



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House
Thursday,
September 12

Dover Days
Saturday,
September 14

Picture Day
Thursday,
September 19

Parents Night Out
Thursday, October
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Family Movie Night
Friday, October 25

International Night

A Letter From the Co-Presidents:

Dear Chickering Families,

Welcome back to another year! Our theme this year is "**Chickering Rocks!**" with the goal of celebrating the amazing community we have built.

As you look forward to the school year, check out the fabulous line-up of community events and curriculum enrichment! A full list of events can be found [here](#).

Please save the date for our Auction on April 3, 2020 and note that we have moved International Night from Spring to Fall (November 15, 2019).

We are committed to a paper-free environment so please be on the lookout for our emails. If you aren't receiving them, please contact us at communications@doverpto.org. We have many ways you can get involved so if you are interested in helping out in any capacity, big or small, don't hesitate to reach out to us at volunteers@doverpto.org.

You can find helpful information and up-to-date info at our website (www.doverpto.org) and our Facebook page

Friday, November
15

SAVE THE DATE!

Auction

Friday, April 3

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MORE EVENTS](#)

(<https://www.facebook.com/DoverPTO>).

See you at school!

Jenn Bender & Martha Holt Castle

Co-Presidents, Dover PTO (president@doverpto.org)

Dover Days

Saturday, September 14, 2019

9am - 4pm

Dover Days Carnival on the Green is Saturday, September 14th!

Welcome Back Chickering Families! Mark your calendars and come reconnect with friends and neighbors at Dover Days on the Town Green on Saturday, September 14h from 9-4pm. The Dover PTO has prepared a fun day for all, with plenty of games and prizes.



Admission will be \$10 per child or \$25 per family for unlimited game play and proceeds go directly to the Dover PTO in support of the wonderful Curriculum Enrichment programs among many other contributions to our amazing school, teachers and faculty!

We are looking for some great volunteers to make this event a success, so if you can spare any time to help us out, please sign up for a slot or 2 at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45aea922aafb6-dover>

The Dover PTO extends a huge thank you to our Parent Community for all your support!

School Directory

Order your Directories Open House Night September 12 or online by September 20!

Order online via: <http://www.doverpto.org/directory-excuse-pads>

or complete and print the order form [here](#). **Deadline to order is September 20!**

1. Make check payable to “DoverPTO”
2. Send it to school in an envelope marked “PTODirectory/ExcusePadOrder”

\$20.00 for first directory

\$10.00 each directory after

Excuse pads available (\$5.00).

(Cash or check are accepted)

Questions? Email DoverDirectory@gmail.com

Curriculum Enrichment Update

We are looking forward to an action-packed year for Curriculum Enrichment at Chickering! We are thrilled to have so many parent volunteers giving so much of their time to plan and attend these wonderful programs.

Throughout the year, we will host dozens of programs ranging from authors to naturalists to poets to scientists to historians who will enrich our children’s school experience with unique programs funded by YOU through your support of the Dover PTO. We are grateful for your generous support of the Dover PTO!

To kick off the CE season, on Friday, November 8 we look forward to welcoming to Chickering award-winning children’s author and illustrator Peter H. Reynolds for an All-School Assembly.

To learn more about CE at Chickering, please visit:

<http://www.doverpto.org/curriculum-enrichment>

- Ellie Beasley and Peggy Gemelli
Curriculum Enrichment Chairs

Make A Difference (MAD)

Make A Difference Club (Grade 5):

If you have a **5th grader** that would like to participate in this year’s Make a Difference Club, please contact Club Leader Peter Hoffmann at [community@doverpto.org]. Kick off meeting will be held in mid-October. Date and location TBD.

What is the Make a Difference Club (MAD)?

MAD is an after school community service club that aims to develop philanthropic leadership skills in our 4th and 5th grade students. MAD helps to educate and create awareness around the needs in our local communities by discovering simple ways to make

a difference. Kids will participate in fun projects and local field trips, all of which will foster kindness, generosity and understanding of those around us. Meetings are typically held once a month and are parent participatory. In addition to the leaders of the club, parents and care takers of club members are asked to attend meetings, assist with transportation and take part in the projects with the kids.

Make A Difference Club (Grade 4):

If you are **4th grade** parent that would be interested in leading the 4th grade Make a Difference Club, please email Community Outreach Chair Peter Hoffmann at [\[community@doverpto.org\]](mailto:community@doverpto.org). We are still looking for someone to take on this important role. Details below.

What are the responsibilities of the MAD club leader(s)?

Club leader(s) are tasked with developing a community service focused curriculum that will include hands on projects and field trips to local organizations in need of assistance. Past projects have included organizing a Food Drive for A Place to Turn, creating a Buddy Bench for the Chickering playground, building birthday boxes for less fortunate children whose families can not afford birthday parties, visiting with seniors from Dover’s Council on Aging and many more. Club leaders are responsible for recruiting club members, planning all projects, communicating and scheduling with the organizations they are planning to serve and keeping club members and Chickering staff informed on project logistics. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and get more involved in our community while instilling important, long lasting values in our children. The 4th grade club from last year will be continuing their work in 5th grade and will serve as mentors to the new 4th grade group.

Thank you!

Save the Date!



SAVE THE DATE for our Auction on **Friday, April 3rd 2020!**

This year we will be having some **Adult Fun at the Farm** while raising funds for the PTO! Our new location is a local favorite, Lookout Farm! Be on the lookout for more



and more details throughout the year and don't miss out on this exciting night out for our parent community!

Chickering Outdoor Classroom

The Chickering Outdoor Classroom has gotten an upgrade! Take a look at the new recycled benches we've provided to enhance the space. The Outdoor Classroom is used for Curriculum Enrichment programs as well as teacher led classroom lessons. Gardening is also offered to students as an activity during recess on select days. If you're not familiar with the Outdoor Classroom please stop by and take a look to see what we're growing! While you're there feel free to sample what ever ripe veggies we may have. Interested in helping in the garden? Please email volunteers@doverpto.org and let us know!



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