



# Maria Hastings PTO

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**May 9, 2018**

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

As the end of the year approaches, I want to remind families that the Report Card will be open for access electronically on the [Aspen Parent Portal](#) on the last day of school, Friday June 22. Please take time now to make sure you are able to access your information prior to the end of the school year. This is also a great time to update any information for our database. Should you have any issues, please contact the district at: [parentportal@lexingtonma.org](mailto:parentportal@lexingtonma.org)

**Save the Date:** Wednesday, June 13 at 9:30 am we will host a Groundbreaking Ceremony to launch the construction of the new Hastings School. Weather permitting, all students will be seated on the grass behind the school. All families are welcome to attend, understanding that seating will be on the grass. Speakers will include Director of Massachusetts School Building Authority Jack McCarthy, Superintendent of Schools Mary Czajkowski, Chair of the Board of Selectmen Mary Barry, Chair of the School Committee Eileen Jay, a small group of fifth grade students and Principal Louise Lipsitz.

*Louise Lipsitz*

## **NEWS**

### **Boston PTO Meeting TOMORROW**

**Date:** Thursday May 10, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:** 670 Washington Street, Boston MA

Please join us for our annual PTO meeting in Boston! Kids are welcome and enjoy playing with friends. The meeting starts with a pizza dinner, then the meeting. If there are any particular topics you would like to discuss, please email [president@hastings-ptd.org](mailto:president@hastings-ptd.org). We will be joined by the Bridge PTA this year!

[RSVP here](#) so we know how much food to order :)

## **LEF STAR for Teacher Appreciation Week**

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-11, your child can thank a favorite teacher with a LEF STAR! For a donation of \$30 or more to the Lexington Education Foundation, LEF will deliver a personalized STAR (Staff and Teacher Appreciation and Recognition) Award certificate to your teacher. You can even print a copy for your child to decorate and hand-deliver. All proceeds go back to teachers and schools via teacher-initiated grants awarded by LEF. Go to [lexedfoundation.org/STAR](http://lexedfoundation.org/STAR) to order your STAR awards today!

## **PTO End of the Year Celebration-Everyone is Welcome**

**Date:** Wednesday May 23, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** 7 Park St. Lexington (Co-President Kate Criniti's home)

Can you believe the school year is coming to an end soon! So much to celebrate. The PTO was busy this year and we want you to join us as we reflect back on this amazing school year. Please join us for the annual end of the year parent social. We will have delicious desserts and drinks. Bring a friend and take a breather from the crazy schedule!

## **Field Day is Coming on May 31st!**

**Date:** Thursday May 31, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 - 11:00 am

**Location:** Field behind Hastings

Looking for a great one-shot volunteer opportunity that's lots of fun and lets you spend time with your kids? Then mark your calendars now! On Thursday, May 31st (rain date is June 1st), Hastings boys and girls will have a blast working as teams through a fun, high-energy (and sometimes wet!) field day course.

**We'll need lots of volunteers** to run the stations, take pictures, and cheer the students on. Please [sign up today](#). You must complete the quick and easy [CORI process](#) (if you haven't already done so) before volunteering for any Hastings event. For questions, contact the field day [team](#).

## **THANK YOU**

**First and foremost a huge thank you to our amazing Hastings performers - totaling 117 this year!** The Talent Show has truly grown to be one of the signature Hastings community events.

Managing that many performers, with rehearsals, stage managing and general chaos control can only be accomplished through great teamwork. **Thank you to Co-Coordinator Sally Suen and Jonah Myerberg.** And a huge round of applause for our hard working stage crew led by Jonah. A big thank you to **Shilpi Lulla** and **Elizabeth Fray** for flowing the performers with such precision and efficiency. To our lovely MCs: **Amy Muzyka, Kirsten Sweet,** and **Meredith Hayward,** it wouldn't be the same without you. To the teacher dancers, thank you for adding the highlight to the show. And lastly to **Principal Lipsitz** and **Tony Capella,** thank you for your support.

We can't wait until next year, and it is NEVER too early to volunteer to help. If you are interested, contact [volunteer@hastings-pto.org](mailto:volunteer@hastings-pto.org).

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES**

If you'd like to stay updated on school building projects and other community updates (sports teams, club registration as well as community posts), please join the Hastings Families Google Group at <http://bit.ly/HastingsFamilies>.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 22nd

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Cary Memorial Building, Battin Hall

**School Start Times - The district is considering a change in school start times.** The School Start Times Task Force has been meeting for a year to research and investigate the various options. You can find [background information, research, some findings, and presentations by the Task Force on the LPS website](#). There will be a public hearing to discuss School Start Times on May 22 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Cary Memorial Building, Battin Hall.

If you cannot attend these hearings, you can reach the School Committee in the following ways:

- Attend any School Committee meeting and speak during the public comment section at the beginning of every meeting. You can find the School Committee meeting dates and agendas [here](#).
- Email the entire School Committee at: [school-com@lexingtonma.org](mailto:school-com@lexingtonma.org)
- Email individual members of the School Committee. You can find their email addresses [here](#).

### UPCOMING MONTH'S CALENDAR

View all upcoming events online at [hastings-pto.org/pta-calendar/](http://hastings-pto.org/pta-calendar/) and save to your Google Calendar.

<b>5/7-5/12 Monday - Friday</b>		<b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>
<b>5/10 Thursday</b>	12:15-3:15 pm	<b>Family Friends</b>
	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>General PTO Meeting in Boston, 670 Washington St. Dorchester MA.</b>
<b>5/17 Thursday</b>	8:55 - 9:30 am	<b>All School Meeting</b>
<b>5/22 Tuesday</b>	6:00 pm	<b>School Committee Meeting, 1625 Massachusetts Ave, Selectmen's Meeting Room</b>
<b>5/23 Wednesday</b>	7:00-9:30 pm	<b>PTO End of Year celebration, 7 Park St. ALL WELCOME</b>
<b>5/28 Monday</b>	All Day	<b>No School - Holiday - Memorial Day</b>
<b>5/30 Wednesday</b>	Various	<b>Fifth Grade Play - Mary Poppins, Jr.</b> <b>9:30 am - 10:45 am &amp; 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm:</b> performances for the Hastings Community (i.e., students and faculty, family and friends only if you cannot make the evening performance) <b>6:30pm - 7:45pm:</b> performance for families & friends
<b>5/31 Thursday</b>	9:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Field Day, Field behind Hastings</b>

<b>6/5 Tuesday</b>	5:00-7:00 pm	<b>End of Year BBQ, Hastings Playground Area</b>
<b>6/5 Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	<b>School Committee Meeting, 1625 Massachusetts Ave, Selectmen's Meeting Room</b>
<b>6/13 Wednesday</b>	9:00 am	<b>Groundbreaking Ceremony. All welcome, seating on the grass.</b>
<b>6/18 Monday</b>	9:00 am	<b>Fifth Grade Pool Party (Rain date Tuesday 6/19)</b>
<b>6/21 Thursday</b>	9:00 am	<b>Fifth Grade Moving On Ceremony</b>
<b>6/22 Friday</b>		<b>Last Day of School-½ day</b>

Bulletin submissions are due on Mondays by 12:00 pm and should be made [online](#). Visit the [Hastings PTO website](#) to find more information and helpful resources. And don't forget to like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1493554707397661/>.