



## A Note from Ms. Loughran, Interim Principal



On Monday, April 12, at sundown the observance of Ramadan begins. This is known as the holiest month in Islam, a period of prayer and charity for Muslims around the world. Those celebrating Ramadan fast each day from sunrise to sunset, after which the family shares an evening meal. The end of Ramadan will be celebrated (this year) in the U.S. from the evening of May 12th through the evening of May 13th, and is known as Eid al-fitr, the “Feast of Fast-Breaking.” On this date, family and friends typically gather for a festive meal to ‘break-fast’ along with engaging in prayer. While observances and celebrations may again look different this year because COVID, I send my best wishes to all of our families and colleagues who celebrate Ramadan and Eid-al-fitr.

**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 and info will be emailed to all families on Monday, April 12.

**REPORT CARDS:** Trimester II report cards were emailed to families and paper copies were sent home with in-person students. If you have not seen your child’s report card, please reach out to your child’s teacher or to Ms. Gerald in the main office.

**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 [consent](#) to help keep everyone at the Nathan Hale School healthy.



K2 students explored the properties of soil with Mr. Arroyo.



In-person and remote third grade students work together and stay connected.

**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!

**SCHEDULE:** Next week, April 12-16 is our last week of hybrid learning. 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. If you have questions about our return, please reach out. Reminder: in-person students will not have the option of learning remotely unless they are excused from school for a medical reason.

**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.