



A Note from Ms. Loughran, Interim Principal

We are so excited to welcome some of our students back to school this week! The Nathan Hale staff has been getting ready for this exciting transition. Our teachers and staff have been preparing the classrooms, learning how to use the polycam equipment, and planning lessons that will meet the needs of both remote and in-person students. We start in-person learning with two goals: safety and meeting the academic/ emotional needs of all students. Please reach out with any questions. We are looking forward to this next chapter!

Announcements

COVID TESTING: Boston Public Schools will start 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 will send paper consent forms home starting Monday.

TOWN HALL: Did you attend our town hall on Thursday? We reviewed a lot of important information! The slide deck is attached.

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.

WINTER COATS: We will be going outside every day, unless it is raining or snowing. 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!

DONATIONS: Are you looking to donate to the school? We always need hand sanitizer, tissues, and cleaning wipes. These will be used all day in the school and will help keep us all healthy! Reach out to classroom teachers if you would like to donate other items.

EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES: BPS Moves Together is launching their Spring Physical Activity Series! Virtual sessions begin next week and are free. Let's have some physically active fun led by PE teachers! Next week's sessions will be Yoga, HIIT, Fitness Challenges, and Dance. Wouldn't it be great to have a group of Hale students and families participate? The flyer and info are attached.

COMMUNITY EVENT: The Honoring Henry Hampton committee is excited to announce its second event, titled "Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize: Education, Equity & Justice." The focus will be on family advocacy for transformative education in communities of color in Boston, with a focus on Roxbury. This family friendly event is open to all Nathan Hale families and will feature guest speakers, community dialogue, and student performances will be online on Saturday 3/6, 5-7 pm.

Welcome to our new art substitute teacher... Mr. Holmes! Many of you were able to meet him on Thursday or Friday this week.

We are actively looking for a PE substitute teacher who can teach remote and in-person students. If you know someone who is interested, reach out to Ms. Loughran!