



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**International  
Cultural Night**  
April 27th

**Bike Safety Day**  
May 5th

**MFA Trip**  
May 9th

**3rd + 1st grade  
Teacher  
Appreciation Day  
Luncheon**  
May 9th

**Dover School  
Committee  
Meeting**  
May 14th

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### **A Letter From the President:**

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

And roll they did! Our sincere thanks to everyone for a successful auction and a very enjoyable evening!

I can't believe it is already spring and time for International Night - I hope to see you there to explore the heritage and culture of Chickering parents! Passports will be ready for stamps and a new quest!

As the weather turns nice and bike rides become more common, please join us for Bike Safety day in May and help your children learn the rules of the road!

Best wishes,  
Jim McLaughlin  
Dover PTO President 2017-2018

**Thank YOU for making it all happen!**

### Why We Fundraise:

Click below to see the wonderful video shown at the auction, highlighting the many ways our children and teachers benefit from PTO funds and your generosity!



"I Like Chickering Because..."

### What We Raised:

- Over **\$65,000** was raised through silent / live auctions and monetary donations! These proceeds will be used to fund the many amazing curriculum enrichment programs, teacher grants, and community events at Chickering.

### Our Sincere Thanks:

- The auction would not have been successful without all of you---whether you bought some of the 1,504 raffle tickets sold, helped your child's class create the masks for the raffle, gave up your Friday night to help set up, donated an item to the silent or live auction, bid on or won any of the amazing auction prizes, or made a monetary donation because you couldn't be there in person---it all contributed to an amazing night.
- We would also like to give a special thanks to all of the Chickering teachers, administrators, and staff for their time and generosity donating class parties and other items to the PTO in support of our school.

### You Can Still Contribute:

Couldn't make the auction, or didn't win that silent or live auction item you bid on? It's never too late to donate! Please e-mail **Peggy Gemelli** at [auction@doverpto.org](mailto:auction@doverpto.org) or click [HERE](#) to make a donation online.



## **Save the Date** **Saturday, May 5th is Bike Safety Day at Chickering**

This event, supported by the Dover Police Department, aims to pass on important information and lessons to our children.

Bicycle riding is a great way to get from one place to another, as well as a fun family activity. The popularity of bicycle riding is growing daily, but, as with anything, it is important to make safety your primary consideration.

Here are some tips about safety and the rules of the road from the Dover Police Department:  
Be certain the bicycle you are riding works properly.

- Make sure you have reflectors on the bike that make it visible from any direction after dark (red facing rear, white facing front), and a warning device, such as a bell or horn.
- Never ride a bicycle without a helmet that fits properly.
- Ride on the right side of the road.
- Use proper hand signals when slowing, turning and stopping.
- Ride no more than two abreast.
- Don't swerve in and out of traffic.
- Yield to pedestrians.

Volunteers are still needed for this event. If you are interested in helping out, please go to the SignUpGenius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44a5a72ea2f94-volunteer>

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## **Curriculum Enrichment Update**

At the end of February, our 5th graders experienced a mock Salem witch trial, with the "Cry Innocent" program. This is a favorite CE program that the 5th grade looks forward to each year. In March, our 3rd grade students welcomed a visitor from "The Paul Revere House". They learned lots of interesting details about our "near and dear" patriot, Paul Revere, and his family! The Kindergartners continued their science and nature program and had a fun and exciting visit from the Audubon Naturalist.

The donations over the last month, from the PTO Auction, directly affect Curriculum Enrichment and support the amazing programs that the PTO brings to Chickering School. Curriculum Enrichment is very grateful for your generosity.

Janet DeBevoise Curriculum Enrichment Chair

Rachel Motley Curriculum Enrichment Co-chair



## Artful Adventure to the Museum of Fine Arts

It's time to reserve a spot for you and/or your Chickering student(s) for this year's Artful Adventure to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston led by the Dover PTO.

This year's trip will take place on May 9, 2018 from 12:15pm - around 4:00pm, and will include a guided tour of significant works of art and an art project led by museum staff. The tours and art projects are different every year, so we always have many repeat attendees. The trip typically sells out quickly with a strict limit of attendees imposed by the MFA and the bus company. So if you are interested in signing up, please don't wait long to do so. Also, please consider joining the trip as a chaperone. It's a great trip for everyone!



Please go to the website: [goo.gl/QT3MSU](http://goo.gl/QT3MSU) for more information and, to reserve your spot(s). Hope you and/or your Chickering student(s) can join us this year. You can also contact Peter Hoffmann (Chair of Community Outreach for the Dover PTO) with any questions at [community@doverpto.org](mailto:community@doverpto.org). Thanks!

## Coming Soon: International Night

The passports will be back before you know it! Chickering's Fifth Annual International Night is Friday, April 27th at 6:00PM. Don't miss one of the most popular community events of the year in which we sample cuisines from all over the world, including cultural regions of the United States!

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traditional cultural dances performed by none other than your own children.

This event is a community effort, so we're looking for volunteers. Do you have a particular heritage, nation, region or culture that you would like to showcase? Then perhaps you would be interested in setting up a table displaying representative food, clothing and artifacts.



If you are interested in hosting a table, please sign up on or before Friday April 6th, using the SignUpGenius link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4caaaa29a3fc1-international>

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