

# THE FOX GAZETTE



## Petersham Center School Community

January and February have been busy months here at PCS with a lot going on (please pay close attention to the important dates section on the next page) with even more happening over the next month. We hosted students who came in and taught some ASL (American Sign Language) to our students. We also had the pleasure of welcoming students and staff from Ralph C. Mahar in to discuss the options available to our students as they plan for high school. We held a very successful February vacation program that was made available to us by state grant funding and focused on math for a small group of students. We also were given a very special donation from one of our 1st graders. Every year this student sells hot chocolate at her grandfather's tree farm and donates 1/2 of her earnings to our PTG. This year it was an incredible \$200.00!!!!



## DESE MCAS Achievement Award



I had the pleasure of being able to present one of our students with one of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's awards for achievement and growth on MCAS last year. Our Superintendent, Dr. Liz was able to join us as well as some of the student's family members to watch the presentation. We are very proud of all of the hard work this student put in.

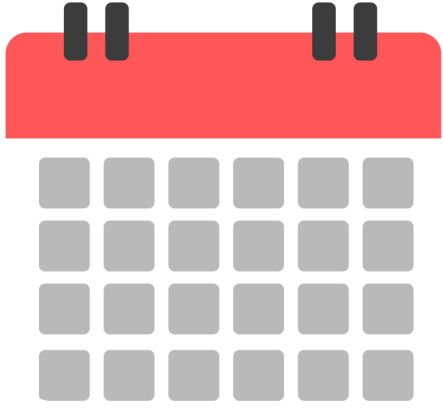


# Mahar Student Group

Students were told all about the great offerings Mahar has including sports, music, theatre, ROTC, robotics, etc. They were also given a team building activity in which two groups had to use a variety of materials to recreate the Mahar Senator however they saw fit. To finish off all students were given Mahar t-shirts.




## Click below for the 23/24 Academic Calendar



- Important Dates:
  - 2/28- 1/2 day: teacher PD
  - 3/1- Read Across America Day
  - 3/4- PTG Meeting at 3:05 in the PCS Cafe
  - 3/13-1/2 day: teacher PD
  - 3/22- No School: teacher PD
  - 3/26-3/29 ELA MCAS grades 3-6

As always, if anyone has any questions please feel free to contact us. Please call Ms. Rachel in the main office at 978-724-3363 or email [office@petershamcenterschool.org](mailto:office@petershamcenterschool.org). You can also email Mr. O'Connor directly at [aaron.oconnor@petershamcenterschool.org](mailto:aaron.oconnor@petershamcenterschool.org).

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