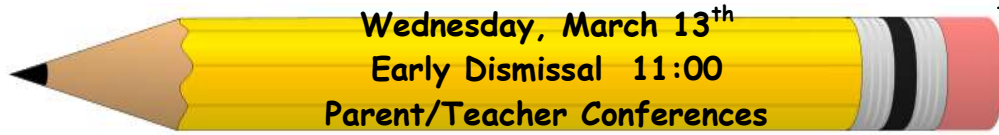


Messages from Mittineague



NAEP News:

On Thursday, February, 28th, our fourth graders participated in a national assessment. NAEP:(National Assessment for Educational Progress), also referred to as our Nation's Report Card.

Our school was chosen on a random basis, with other fourth graders around the United States to participate in the 2019 assessments. Children were randomly placed into a session that tested either reading or math.

The NAEP tests are common assessments that are given by independent testers all over the country to see how our 4th, 8th and 12th graders are doing as well as to provide reliable data on student progress. (NAEP) is the only assessment that measures what U.S. students know and can do in various subjects across the nation, states, and in some urban districts.

The independent testers that joined us on Thursday were very impressed and very complimentary towards our fourth grade students. They commented on their manners, their positive attitudes and their determination and hard work. Each and every one of our students gave their all and plugged away until they were done!

Much appreciation to Mrs. Penna, Ms Shypula, Mrs. Lancour, Mrs. LaBonte and Ms Reid for all they did to prepare and make this day as successful and non-stressful for all of our students. #mittineaguepride

MCAS Testing Schedule:

Although the state testing for our third, fourth and fifth graders is still a month away, we wanted to share the testing schedule with everyone.

Thursday, April 4	ELA 4
Friday, April 5	ELA 5
Tuesday, April 9	ELA 4
Wednesday, April 10	ELA 5
Thursday, April 11	Make-ups (as needed)
Vacation	
Tuesday, April 23	ELA 3
Wednesday, April 24	Math 4
Thursday, April 25	ELA 3
Friday, April 26	Math 4
Monday, April 29	Make-ups (as needed)
Tuesday, April 30	Math 5
Wednesday, May 1	Math 3
Thursday, May 2	Math 5
Friday, May 3	Math 3
Monday, May 6	Make-ups (as needed)
Tuesday, May 7	Science 5
Wednesday, May 8	Science 5
Thursday, May 9	Make-ups (as needed)

For your
Calendar

March 5
School Banking

March 5
PTO Meeting 5-6

March 7
School Store

March 8
Superhero/Sidekick
dance

March 11
No School

March 12
School Banking



Testing Tips:

All of our students will take the state MCAS tests online, this year. Our school is scheduled to take the tests during the months of April and May. (see schedule)

Parents often ask how they can help their child to be prepared for the state assessments. The following list is a set of sample tips of simple things that all families can do to help their child feel confident and prepared.

- Make sure your child gets enough sleep, eats properly, and gets to school on time. During test time, make this a special effort.
- Encourage your child to READ, READ, READ. No activity is linked to academic success as much as reading. Even the math portion of the MCAS uses word problems to test problem-solving ability.
- Encourage your child to participate in practice-test opportunities.
- Praise your children for working hard and for the things they do well.
- Ask about homework every day, and check to see that it is completed. Provide set times each day for study and homework as well as a quiet, well lit place to study.
- Help your child practice MCAS test questions. Review the test together so you will all get familiar with the expectations. (Previous years' MCAS tests are online at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/testitems.html.)

On testing days...

- Make sure that your child is well rested and eats a nutritious breakfast.
- See that your child arrives at school on time and is relaxed.
- Comfort counts. Send a sweater if it's a cool day. Dress in layers for a warm day. Send a healthy snack.
- Encourage your child to do their best work possible and to have a positive attitude.
- Encourage your child to listen/read carefully to all test-taking directions and to ask questions if any directions are unclear.
- Remind your child not to get stuck on any one item, but to do their best.
- Encourage your child to check answers for accuracy if time permits.

Remind your child that the most important thing they can do, is to do their best. Let them know that you believe in them and know that they are working hard.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your child is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your child. We want your child to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities. Please remember, as important as these tests are...testing is just one measure of those abilities.



The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 5:00-6:00. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming events...

Eversource Fundraiser to support 5th grade field trip

No School, Monday March 11th PD day

11:00 Dismissal, Wednesday, March 13th Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, March 14th District Spelling Bee WSHS

Friday, March 15th PTO dance



Word of the Week honesty

Being truthful and fair

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved.



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