

Danvers School Community:

Today is our last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year!

Here are our final updates for the school year:

District Moving-On Ceremonies: Over the past week, we've had our Fifth and Eighth Grade Moving-On Ceremonies. It was great to see proud family members and friends celebrate these milestones with our students. They all were exciting celebrations for our students who are ready to transition to new school buildings in the fall!

Summer Reading: Over the summer, please take time to encourage your child to read. The California Library Association states that *"Reading just 5 books over the summer can prevent summer learning loss."* Remember, reading can take many forms – books (long and short), newspapers, magazines, graphic novels, sports scores and articles, letters, etc. Below is the information about our summer reading programs:

- **Elementary Schools:** Our Preschool to Grade 4 students are encouraged to take part in the Summer Reading Program offered by the Peabody Institute Library of Danvers. In their Media class, the students viewed [a recorded greeting](#) from Amy Martin, the new Children's Librarian at the Peabody Institute, to learn more about this program. Participants are encouraged to read whatever they would like and identify their own reading goals. If they meet their weekly reading goal and go to the library to report their progress, they will get one small prize each week. The Peabody Institute Library's summer reading brochure is being sent home to families. The program kicks off on Tuesday, June 28th.
- **HRMS:** Students can select [books from this list](#) of suggested books OR **they can choose a book of their own**, as long as it is appropriate for their age level. The books included on this list have been read by at least one middle school staff member or the head of youth services at the public library. As always, we strongly suggest that the adults at home be involved in helping students select books according to their interest and age level. For a summer reading assignment, students will fill out this [Google Form](#), writing a review and rating each book they read. For every review a student turns in, they will be entered into a raffle for a prize.
- **DHS:** Students should take some time to read through the book titles and descriptions on the [2022 Summer Reading Book list](#). It is

available on the school library web page. Students can select from the [Mass Teen Choice Book Award Nominees List 2022](#) or our [non-fiction book list](#) after having discussed their choice with a parent or guardian. There are over 26 book titles to choose from on the list. Read as many as you like, choosing one (CP ELA) or two (Honors ELA) to annotate for credit in the fall. If your student feels that another age-appropriate text would be of more interest to them, they should contact Mr. DiMauro, the DHS Curriculum Director, to get their choice approved.

Town of Danvers Climate Action, Sustainability, Preservation and Resiliency (CASPR) Plan: Now, more than ever, we need local action for affordable and healthy neighborhoods, protected natural resources, clean energy systems, and a livable climate. [Volunteers](#) are needed this summer to help engage the community. If you have a student who is looking for approved community service hours, or is passionate about local government or the environment, this opportunity would be a good fit! Parents, students, and all Danvers community members are welcome to get involved! If interested, fill out the volunteer interest form: <https://forms.office.com/r/kppgWRiu0n>. To find out more about the CASPR plan: <https://resilient.danversma.gov/our-plan>

Danvers Recreation Summer Programs Reminder: Danvers Recreation is offering several exciting [programs](#) this summer! Danvers Public Schools is partnering with Danvers Recreation for 6 weeks of the Falcons program. We will enhance the program with morning project-based learning sessions for rising first through eighth graders.

As the 2021-2022 school year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during this challenging year and let you know that the Danvers Schools administrative team is eagerly working on plans for the start of our next school year. We wish you and your family a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you back in school on the first day of the 2022-2023 school year: Wednesday, September 7, 2022!

If you need to contact us this summer, please reach out to the Central Office at 978-777-4539.

Enjoy the summer!

*Mary Wermers
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