



A Note from Ms. Loughran, Interim Principal

Hello Hale Families!

We had a wonderful April 2021 opening week with our returning students. It was great to see the excitement entering the building and see students reconnecting with adults and peers. Thank you to our families that decorated for the first day! Check out our [picture slide show](#)- and look at our successful week!

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH: May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month! Recently, we have seen a tragic uptick of violence against Asian Americans in our nation. I share the sorrow and outrage expressed by AAPI community members nationwide over these events and encourage families to discuss these events and look for ways to learn about new cultures. BPS has planned some [AAPI Heritage events](#), check them out!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: May 3-7 is teacher appreciation week. At the Hale, we celebrate our teachers, our cafeteria staff, our custodial staff, and support staff, too! Consider sending in a note or leaving a message for our hard working, dedicated teachers and staff. We appreciate your feedback.

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 May 4th meeting will be from 5:30-6:30. Our agenda is here:
New after school program for next year (SY22) , Uniforms for SY22, MCAS schedule, COVID testing, Agenda for June SSC
Click here to [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
ID: 81900646285

UNIFORM SURVEY: In person students received a paper survey regarding uniforms from the parent council. Click here and you are also able to fill out an [electronic survey](#).

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.

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: We hope you received the information about the before school fitness and exercise program called [BOKS](#). Students must have a signed permission slip to participate. This is a drop-in program, so students attend when they can. BOKS starts Tuesday, May 4th and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of the year. If you need more information, please email Mr. Holmes at mholmes@bostonpublicschools.org.

COVID TESTING: The Hale Elementary School started student Covid testing on March 8th for students who are attending school. Starting next week, we will test once a week on Tuesdays as all students are in school every day. Please sign your [consent](#) to help keep everyone at the Nathan Hale School healthy.

DONATE: Are you interested in contributing to our school? Our teachers have developed an [Amazon wishlist](#). 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!

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.