



A Note from Ms. Loughran, Interim Principal

We just finished our second in-person week with our youngest learners in grades K1 through 3rd grade. Next week, we are welcoming back our 4th through 6th graders. The Hale students have done what kids do—they have adapted to all of it without incident. For me, being in the school building with the students has been incredibly fulfilling. The benefits of being in-person are too many to list. The changes to schedule and logistics will continue to develop, but the Hale staff will remain steadfast in our commitment to provide every student with a safe and healthy re-entry to school, and to a rigorous and engaging academic experience. Reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns!

Announcements

COVID TESTING: Boston Public Schools (including the Hale School) has started student Covid testing on March 8th for students who are attending school. Attached you will find the letter explaining the testing, and the links for electronic consent. Please sign your consent for this to help keep everyone at the Nathan Hale School healthy. We have been sending paper consent forms and will continue to do so. We hope to have all students participate!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Students who are returning to school are expected to wear white or navy collared shirts. Shirts do not need to have the school emblem. If you need shirts, we have some at the school to share with students. We are not requiring navy pants, but they are encouraged. Please call the school and talk with Ms. Lewis, our substitute secretary, if you need uniforms.

BPS SURVEY: Please look out for the BPS survey regarding full return to school. Families will be able to select full return to school, starting April 28, or full remote learning for the rest of the year.

INTRODUCTIONS: We welcome Ms. Wallace as another art substitute teacher! Ms. Wallace recently graduated from Massachusetts College of Art and Design, and completed her student teaching at the Russell Elementary School.

OUTSIDE TIME AND WINTER COATS: Have you seen our beautiful tent on the play yard? We are excited to be able to dine “al fresco”! Hale students will be going outside every day for mask breaks, recess, and lunch. Please dress your child for winter weather! If your child is in need of a winter coat or winter gear, please contact Ms. Lewis in the main office. We recently received a donation of over 50 coats.

