



DMS Newsflash

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Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

Dear Deans Mill School Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We had a busy summer getting ready for another year full of learning and growing. This year, we look forward to having our preschool and fifth grade students joining us at DMS, as well as many new staff members.

We are excited for the final pieces of our building project to be completed and for all of the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead for our students. Our students and staff will continue to focus in on building a growth mindset and working together to increase student success.

Here are some of the new things at Deans Mill School this year:

- With an increase in our student population and to further support learners, we are excited to add a full time Academic Interventionist, a part time School Social Worker, and a part time Elementary Program Facilitator to our staff this year.
- Students in Grades 3 to 5 will now spend half of the year engaging in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) principles as part of their specials schedule.
- Our back field and playgrounds are fully ready for student play! A Gaga Pit and the Buddy Bench will be installed soon.
- To promote and celebrate positive student behavior and school climate, we have some exciting Bucket Challenges and Spirit Days planned out!

Our goal at DMS is to provide a nurturing environment that provides ALL students with opportunities to excel academically and socially. Our belief at Deans Mill School is that, as a community, we can ***"learn, inspire, and grow together."*** We know that working in partnerships with families we can achieve great things.

We are excited for another fun filled year of learning at Deans Mill School!

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. McCurdy, Principal

Thomas J. Bousquet, Assistant Principal



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Important Dates

September

- 3 Opening Day
- 3-5 Early Release • Kindergarten
Students Only • 12:10 PM
- 12-13 School Pictures
- 12 Board of Education Meeting
• SHS Commons • 7 PM
- 16 PTO Meeting • DMS Library • 5:30 PM
- 18 Back-to-School Night
- 20 Spirit Day • wear green and white or
DMS apparel
- 25 Early Release • Teacher Professional
Learning • 12:10 PM
- 28 Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



October

- 2 Custodian's Day
- 10 Board of Education Meeting
• SHS Commons • 7 PM
- 14 Columbus Day Observance
• No School
- 18-25 DMS Fall Book Fair
- 19 DMS Fall Festival • 11AM – 3 PM
- 20 Fall Festival (RAIN DATE)
- 23 & 24 Early Release • Parent/Teacher
Conferences • 12:10 PM
- 25 Spirit Day • Crazy Hair Day



School Spirit Days

September 20 • Wear green and white
or your DMS apparel



October 25 • Crazy Hair Day



November 27 • Stonington Bears Day
• Wear brown & white



December 20 • Holiday Cheer Day



January 10 • Hawaiian Day



January 31 • Team Day •
Wear your favorite jersey or clothing
from your favorite sports team



February 21 • Flannel Friday •
Wear a flannel shirt or other
flannel clothing



March 6 • for Read Across America
Week • Wear a shirt with words on it



March 20 • for Down Syndrome
Awareness • Wear yellow



April 2 • for Autism Awareness • Light it
Up Blue by wearing blue clothing.



April 24 • Animal Day •
Wear a shirt or other clothing with
an animal print

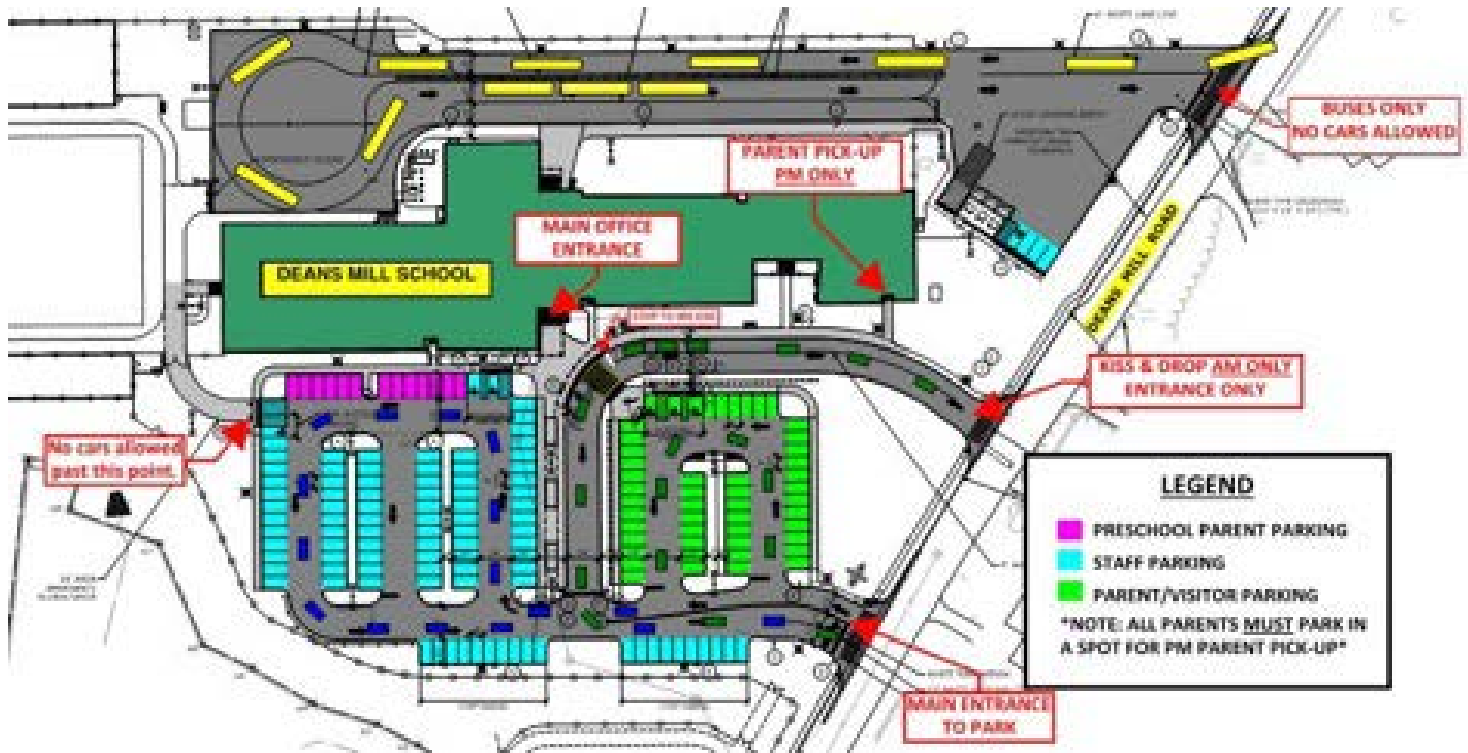



May 22 • America Day •
Wear patriotic clothing, or red,
white, and blue





Parking Procedures

The map below outlines our parking procedures for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Please pay careful attention to the flow of traffic as safety is our top priority!



 **Kiss and Drop (AM only)** • For those families who transport their child(ren) to school in the morning, please enter the Kiss and Drop entrance. Pull your car up to the "stop to unload" area and have your child exit the car (on the sidewalk side). A staff member will be stationed at the sidewalk to take your child into the school building. Parents should only unload if they are the first 4 cars. If you need to enter the building or exit your car, it is important to park in a parking spot. * **Never drop a child unless there is a staff member present to receive him or her.** Staff members are at the Kiss and Drop from 8:40 AM until 8:55 AM. Students should not be dropped off prior to 8:40 AM.

 **Bus Loop (AM & PM)** • We have a separate entrance for buses. Please note that no cars are allowed to enter the bus area.

 **Parent Pick-Up (PM)** • If your child is a parent pick-up, please park in the Parent/Visitor Parking. Parents will enter the school through the side cafeteria door. The cafeteria doors will be opened by the staff with dismissal duty at 3:25 PM. (Please note that parents/guardians will need to wait outside until 3:25 PM). Once the doors are unlocked, parents/guardians will form 2 lines and wait behind the tables in the entryway of the cafeteria and will present a photo ID and sign children out. You will receive a sticker indicating the child you are picking up. Children will be escorted by a staff member to their parent/guardian. Parents will exit the school with their child(ren) through the side doors. Please note, due to school safety, no parent will be allowed into the school beyond the sign in table. If you need to enter the school for any reason (ie. bathrooms, lockers, nurse, office) you must go to the main entrance and sign in.

Deans Mill School
Back-to-School Night
Wednesday, September 18, 2019



Back-to-School Night is an evening for parents and child(ren) to:

- Meet your child's teacher.
- Learn about a "typical" day.
- Be informed about curricular and social expectations.
- Tour the new facility at DMS.

Many parents and staff have shared feedback that they would like students to be part of this evening. In order to accommodate this request, we kindly ask that only immediate family and students attend Back-to-School Night so that rooms are not overcrowded.

We ask that children remain with their parents at all times.

Grades 1, 2, & 3: 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Grades 1, 2, & 3 families: report directly to your child's classroom at **5:00 P.M.**

Your child's classroom teacher will make a brief presentation about grade level expectations and curriculum. Grade 3 families, you will also have time to visit your child's other classroom teacher.

Grades 4 & 5: 6:45 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

Grades 4 & 5 families: report directly to your child's homeroom class at **6:45 P.M.**

Your child's classroom teacher will make a brief presentation about grade level expectations and curriculum. Time will be given for you to visit your child's other classroom teacher.

After visiting your child's classroom, please be sure to visit our Special Area teachers who will be in their classrooms.



We recognize that parking is limited. Due to parking restrictions, the evening will be divided into two sessions. We ask you to park responsibly, keeping fire lanes clear, and to arrive/exit the building at the assigned times for your child's grade level.

If possible, we ask that families arrive in one car!



Since Kindergarten Orientation was held just prior to the start of the school year, and Kindergarten parents had an opportunity to conference with teachers during the first three days of school, Kindergarten staff will not participate in Back-to-School Night. If you require more information about Kindergarten, please contact your child's teacher. He or she will be happy to help!

Reading Specialists, School Psychologists, Special Education teachers, and other school staff members will be in the building throughout the evening.

Enjoy your visit!





Getting to know

Mrs. Garceau

Paraprofessional

We are excited for Mrs. Jacquelyn Garceau to join the Deans Mill Staff as a paraprofessional. Jacquelyn graduated from Rhode Island College with her Master of Arts in Teaching in January of 2018. Most recently, Jacquelyn served as a long-term substitute teacher at Richmond Elementary School in Rhode Island.

Jackie's family consists of her husband, Jaryd, 1 year old husky mix, Miska, and 5 year old pitbull, Brady. Jacquelyn's hobbies and interests outside of school include: playing soccer, hiking with her dogs, biking, fishing, snowboarding, reading on the beach, and coaching. An interesting fact about Jackie is that she has a twin sister.

Jackie is excited about joining the DMS Community so she can explore and accept new challenges in her young teaching career. She hopes she can build new relationships and help all DMS students grow as learners.



JACKIE GARCEAU

Getting to know

Mr. Kasprzak

Special Education Teacher

Nick Kasprzak will be joining the DMS community as a Special Education Teacher with seven years of experience. He received a B.A. in Secondary Education in English from Keene State College and a Master's Degree in Special Education K-12 from Southern Connecticut State University. Nick comes to us from East Lyme Public Schools, where he has worked for the past four years.

Nick enjoys acting and singing and has performed as "Kristoff" from the popular Disney movie, "Frozen," via a local business in Southeastern Connecticut. He also enjoys working with the East Lyme Regional Theatre Jr. productions in the winter. This past spring, he recently bought his first home, in Mystic, Connecticut.

Nick is thrilled to be a faculty member of Stonington Public Schools and is looking forward to working and sharing his experience, enthusiasm and passion for teaching with the community, staff, and students of Deans Mill Elementary.



NICK KASPRZAK

Getting to know

Mrs. MacNab-Renauld

5th Grade Band Teacher

Lindsey MacNab-Renauld is very excited to join the Stonington Music Department teaching Fifth Grade Band at Deans Mill School and West Vine Street School. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Ithaca College, where she concentrated in French horn and minored in writing. She earned her Master of Music from the Hartt School of Music. Lindsey previously taught band in Salem and Milford, CT, and she has spent her most recent years as a full-time parent. She is eager to return to the classroom this year to begin her tenth year of teaching. An avid musician, Lindsey plays French horn in the Cheshire Symphony Orchestra, Guilford Town Band, and Chamber ensembles, and she also teaches private music lessons. She plays piano and ukulele, and would love to learn to play mandolin someday. She also enjoys running, cooking, writing, reading, knitting, and spending time with her family. She lives with her husband John, daughter Emily (4th grade) and son Timothy (kindergarten) and their quirky but loveable cat, Fai. She is most excited to build new relationships within the Deans Mill School Community, and she looks forward to making music with students this year!



LINDSEY
MACNAB-RENAULD

Getting to know

Ms. Maheu

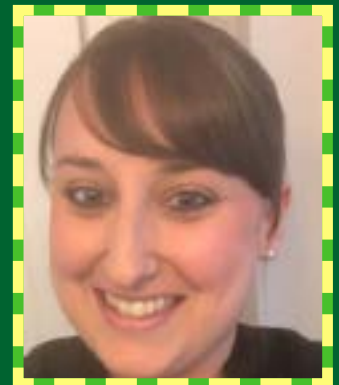
3rd Grade Teacher

Renee Maheu is excited to join the DMS team as a third grade ELA and Social Studies teacher! Ms. Maheu believes that true learning takes place when children feel successful and are engaged in lessons that are exciting as well as accessible to their learning styles. She embraces the chance to work with members of the DMS community to help achieve their mission of creating an inspirational educational environment for all students!

For nine years prior to joining DMS, Renee was employed by Stamford Public Schools, where she taught first, second, and third grades.

Ms. Maheu graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and an Integrated Early Childhood/ Special Education Certification. She then attended Sacred Heart University, where she earned a Masters in the Art of Teaching.

Renee lives in Rhode Island with her fiancé Shawn and their dog Stella. She enjoys going to the beach, spending time with friends, and playing with her niece and nephew. Ms. Maheu feels very fortunate to be joining the DMS team where she can continue to foster her passion for teaching!



RENEE MAHEU



Getting to know

Mrs. Mellow

1st Grade Teacher

Mardi Mellow is very excited to be joining the Deans Mill Community and has been busy preparing for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Mellow graduated from Stonington High School and went on to attend Eastern Connecticut State University for her Bachelor's Degree. Later, she attained her Master's Degree and teaching certification in Early Childhood Education from the University of Saint Joseph. Mardi has spent the last six years teaching at Oakdale Elementary in Montville, Connecticut. She is currently living in Pawcatuck with her husband Jason, daughter Haylee and puppy, Miller. Mrs. Mellow is most looking forward to joining the Deans Mill community so that she can learn from new experiences. She is looking forward to building relationships with colleagues, students, and families at Deans Mill to create a fulfilling and nurturing environment for her first grade students.



MARDI MELLOW

Getting to know

Mrs. Scrimgeour

4th Grade Teacher

Sarah Scrimgeour will be joining the Fantastic Fourth Grade Team here at DMS, teaching math and science. This will be Sarah's sixth year as a classroom teacher but her first year teaching as Mrs. Scrimgeour! Last fall, Sarah married her husband, Bill and taught fifth grade in Clinton, Connecticut.

Sarah graduated from Quinnipiac University with her Masters Degree in Elementary Education and then moved to Portland, Maine, where she began her teaching career. She was drawn to the beautiful seaside, delicious restaurants, and endless adventures that Maine had to offer. While living in Maine Sarah met her two loves: Bill (husband) and Sebastian (a cog - a cat that acts like a dog). After teaching fifth grade for three years in Maine, Sarah, Bill and Sebastian moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where she taught fourth and fifth grade.

Sarah enjoys traveling, photography, golfing, exploring new places, and trying new foods. She enjoys traveling so much that she has two passports! Sarah is also a British citizen, and travels back and forth to England and Scotland to visit her family. Being a British citizen, she has a love for English football (soccer in America), tea, the Spice Girls, and of course anything Harry Potter related!

Sarah is thrilled to be a faculty member of Stonington Public Schools, and join the Deans Mill School family. She is grateful to have found a community that fosters a love of learning, not only for the students, but supports the staff as well.



SARAH SCRIMGEOUR



Getting to know

Mrs. Skevofilax

Paraprofessional

Mrs. Marina Skevofilax will be joining the Deans Mill School staff in the role of paraprofessional.

Marina Skevofilax has a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education along with five years of teaching experience. Outside of school, Marina enjoys baking, reading, exploring new places, growing her real estate career, and spending time with her cat, friends, and family.

Marina is excited to meet new people, fulfill her love and desire of teaching, and grow within the DMS community!



MARINA SKEVOFILAX

Getting to know

Ms. Cafiero

Paraprofessional

Deans Mill School is excited to welcome Ms. Kathy Cafiero to our staff in the role of paraprofessional.

Kathy Cafiero attained her bachelors degree from Eastern Connecticut State University. Since graduating, Kathy has worked as a substitute teacher and served a year in the AmeriCorps as a STEM educator with New England Science and Sailing. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys reading, being out in nature and spending time with her family.



KATHY CAFIERO



Specials Update

Our goal for the year is to keep families informed about grade level curriculum in Art, Library, 5th Grade Band, Music, and Physical Education, and how they can support their children at home.

Physical Education

Mrs. LaPalme



Welcome back! It's going to be a fun and active year in PE. We are going to play many fun and new games throughout the year to build on our gross motor skills. We are going to learn how to be active through different sports and activities as well. Please remember to have students wear sneakers on days that they will be having PE, as well as clothes that are suitable for activity. We will be running around and having a blast! You can follow all of our class activities on Instagram @dms_physed.

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Art*Miss Biernacki*

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a creative summer with plenty of time to use your imagination! I am so excited to continue building on the skills we developed last year. I have a lot of fun projects planned to help your children reach their creative potential. We'll work to strengthen their skills in the art room by focusing on the elements of art, which are line, color, shape, form, texture, value, and space. Although most paints are washable it's always a good idea to save your children's nicest clothes for non-art days. There are aprons available for student use. I can't wait to see all the beautiful work your children make this year. You can also follow along with your children's progress on instagram @dms_artclass.

Music*Mrs. McMinn*

5th Grade Band • We are excited to begin band instruction soon! There will be an Informational Parent Meeting and Instrument Rental Night for all elementary band parents on Tuesday, September 10th from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM at West Vine Street School. Parents will need to obtain an instrument for their child to play in band, and attending the rental night is a great way to compare prices and order everything your son or daughter will need to begin playing. Instruments will be delivered to school shortly after rental night, and we will start playing as soon as this happens. In the meantime, during the first couple weeks of school, we will do other activities during class to get everyone ready to play.

Music • Welcome back! It is going to be an exciting year with some additions to the music curriculum. Recorder instruction will begin in 3rd grade (and continue in 4th and 5th), ukulele instruction will begin in 4th grade (and continue in 5th) and 5th grade general music students will experience World Music Drumming. Students will learn how to play these instruments and use them as a tool for creating, performing, and responding to music. I am looking forward to experiencing new musical opportunities with the students at DMS!

Library*Mrs. Anderson-Halbert*

Welcome back! We are looking forward to an exciting year in the library.

All classes • Book Check-out will officially start during your child's Library Media Center time on or after September 19, 2019.

Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade •

Classes will be covered by our wonderful library paraprofessional, Mrs. Stamm. During this time students will listen to a book and do an activity related to the story.

Third Grade, Fourth Grade, and Fifth Grade •

Classes will be taught by the district's Technology Integration Specialist, Rachele Limberakis. Students will be introduced to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) principles and build on the digital literacy foundation started in Kindergarten, First and Second Grades.

School Pictures

Picture Day is Coming

Thurs. 9/12 & Fri. 9/13
Deans Mill School

Order before Picture Day on
mylifetouch.com
with your Picture Day ID:

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Shutterfly

A special Shutterfly gift!

Order any package on mylifetouch.com and get
a free 8x8 photo book for you and a drawstring
backpack for your student on shutterfly.com.

Lifetouch



DMS staff on the
first day of school,
ready to

***learn,
inspire,
and grow
together.***

Wishing all
a wonderful
school year!



Snacks

Please find *healthy* and *safe* snacks on the downloadable safe snack link at snacksafely.com.

Injuries, Illnesses & Absences

Please report illness, injury, and travel out of country to the nurse.

Injuries that need accommodations require a doctor's note. If your child has a fever or GI symptoms, please refer to the "24-hour rule" and keep your child home until symptom-free (without the use of medication) for 24 hours. Let the nurse know if your child has the flu, strep, or another communicable disease.

Please be sure to share any medical changes or information with the nurse.

Medical Excuses

A written note from the child's medical provider is required for students to be excused from physical education class. If a student has an MD note that excludes him/her from PE, this excludes both PE and activities at recess. A follow-up note from the MD is necessary to release student from this restriction. Use of the elevator and crutches requires a written note by the medical provider.

Change of Clothes (including sneakers)

Students in **all grades** should have a change of clothing (shirt, pants, undergarments, socks) to be kept in their lockers. Milk spills! Thank you.

Lice Prevention

The following are steps that can be taken to help prevent and control the spread of head lice:

- Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp).
- Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, or barrettes.
- Do not share combs, brushes, or towels.

For a complete list of prevention tips, please see the [CDC guidelines](http://CDCguidelines) on lice prevention.

Screenings

Annual vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings will be done in school as mandated by the State of CT. Parents will be notified if further evaluation is needed. Vision screenings are required for grades K-5. Hearing screenings are required for grades K-5. Scoliosis (postural screening) is required for girls in 5th and 7th grade and boys in 8th grade.

Vision and Hearing screenings will begin in October. If you have any concerns about your child's vision or hearing, please contact the nurse.

Please reach out to the nurse at any time that you have a medical question or concern. We are here to help keep your child safe, healthy, and in school!

Nurse Lori

DMSnurse@stoningtonschools.org

A Mental Health Note

Welcome back, families!

As we begin the 2019-2020 school year we recognize that many exciting changes have occurred at DMS. The building project has been completed, a number of new staff members have joined our school community, and we will now be supporting students from preschool through fifth grade. Just like our growing school, the mental health team is looking forward to expanding this year too. We are thrilled to be welcoming Kathryn Noonan as our part-time school social worker.

DMS Mental Health Team

Kathryn Noonan: Kathryn is licensed social worker. She is connected with several community agencies and is passionate about helping students and their families both inside and outside of school. Along with the Deans Mill School community, she will also continue to serve the West Vine Street School community as well.

Alexis Moniz: Alexis has a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in School Psychology. This is the start of her 6th year at DMS and she enjoys all the facets of her role, especially the rewarding moments of student success. In addition, to her time at DMS she will be teaching graduate students at Rhode Island College about the importance of consultation as a school psychologist.

Kara Robenhymer: Kara is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst who loves the range of activities she is able to engage in as she supports students and families. While eager to begin her 9th year working at DMS, she will be on maternity leave until September 30th. We are fortunate enough to have Melinda Georges as a long-term substitute during this time. Melinda has a background in school counseling and is coming to us from Stonington High School, where she subbed this past spring.

Mental Health Team Contact Information

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kara.robenhymer@stoningtonschools.org

We hope that you have a spectacular September!

Ms. Noonan, Ms. M(oniz), & Mrs. R(obenhymer)

by Katie Quinlan,
DMS PTO President

Dear Deans Mill School Community,
Welcome to Deans Mill School

The Deans Mill School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) would like to welcome you back to a new and exciting year. We have some great events planned for this school year, starting off with our Fall Festival. We will also be selling mums from Pequot Plant Farm in September. Our PTO raises funds and sponsors many events that go on throughout the school year. We are here from kindergarten orientation until the last day of school. We support our teachers with funds for the classrooms and fund many of the field trips. The PTO also supports Cultural Enrichment, Science and Technology Day, Book Fairs, and Movie Nights, just to name a few favorites.

We are always looking for volunteers for special events and fundraisers. Look out for Signup Genius emails throughout the year to get involved. We hold monthly meetings to organize the next fun-filled events like the Fall Festival, Trivia Night, and Color Run. We are always looking for new faces with new ideas. By being a parent/guardian with a student at DMS you are already part of the PTO, and there is no sign-up needed to attend. Feel free to join one or all the meetings.

We welcome you to attend our first PTO meeting of the year on Monday, September 16th at 5:30 PM.

We look forward to a great 2019-2020 school year!

Katie Quinlan
PTO President
quinlanpto@gmail.com

Deans Mill School PTO Events & School Calendar | 2019-2020

- 26 Kindergarten Orientation
28 Ice Cream Social 3:30-5

AUGUST '19						
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- 2 Bruins Hockey Game 3:05p
5 Early Release- Professional Learning Day
17 No School- Presidents' Day
18 Snow Make Up
21 Movie Night 6-8
26 Math & Science Fair

- 2 Labor Day
3 Opening Day
3-5 Early Release - Kindergarten only
12 Picture Day
13 Picture Day
16 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30
18 Back to School Night
25 Early Release- Professional Learning Day
Mum's & Apparel on Sale

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- 2-6 Book Fair
2-6 Read Across America
13 No School- Professional Learning Day
16 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30
19 Art & Music Night K-2
27 Basket Raffle & Pasta Dinner

- 2 Custodian's Day
14 No School-Columbus Day
18-25 Book Fair
19 Fall Festival 11-3
20 Fall Festival Rain Date
23-24 Early Release - Conferences

OCTOBER '19						
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- 8 Art & Music Night 3-5th
10 No School - Good Friday
13-17 No School - Spring Break
22 Secretaries Day

- 5 No School - Professional Learning Day
7 Picture Retakes
11 No School - Veterans Day
15 Movie Night 6-8
25 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30
27 Early Release
28&29 No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Annual Appeal

NOVEMBER '19						
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- 1 Principal's Day
4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
6 Nurse's Day
18 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30
20 Early Release- Professional Learning Day
25 No School - Memorial Day
30 Color Run

- 20 Early Release
23-31 Holiday Recess

DECEMBER '19						
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- Field Day- TBD
5th Grade Party- TBD
16 Closing day - Early Release
17 Snow Make Up Day
18 Snow Make Up Day
19 Snow Make Up Day

All dates are subjected to change

- 1 No School- Holiday Recess
20 No School - M.L. King Day
27 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30
31 Trivia Night

JANUARY '20						
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Keep collecting your Box Tops and please see below about scanning receipts!! Our first Box Tops collections deadline will be October 17, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Lindenmayer at (540)760-2467 or jslindenmayer@gmail.com



To help our school, purchase participating items with Box Tops, clip them and send them to school OR scan the receipt. For more information on the program, including a list of participating products, visit www.BTFE.com. Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupons and enter sweepstakes. Please reach out during this transition period with any questions or concerns. I am sure this will evolve throughout the year as they update the app.

IF YOU SEE THIS ON AN ITEM



Just clip, collect and send them to school with your child. When clipping your box tops, please be sure to clip outside the dotted line. Box Tops missing dates and/or codes, or expired Box Tops cannot be submitted. Last year over 370 Box Tops fell into one of these categories, equating to over \$37 in lost earnings!

Each clipped Box Top is worth 10¢!

(examples of unusable Box Tops)



Over the next couple of years the program will move to a digital-only program. Clipped tops will be honored until their expiration date, but there will be fewer clippable tops on shelf. Maximise your Box Tops by clipping AND scanning while clips last!

IF YOU SEE THIS ON AN ITEM



Participating brands are starting to change their packaging showing a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label promoting a new way of earning Box Top cash!

If you see any Box Top label, use the Box Tops app to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Each Box Tops item is still worth 10¢ for your school, but several bonus opportunities are found on the app. The app finds the purchased participating products and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

An account is required, but if privacy is a concern you can cross through your name and credit card information or fold your receipt to hide it. Only the store name, date/time and items are required for credit (see image).

If you bought Box Tops items and only received a digital receipt, email that receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com using the same email associated with your Box Top account.

Once a month I will ask for a screen shot of your earnings so I am able to credit your child's classroom for the competition (see image). The app continues to evolve and I hope this is a temporary solution. Stay tuned!





A+ REWARDS PROGRAM 9/6/19 – 3/14/20

OUR SCHOOL: Deans Mill School

OUR ID#: 07852

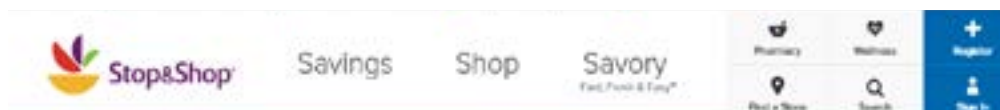
Rewarding your school is STILL as easy as 1-2-3!

Get started at STOPANDSHOP.com

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1



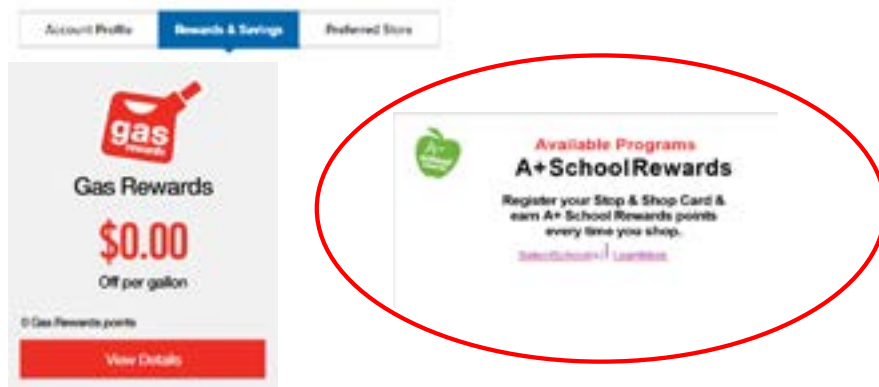
1) Register for an online account or sign in to an existing one



2) Access your account settings



3) Select your preferred school(s) to reward





**Decorate your home for Fall
with beautiful mums
from Pequot Plant Farm!**

Mums cost \$6.50 each, come in 9" pots,
and are available in
RED, WHITE, BRONZE, PURPLE, and YELLOW.

Please indicate the number of each you would like. Orders will be ready for pick up 9/18 - 9/24 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(Sunday 9/22 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at Pequot Plant Farm. Some extras will be for sale the day of pick up.

RED Mums	WHITE Mums	BRONZE Mums	PURPLE Mums	YELLOW Mums
TOTAL MUMS: X \$6.50 = TOTAL ENCLOSED:				

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this form with check payable to DMS PTO. Orders are due by Friday, September 13th.

Questions? Please contact Tracey Strelczuk at 860-460-5997 or at traceynied@hotmail.com.
All proceeds benefit the DMS PTO. Thank you for supporting Deans Mill School PTO.

Save the date for the Fall Festival!
OCTOBER 19, 2019 • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at STONINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

DEANS MILL SCHOOL PTO 2019-2020 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

As of August 1

INCOME	2019-2020		Variance	Notes
	Budget	Actual	OVER (UNDER)	
Annual Appeal	3,000.00		(3,000.00)	
ACES	0.00		0.00	
Apparel (T-shirts, etc)	300.00		(300.00)	
Box Tops/Amazon Smiles/Stop & Shop A+	2,000.00		(2,000.00)	
Concession	0.00		0.00	
Duck Race	2,000.00		(2,000.00)	
Fall Book Fair	2,500.00		(2,500.00)	
Fall Festival	5,000.00		(5,000.00)	
Fun Color Run	5,000.00		(5,000.00)	
Movie Nights(Family)	500.00		(500.00)	
Mum Sale	1,000.00		(1,000.00)	
Pointsettia/Wreath Sale	0.00		0.00	
Spring Book Fair	2,500.00		(2,500.00)	
Basket Raffle	3,000.00		(3,000.00)	
Pasta Dinner	2,000.00		(2,000.00)	
Trivia Night	2,000.00		(2,000.00)	
Bowling Night	1,000.00		(1,000.00)	
Transfer-Surplus Funds	3,450.00		(3,450.00)	
TOTAL	\$ 35,250.00	\$ -	\$(35,250.00)	

EXPENSES

Administrative	800.00	0.00	(800.00)	Quickbooks Online cost this year \$221.94 (annually \$375.00)
Art & Music Show	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	
Authors and Illustrators Mentors	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	
Beautification	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	
Bus Appreciation Breakfast	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Recess Equipment	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	Shed cost included \$399.73
Classroom Fund	5,800.00	0.00	(5,800.00)	
Directory	800.00	0.00	(800.00)	
Events Supplies	300.00	0.00	(300.00)	
Field Day Buses	800.00	0.00	(800.00)	
Field Day Apparel	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Field Day	700.00	0.00	(700.00)	
Field Trip - Kindergarten	1,500.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	
Field Trip - 1st Grade	1,500.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	
Field Trip - 2nd Grade	1,500.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	
Field Trip - 3rd Grade(incl Pequot)	2,200.00	0.00	(2,200.00)	
Field Trip - 4th Grade	2,200.00	0.00	(2,200.00)	
Field Trip - 5th Grade	2,200.00	0.00	(2,200.00)	
Helping Hand	250.00	0.00	(250.00)	
Last day of School Part	300.00	0.00	(300.00)	
In School Cultural Enrichment	3,000.00	0.00	(3,000.00)	
Insurance/Taxes	850.00	0.00	(850.00)	
Math Night	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	
Kindergarten Orientation	300.00	0.00	(300.00)	
Memory Book/Year Book	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	
Science & Technology Day	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	
Science/Math Project Fair	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	
SHS Scholarship	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	
Staff/Teacher Appreciation	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	
Summer Reading Program donation	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	
Projects that come up not on the budget	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	
World Recognition Days	350.00	0.00	(350.00)	World Down Syndrome, Autism, Secretary, Nurse, Custodian, Principal, Crossing Guard
Welcome Back Ice Cream Social	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	
TOTAL	\$ 35,250.00	\$ -	\$(30,850.00)	
Net Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,400.00)	
Cost per Child(est 380 Children)	\$ 92.76			

INDEPENDENTLY EARNED/SPENT FUNDS HELD BY PTO

Fifth Grade Party INCOME		0.00	0.00	
TOTAL				



Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Weekender Backpack Food Program Nourishing the Body that Nourishes the Mind



- . Provides nutrition
- . Eases anxieties about a next meal
- . Reduces absenteeism
- . Improves attention span
- . Raises academic performance
- . Enhances self esteem

**Milk and food for 6 meals
per enrolled child
to take home for the weekend**

To enroll your eligible child in the PNC Weekender Backpack Food Program:

- . Must provide Household Benefits Notification Letter / proof of enrollment in Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program
- . Available to school children in Stonington and North Stonington, CT and Westerly, RI

**PNC Weekender Backpack Food Program is available
every Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Year-round)**

**Contact PNC Social Service Representative
Noreen Zupnik by email: socialservices@thepnc.org
or call 860-599-3285 ext 23**

**Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
27 Chase Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379**