



# *Mashpee*

## *A Connected Community*

August Update  
Superintendent Patricia DeBoer  
**It's GREAT to be in MASHPEE!**



Dear Mashpee Community,

We can't believe how quickly the summer of 2017 is sailing by. Bright and early on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, our amazing first through twelfth grade students will return. We are looking forward to the 2017-2018 academic year with great enthusiasm and optimism. Our planning has been collaborative, strategic, and student-centered.

All Mashpee Public School employees will be returning on August 29th for three professional days. We are looking forward to the return of our dedicated and talented veteran team members and to welcoming the following outstanding new members to our team: Hope Hanscom—Assistant Superintendent, Jaime Curley—Director of Special Education Services, Julia Grover—Full-Time Elementary English Language Learner Teacher, Giordana Cote—Coombs School Assistant Principal, Phoebe Lambert—Coombs School Adjustment Counselor, Casey Van Huysen—Coombs School Occupational Therapist, Jennifer Kenny—Coombs School Title 1 Teacher, Sarah Bacon—Coombs School Special Education Teacher, Tim Walters—Coombs School Paraprofessional, Vanessa Clark—Coombs School Paraprofessional, Rebecca Davies—Coombs School Paraprofessional, Kristin Dwyer—Quashnet School Nurse, Alaina Boyd—Quashnet School Music Teacher, Claudia King—Quashnet School Paraprofessional, Anthony Chiuppi—MMHS Applied Technology Teacher, Danielle Burton—MMHS Math Teacher, Brianna Drake—MMHS English Teacher, and William Stoloski—MMHS Culinary Teacher. We still have a few positions yet to be filled.

We are very grateful to the DPW for all the improvements that have been made to our facilities during the summer. All interior lighting at the Quashnet School and the Coombs School has been changed to LED. Interior painting has been done at all three schools. New carpet has been installed in various locations. A new playground is in place at the Quashnet School. The Mashpee Middle-High School gymnasium floor has been refurbished and new tennis courts and basketball courts are nearing completion. Planning and scheduling meetings continue to take place on the Quashnet roof/window/door project which we expect to begin next April. Through a partnership with Mashpee TV and with the help of the DPW, an area off the Mashpee Middle-High School library is being renovated and outfitted for a TV studio and control room. A LEGO wall is scheduled to go into the Quashnet library. Flag poles at the Coombs School are scheduled for painting, and directional arrows in the Coombs parking lot are being redone to accommodate planned changes in the traffic flow for busses and parent drop-offs/pick-ups.

This year we will be building a community coalition. Members of this group will meet quarterly to learn more about what is happening in our school district, to celebrate and share in student and staff successes, and to plan for improvement and growth. We are looking for a broad representation from within the Mashpee community--business owners, directors of non-profit organizations, religious leaders, and more. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please send an email to [pdeboer@mpspk12.org](mailto:pdeboer@mpspk12.org).

There are many reasons to be proud of the Mashpee Public Schools. Our students continue to excel in every arena—in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the performing arts, through extracurricular activities, and in their service to others. We are well resourced with highly skilled and caring staff members, with instructional materials and technology, and with well-maintained facilities. Adding to this wealth is our supportive Mashpee community, our families, and, of course, our wonderful students.

As we continue to emphasize the importance of our being a “connected community” I will be highlighting valuable partnerships between the Mashpee Public Schools and local organizations. The Kiwanis Club of Mashpee is one of these important partnerships. This club is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand when someone is in need—particularly a child and his/her family. The members of the Kiwanis Club of Mashpee are dedicated and hard-working individuals who have helped us to build an interactive playground at

the Coombs School, given scholarships to Mashpee's graduating seniors, provided a bike safety course with free bike helmets, funded a poetry program for elementary students, provided gift cards to students who attend the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod, and made sure that children in need are provided with food and other necessities. When one of our families experiences an emergency, they always seem to be there to provide a safety net. The Kiwanis Club of Mashpee sponsors and provides guidance for our school-based student clubs—the K-Kids at the Quashnet School, the Builders' Club at the middle school level, and the Key Club at the high school level. Students in these clubs engage in community service projects to make our world a better place. The Kiwanis Club of Mashpee meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 AM at Percy's Place. Please join us at our next meeting. If you'd like to learn more in advance of the meeting, please send an email to [mashpeekiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:mashpeekiwanis@gmail.com) or call Terrie Cook at 774-487-0033. Our kids need the Kiwanis, and the Kiwanis needs you.

**We are grateful for the opportunity we have been given to serve the families of Mashpee. We are continuing our district-wide implementation of a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) so that every student has access to instruction, curriculum, and an environment that ensures achievement of his/her academic and social/emotional projected growth. Thank you for trusting us with your children.**

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**UPDATE: QUASHNET SCHOOL "SERVICE DOG FOR A SOLDIER" PROJECT**

The Quashnet School, which has been partnering with a local organization, Heroes in Transition, to provide a service dog for a soldier in need is only about \$1,200 away from reaching the goal of raising \$14,000. This initiative has been led by the Quashnet School Student Council. If you would like to donate to this important project, checks can be made payable to Heroes in Transition with *Quashnet Service Dog* written in the memo section. All donations/sponsorships are tax deductible using the tax identification number 27-1981637 from Heroes in Transition. Please visit the following website for more information on Heroes in Transition, <http://www.heroesintransition.org>.



**Newest members of "Team Mashpee"**

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PDeBoerMPS> or <https://twitter.com/MashpeeSchools>

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mashpeepublicschools/>

MMHS Athletic Schedules: <http://miaa.net/schools/public/MashMa>

### **MPS Happenings through September 15th:**

Wed., 8/23: QS Grade 3 Scavenger Hunts: Arsenault @ 9:00 AM; Porter @ 10:00 AM; Fullam @ 11:00 AM

Thur., 8/24: MMHS Senior Planning Information Session (MMHS auditorium from 8:30-10:30 AM)

Thur., 8/24: QS Grade 3 Scavenger Hunts: Schreiner @ 9:00 AM; Broderick @ 10:00 AM;  
Stickley @ 11:00 AM

Thur., 8/24: MMHS JumpStart Orientation for Grade 7 (MMHS auditorium 5:00 - 6:30 PM)

Sat., 8/26: MMHS SAT Reading and Math (and subject tests)

Mon., 8/28: QS Instrument Rental Night (QS Lobby from 4:00 – 6:00 PM)

Tues., 8/29 – Thur., 8/31: MPS Staff Professional Development Days

Thur., 8/31 Family “Sneak-a-Peek” (All Schools from 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM)

Fri., 9/1: All schools are closed

Mon., 9/4: Labor Day—All schools are closed

Tue., 9/5: First Day of School: Students in Grades 1 - 12

Wed., 9/6: First Day of School: Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten

Wed., 9/6: MMHS All Sports Night (MMHS auditorium from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM)

Thur., 9/7: KCC Open House—for students and their parents/guardians  
6:00 – 6:45 PM for all students whose last name begins A – M  
6:45 – 7:30 PM for all students whose last name begins N - Z

Sat., 9/9: MMHS ACT Testing (area schools)

Mon., 9/11 – Fri., 9/15: STAR Reading and Math Benchmark Week

Tue., 9/12: Indian Education Parent Committee Meeting (MMHS Room E101 at 5:30 PM)

Wed., 9/13: KCC and QS Individual Picture Day

Wed., 9/13: School Committee Meeting (QS Library at 6:30 PM)

Thur., 9/14: MMHS Grade 7 Field Trip—STEM Day at Fenway Park

Thur., 9/14: Quashnet School Open House (6:00 -7:30 PM)

Fri., 9/15: QS/KCC PTO Back-to-School Barbecue (School fields beginning at 5:00 PM)