

# Messages from Mittineague



## Room 6 News:

As we are approaching our testing window for MCAS, I would like to ask that each parent write a letter to their child. If you could write it up and put it in an envelope and send it to school with your child, I will hold onto the letters until the day before we begin testing and share the letters with your children. This would be a great opportunity for you to share your positive thoughts and wishes with your child and remind them of all of the wonderful things about them. Most of the success of taking this test comes from the belief in themselves, that they can do it! I have taught them the skills, we have practiced the skills; it is just up to them to do their best.

We have completed reading Tuck Everlasting and the students agree that it is one of the favorite books that they will cherish forever. We are currently working on a newspaper called The Tree Gap Times and the children are pretending that they are a reporter who came back to the town of TreeGap and interviewed the people who lived there. Through images and their writing they will be telling you all about the events of the story. These will be coming home later this week and I just ask that you send them back to me after your child shares them with you. We will be compiling a writing portfolio by the end of 4th grade and this piece definitely finds its way into that portfolio.

In math, we are beginning our unit on Geometry and we are describing shapes by the attributes of their angles and the types of lines that make up the shape. This week's question to ask your child is to explain to you the difference between parallel lines and perpendicular lines.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in writing the letters to your children and I look forward to hearing from all of you.

## Room 8 News:

It's hard to believe that Trimester 2 has come to a close! Stay on the lookout for Report Cards... they are scheduled to go home with your child on March 29th! If you were unable to schedule a conference on the March 13th conference date and would like to set up a time to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to e-mail me to set up a time!

Our class has begun preparing for MCAS testing. To begin, we engaged in a discussion about MCAS. Our discussion allowed the students to identify and share their thoughts, feelings, and overall attitude about MCAS testing. Through this discussion, we decided to set a goal to exhibit a positive attitude about testing, with the recognition that MCAS is ONE way to showcase our knowledge and understanding of reading, writing, and math. As we move forward, the students will reflect upon the concepts, skills, and topics we have covered thus far, and receive an "MCAS Tip of the Day" that will encourage helpful strategies for test taking. As we move closer towards our MCAS testing dates, please be sure to encourage healthy habit including healthy meals, after school exercise, and an early bedtime.

I also encourage parents to continue reinforcing positive homework habits. Each night, the students are given math, reading, and spelling homework to complete. As we implement a fourth/fifth grade detention policy, it is important for your child to complete his/her homework each night. Three or more missed homework assignments in a week will result in an after school detention!

I sincerely appreciate your encouragement and support. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please e-mail me at [kshypula@wsps.org](mailto:kshypula@wsps.org)

## Notes from Band:

Congratulations to all of our Mittineague School Band members for their wonderful concert last night! The combined Elementary Schools Band played alongside their colleagues in the Middle and High School Bands. The grand finale featured all the Band students in grades 4-12 playing "High Hopes" by Panic at the Disco. All of our band students can be very proud of what they have accomplished.

For your Calendar	March 26 School Banking	March 26 Chorus	April 2 School Banking	April 4 ELA Testing Grade 4	April 4 School Store	April 5 ELA Testing Grade 5
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## Technology News:

Happy Spring! It feels so good to have warmer days. First we would like to thank the students who submitted a Doodle 4 Google this year. The state winner should be announced in June. This year grades third, fourth, and fifth, will be taking the MCAS on the computer. To help prepare the students for the online tests we will be working on tutorials and practice tests. If you would like to see the practice tests you can click on the MCAS link on our websites.

Second grade is finishing up their graphs and have started to work on coins. They are going to create a toy shop filled with toys and how much they cost. They will then swap their shop with another student and go shopping. They will have to use the correct coins to buy the toys. First Grade has finished Google Docs and has been working on Google Drawing. They are learning the tools and skills to create their own butterfly life cycle. Just a quick reminder... One of the best ways to help your student is to have them practice their keyboarding just 5 min. a day. Typing.com and Typing Club are great free websites that will help them learn to type.

Enjoy this great spring weather.  
Mr Preye and Mrs. Florek

## Poster Contest News:

We had over 77 entries to our Breakfast Poster Contest! From those entries there were 10 winning posters chosen by the panel (Derek Rutkowski, Lauren Savaria, Naya Ahmed Sameem, Phoebe Hansen, Fallyn Riordan, Sarhea Johnston (GP Winner), Ella Smith, Mia Francis, Haylee Mogavero, Emerald Moo) and 26 that received an "Honorable Mention" certificate for their efforts. Many thanks to all of our participants! Posters will be hung up in the cafeteria and around the school!

## Notes from Music:

Students have just begun learning basic piano skills. So far, the students are super

excited!  Mittineague has been fortunate to have earned use of these pianos through the Little Kids Rock Non-profit organization. They are dedicated to providing public school students the tools they need for a great music education. You and your child can visit their website from home at [Littlekidsrock.org](http://Littlekidsrock.org). Here you can access all the lesson plans we will be using and more. This is great if you have a piano or keyboard at home and want to get more practice in. If you do not,

don't worry, there's something for everyone!   There are many other instrument choices and even songwriting and vocal lessons for many who do not have instruments at home. If you visit the website, click "For Kids", and then "Take a Lesson", you will find songwriting and vocals lessons that believe me are fun and easy for anyone to learn! It would even be fun to do as a family! You can learn about composition, improvisation, pitch, warming-up, stretching, rhyming, scattling, and more. I hope you all try it out together!

Best & Thanks Always,  
Mrs. Ari

## PTO

The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019, from 5:00-6:00. We hope to see you there!

**Reminder: Mittineague School is now offering a "Grab and Go" breakfast to all students. If your child comes in late to school, they are able to go down to the cafeteria, grab a bagged breakfast and take it with them to class!!**



## Word of the Week loyalty

Faithful to a person, a team or your country

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Loyalty is hard to find, trust is easy to lose and actions speak louder than words..."



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