOKS](#) has started! Students must have a signed permission slip to participate. This is a drop-in program, so students attend when they can. BOKS started Tuesday, May 4th and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of the year.

MCAS TESTING: Hale students (both remote and in-person) in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will participate in MCAS testing from June 3-10. More details will follow from your child's teacher.

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MASK REMINDER: Please help keep the Hale community safe and healthy! Masks are required at all times, including drop off and pick up, inside and outside the Hale building.