

**Friday, May 3, 2019**

**As we wait patiently for all those April showers to finally bring some May flowers....**

1. **Nicole Lytle** has been selected to participate in the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Summer Institute: "Teaching the Humanities through Art" from July 22-July 26 in Washington, D.C. How's that for an awesome professional development opportunity? Congratulations, Nicole!

2. Did you hear that the Town of Hingham passed a **plastic bag ban** at Town Meeting last week? Equally important, did you hear that two HHS students (Green Team members **Lydia Boer** and **Maja Neilsen**, both juniors) *literally* silenced all opposition when they addressed a packed house on this topic? Their persuasive oratory and political courage should make all of their teachers, past and present, very proud.

3. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **June 5th**, when teachers and others from across the district can honor **Dr. Galo** at a **public reception**. The event will be hosted at the middle school, from 2-6 PM.

4. I've been sensing lots of positive energy from the students involved with the play ("**Midsummer Jersey**") that premieres tonight and continues tomorrow night. Kudos to director **Anita Levy-Sisk** and the other faculty members (**Mike Doherty**, **Rorie Malerbi** and **Alysia Campbell**) who have helped to prepare what will no doubt be a memorable performance.

5. Next week is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Like last year, I will prepare an "End-of-Year Survival Basket" that will be raffled off at the end of the week. Stop by the main office next week to check it out and enter your name in the drawing. I hope your students also shower you with expressions of gratitude. You deserve it.

In the meantime, if you can, prepare for Teacher Appreciation Week with a restful weekend!

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