

## A Note from Ms. Loughran, Interim Principal



This is a special time of year for many of the staff, students, and families of our community. For our Jewish families, the first night of Passover began after sundown on Saturday, March 27th, and continues until the evening of April 4th. This weekend is also special to many Christians, including tomorrow, which is Good Friday, and Easter Sunday on April 4th. We wish everyone a happy and healthy weekend! There is no school tomorrow, Friday, April 2, 2021.

GREAT NEWS: Nathan Hale Elementary School has qualified as one of twenty-three schools invited to apply for the 2021 School on the Move Prize – a \$100,000 citywide prize which is awarded each fall to one of the most improving Boston Public schools. This prestigious award is designed to shine a spotlight on a single school that has made significant progress on behalf of their students. Even being nominated is an honor... and a testament to the hard work of our staff and students. Go Team Hale!

BOKS: We are getting ready to start a before school exercise program called BOKS! Our substitute teacher, Mr. Holmes, will take the lead with this program after the April break. BOKS is a physical activities program that helps kids prepare for the day mentally and physically. BOKS will be free for all Hale students. We will send out information on this program next week.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: Our next council meet is Tuesday, April 6th at 5:30 on Zoom. The agenda will include finalizing our partnerships for 2021-2022, an update on the library, and finalizing our hiring committee. If you have other agenda items, please let me know. Come and see what SSC is all about. This is an open meeting so all are invited to attend. Please use this <u>zoom link</u>: ID: 87525035612.

COVID TESTING: The Hale Elementary School started student Covid testing on March 8<sup>th</sup> for students who are attending school. Please sign your <u>consent</u> to help keep everyone at the Nathan Hale School healthy.





Ms. Udoh shows off Skylar's work.

Ms. Orsini teaches math and connects with in-person and remote students.

DONATE: Are you interested in contributing to our school? Our teachers have developed an <u>Amazon wishlist</u>. All donations are tax deductible. There are items that start at \$5 and go up from there. These gifts are shipped directly to the school. Thanks!

SCHEDULE: The next two weeks from April 5th- April 16th will be hybrid. We have spring break from April 19-23. We return to school 5 days a week starting April 26th, and we can't wait to see everyone. We are carefully planning our safe and healthy return. We are following the CDC and City of Boston guidelines and we are optimistic about our return.