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# The Hyde Weekly

*This is an informal e-communication from the Hyde School campus, intended to share highlights, signs of growth, issues that are being addressed, and moments of joy. Its purpose is to bring the Hyde School parents and the larger community into the school culture.*

**"I Have a Dream"**



*The Moore/Sanborn Discovery Group celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. day in Harpswell at the Moore residence.*

On Monday, we at Hyde continued our longtime tradition of honoring MLK with a day of action and reflection about the many themes he stood for and the virtues he emulated. In the morning, veteran history teacher Donna Dubinsky led a school-wide class on Dr. King's life and the civil rights movement. Afterwards, students and faculty separated into their Discovery Groups to watch movies together. These included:

- *Marshall*
- *Selma*
- *Hidden Figures*
- *Twelve Years a Slave*
- *Glory Road*
- *Remember The Titans*

In our school meeting, each group shared discussion questions as we processed how MLK's leadership provides a model for meeting with the challenges of today's culture. Some of the questions we grappled with were:

"When have you stood up for something?"

"When have you experienced judgment from others?"

We also talked about the ways in our own community where we self-segregate or sit in our preferred groups at lunch tables. Some of these groupings are by gender, age, faculty/student, racial, sports-related, domestic/international, leadership students/struggling students, etc.

A movie depicting Dr. King's life has him make a statement that basically said, "If I am going to be the leader this movement needs, then I must get the slave out of me." We ended the meeting identifying the areas in our life where we doubt ourselves and let others take

advantage of that doubt. We also identified inner statements that feed our doubts. Some of those statements and areas included:

- I am not good enough
- Acting like I do not care
- Wanting acceptance
- Not sure my best will be good enough

It was a great day of learning and a reminder that we live in a time where the lessons of Dr. King's life are more needed than ever. As he said,

**"We must remember that intelligence is not enough.  
Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Onward,



*Laura D. Gauld*

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President and Head of School

## **Sledding in the Sunken Garden**

*By Faculty Matt Kinney*



When the weekend comes around, the students are always eager to make a plan and see what is planned for weekend activities. This past weekend was unique in that a Nor'easter rolled through New England and left many covered in snow and ice. Hyde School was no exception, accumulating roughly a foot of fresh snow and ice. On Sunday, unable to run trips and the usual off-campus activities, the duty team arranged sledding and hot cocoa for Sunday afternoon. In freezing cold weather a large cohort of brave students met by the mansion side hill where the festivities took place. The event went off without a hitch. Dozens of enthusiastic students slid in every which direction for hours, only to have hot chocolate at the bottom of the hill.

**It was a true Maine experience and a wonderful tribute to our beautiful winter.**

## **Inner Leadership at Hyde**

*New video by Gaby Hirsch '20*



What is Inner Leadership? How is it different from leadership in general? Hyde junior, Gaby Hirsch '20, talks about Inner Leadership at Hyde and what it means to Hyde students. She also filmed and produced this video. Nice work Gaby!

## **Faculty Feature: Ray Peña**





Assistant Athletic Director and Spanish faculty member Ray Peña is in his second year at Hyde. Hailing from Providence, RI, Ray attended Lasell College in Newton, MA before finding his way to Maine. We asked him our favorite questions:

**What made you want to be a Spanish teacher?**

What made me want to be a Spanish teacher was to give students an opportunity to learn a second language and become bilingual as well as an exciting experience learning about where Spanish roots began and how far they came.

**What is most rewarding about teaching high school students?**

The most rewarding thing about teaching high school students is watching them grow in class and become better students day in and day out.

**Have you taught at other schools? Which schools/subjects?**

I taught basic general studies at a behavioral school in RI called Bradley Schools.

**What makes teaching at Hyde unique?**

What makes teaching at Hyde so unique is the opportunity to teach various students with many learning styles and give them the proper resources they need.

**What is your favorite thing about Spanish to teach?**

My favorite thing about teaching Spanish 2 is the vocabulary and the culture of Spanish speaking countries around the world.

**What do you think Hyde offers kids who are considering a career based on speaking Spanish?**

What Hyde teaches students who may want a career in a Spanish speaking field is to never settle for just 2 years of a foreign language in High School. We really push students to try 3 and 4 years of a foreign language so when they arrive to college they're more than prepared.

## **Alumni & Development Office Update**

# HYDE STRONG

ANNUAL FUND

To unlock the \$15,000 End of the Year Giving Challenge gift from Alumnus Andrew White '03, we needed 150 gifts from 11/27/18 – 12/31/18. We are thrilled to announce that the Hyde community stepped up and gave generously made 211 gifts and helped Hyde School meet the challenge!



Thank you to all who contributed to help us make Hyde Strong. A especially thank Andrew White '03 for making this possible. We look forward to building on this momentum for the remainder of the fiscal year and invite those who haven't made a gift yet to consider doing so before June 30, 2019.



## Make Your Gift Today

### Stars of the Week



Stars of the week is a way we recognize someone in the community for either outstanding effort in class, in the dorm, on the athletics fields. You can also be selected for an act of kindness or exemplifying one or more of the words and principles. Students, faculty and staff will all be invited each week to suggest a star of the week and a handful will be recognized at Friday's school meeting. Recognized this week:

**Anna Mondanaro '19**

"She continuously demonstrates her kindness and concern for others. She has taken a big step to improve the dorm life and helps others achieve their best by stepping up to work with the Dean's Area."

**Griffin Ryan '21 and Gavin Hill '19**

"For standing up for what they believe in, in the dorm and helping the younger students."

**Emma Geertgens '19**

"For having the courage to use her voice this week for the greater good of our community. She exemplified honesty, integrity, and self-confidence."

**Sam Teixeira '20**

"For outstanding effort and achievement in Journalism class."

**Nancy Zhou '19 and Bridget Barone '19**

"In this past weekend's FLC, they were outstanding facilitators. They offered insightful feedback in seminars to both students and parents while also helping faculty with all the

little things that make the weekend run smoothly. They were all in, all weekend!

**Katherine Hernandez '22**

“Kathy’s grade rose six points as of the January check period. Kathy has shown great diligence in getting her work in on time and she continues to have one of the best organized notebooks of all the Biology students.”

**Fiona Liu '21**

“She has been a force of nature on the swim team. Although she is quiet in demeanor, she makes up for it with fierce output and a willingness to succeed. Day in and day out she comes to practice ready to better herself and her team. In our last meet against Messalonskee High School, Fiona swam the 50 and 100 free and shaved multiple seconds off of her times setting personal records for both events. She accomplished all of this while feeling under the weather; a sign of true grit and determination. Although she is new to the sport, Fiona has become a role model for even our most experienced swimmers. Thanks for all that you do for our team.”

**Emerald Pham '20**

“For teaching Spanish classes in my absence, doing above and beyond her work, and taking charge to get us a spirit week! Reaching out with struggles and being open to help. She truly is a partner and everyone around her elevates because of her goodness!”

**Lily Huettel '22**

“For leading the way in Algebra 1, always staying caught up with her work, having the humility to ask for help when she needs it, supporting her peers when they are struggling, and confronting her peers when they are being disrespectful.”

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- [Malcolm's Blog: "Kid's got a pot attitude"](#)
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