



Dewey's Details

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Check Us Out On Our Website Billerica12.com
For Current Events And Happenings Throughout The School Year!



We are in the final stretch of the school year with **less than 30 days to go** and this is my last Dutile Details! It is hard to believe how quickly the year went.

The Dutile staff is greatly appreciative to all the parents/guardians who make our school a great place for children. We are very busy right to the end of the school year, so please read the calendar on the back of this sheet carefully for all the important dates.

PBIS Update: Congratulations to **Amaya Perry, Emily Shannon, Emma Medeiros, Blake Shakelford and Cadence Chiaradonna** as our PBIS winners for March. **Neil Antoine, Charlie Roberts, Caiden Burke, Isha Dwivedi, Alexis Ellershaw, Sadie Anastos and Safina Kibombo** are the winners for April. You have all exceeded our Safe, Responsible and Respectful expectations. You are all truly Awesome!

Also, our school wide counter bucket was filled in March and April. The students enjoyed watching the **BMHS Chorus in March** and the **BMHS Robotics Team in April** as their reward.

Staff changes for school year 2024-2025

1. Miss Barry will be returning to Grade 4 and Mrs. Reid will also be joining the 4th Grade team. Mrs. Reid has been a math coach at the Kennedy for many years, as well as a 4th grade teacher.
2. Miss Dooley will be a Special Education Teacher next year. She will be replacing Mrs. Cody who is retiring at the end of the school year.
3. Ms. Glavin is going to the Ditson next year to be a classroom teacher.

Have a wonderful summer and thank you again for so many wonderful years at the Dutile. I will deeply miss the students and staff!

Please mark your calendar that school opens **Wednesday, September 4th** for Grades 1-4 and **September 5th** for Kindergarten.

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Balzotti

Parent/Teacher Organization



The spring is always a fun and busy time for the PTO. The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success and we were able to provide over \$2000 in books to supplement teacher wish lists and classroom libraries. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to help; it is much appreciated! Our Solar Eclipse party was a big success and we loved seeing so many families enjoying this historic event with us! Be sure to check out the fun pictures on Facebook! Thank you to the families who spent time with us over April vacation at Roller Kingdom; this is a family favorite! Do you have an idea for a family event? Please reach out to us!

Save the Date!

Chalk the Walk: May 5th
Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6-10th
Spring Social: May 22nd 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Field Day: June 5th (rain date June 7th)

Teacher Appreciation Week is being celebrated during the second week of May and we are lucky to have the *absolute best teachers* at the Dutile. Thank you **Dominique Collins-Bloomfield** of Dominique's Treats & Sweets for your donation for this year's festivities. The Spring Social will be held on May 22nd and we will be looking for raffle basket items and volunteers. *We need a volunteer to help collect items for raffle baskets (this is an easy job) and put them together for the event with donated items.* We will have an ice cream truck at this event with treats; more details coming soon! All Dutile families and teacher's families are welcome! Thank you to **Nicole Spoto** for taking on the Spring Social! Field Day information will be coming out in the next few weeks on our social media pages and website. Volunteers are needed to run this event. Thank you **Meghan Harrington** for taking on this large event!

Upcoming PTO meetings:

May 9th - 6:30PM
June TBD

Did you know you can now see the minutes from each PTO meeting on our new website? Please check them out and join us for a meeting!

The PTO has open board positions for the upcoming school year! We are actively seeking a Treasurer and Vice President. Please check our website for descriptions of each job.

Please be sure to check out our website www.dutilepto.com and reach out to us there or by email at dutilepto@gmail.com to see how you can help with upcoming events!

PBIS Rewards: BMHS Chorus and Robotics Team



Dutile Student Mentors



James Rivanis reads to the Kindergarten



Roderick MacDonald and Evan Richardson teach grade 1

Spotlight On: Fourth Grade

As the air gets warmer and the flowers start to bloom, fourth grade is heating up and wrapping up the year!

Fourth grade students completed this year’s ELA MCAS (Phew!). The students worked incredibly hard and their focus was evident. We are beginning an author study on Patricia Polacco. We are devouring up her books and using her as a mentor author as we begin to craft our own realistic fiction stories.

In math, we have just completed our fraction and decimal modules. The students’ explored fractions and decimals through area models, number lines and tape diagrams. We’ll be ending the year with a focus on angle measurements and plane figures.

Fourth grade students have really persevered in all of their core subjects...and the fruits of their labor are evident! The students are so excited to celebrate all of their accomplishments. They have a full couple of months ahead... with oodles of learning, fun, and reflecting back on their Dutile years...

No guarantees we won't cry when they leave us!

Ms. Dooley and Ms. Kelly

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The end of the school year is upon us. If your child has medication in the nurse’s office, please plan to pick it up by **Friday, June 14th at 2pm**. Medication not picked up will be safely discarded.

At the start of each school year, a new updated doctor’s order is required for any medication that will be administered during the school day. This includes daily medications, epipens, inhalers and any other medication that would be administered at school.

Completed forms must be on file with the nurse’s office before medication can be administered.

Medication must be delivered to school by a parent/guardian in a labeled pharmacy container.

Below is a link to Billerica Public Schools medication policy, prescriber's order form, asthma action plan and allergy action plan.

A reminder that all students who will be in **Grade 3** for the 2024-2025 school year are required to have a current physical exam on file by **September 30, 2024**. You can either fax, scan to email or mail to Dutile Elementary School.

As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you,
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Grade 1 Getting to Know Reptiles



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 May	2	3
6 PROGRESS REPORTS PUBLISHED	7	8 Grade 3 Math MCAS School Site Council 2:15	9 Grade 3 Math MCAS Kindergarten Stoneham Theatre	10 K-2 Fire Safety Presentation
13	14	15 Grade 4 Math MCAS	16 Grade 4 Math MCAS	17 Grade 3 Boston Trolley Tour
20	21 EARLY RELEASE 12:00 DISMISSAL ALL SCHOOLS	22 SPRING SOCIAL 5:30pm - 7:30PM Red/White/Blue Spirit Day	23 Marshall Middle Peer Leaders Visit	24 Kimballs – Grade 4 Stone Zoo – Grade 1
27 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	28	29 Grade 1 Billerica Library Kindergarten Screenings No school current grade K	30 Spring Concert K-2 9:00 Grade 4 -Marshall Middle Grade 2 Author’s Day 9:30	31 Spring Concert (gr. 3&4) 9:00
3 JUNE Early Release 12:00 Elementary Only	4 Grade 3 Seacoast Science Center	5 Field Day	6	7 Field Day (rain date)
10	11 Kindergarten Author’s Day 1:00 Grade 1 Author’s Day 9:00	12 Grade 4 Closing Ceremony 1:00	13 Move Up Day	14
17 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:00 DISMISSAL Report cards published				
		4 SEPTEMBER First day of school gr 1-4 Kindergarten Orientation	5 SEPTEMBER First Day of School Kindergarten	