

New Braintree Grade School News

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. WORTHINGTON

I hope you enjoyed the holidays. We have all been busy getting back into the routine of the school day.

Just a few reminders:

School begins at 8:15 a.m. It is very important that your child(ren) arrives at school on time. Dismissal for parent pick up is at 2:50 p.m. with bus dismissal at 3:00. It is also very important for parents to pick up their children on time as well. We appreciate your cooperation.

We do try to send the children out to recess as often as possible. Fresh air, sunshine and a little exercise is good for us all. Please remind your child to make sure they have their warm coats, hats, boots and mittens with them (and snow pants if they want to play in the snow). Thank you.

There will be a School Council meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. The agenda item is the School Improvement Plan.

I will be hosting another "Coffee Hour with the Principal" on Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Discussion will be plans for the 2010-2011 school year. All are invited to attend.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 18th in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

The Quabbin Regional School District will be having a Curriculum Day on Monday, January 25th. It will be a NO SCHOOL DAY FOR STUDENTS.

Country Bank drawing winner for January 5th was Ben Morin...congratulations Ben!

Calendar for January

January 12: School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center

January 18: No School – Martin Luther King Day

January 19: School Banking with Country Bank

Coffee Hour with the Principal at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please join us.

January 25: No School – Curriculum Day

January 28: Grade 2 Field Trip to the Natural History Museum at Amherst College.

January 29: 2nd Trimester Progress Reports Go Home

A few people have asked about the Spring MCAS testing dates so I have included the schedule from the Department of Education. A more detailed schedule will be sent home closer to MCAS testing. This is just the time frame in which the testing will be done.

2009 – 2010 MCAS Testing Schedule from the Department of Education

Grade	Test	Allowable Administration Dates *	Number of Sessions	Session Length (Avg. # of Minutes)
March–April 2010 MCAS Tests				
Grades 4, 7, 10	ELA Composition, Sessions A and B	March 23	2	45
	ELA Composition Make-Up	April 7	2	45
Grades 3, 5, 6, and 8 Grades 4 and 7	ELA Reading Comprehension	March 22– April 12 March 24– April 12	2	60
Grade 10	ELA Reading Comprehension, Sess. 1 and 2	March 24	2	45
	ELA Reading Comprehension, Session 3	March 25	1	45
April 2010 MCAS: High School STE Tests for the Class of 2010 Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, Technology/Engineering				
High school	High School STE, Sessions 1 and 2	April 14	2	60
May 2010 MCAS Tests				
Grades 3–8	Mathematics	May 10–May 27	2	Grades 3–6: 45 Grades 7–8: 50
Grades 5 and 8	Science and Technology/Engineering (STE)	May 11–May 27	2	45
Grade 10	Mathematics, Session 1	May 17	1	60
	Mathematics, Session 2	May 18	1	60
Note: The grades 5 and 7 History and Social Science test and the high school U.S. History test will not be administered in spring 2010; refer to http://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.aspx?id=4597 for more information.				
June 2010 MCAS: High School STE Tests Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, Technology/Engineering				
High school	High School STE, Session 1	June 2	1	60
	High School STE, Session 2	June 3	1	60

Swine Flu (H1N1) Clinic

Local health officials will be holding the last free vaccination clinic at:

Oakham Center School

on

Wednesday January 13, 2010

from

3:30 pm until 5:30 pm

This clinic is open to anyone in the community ages 6 months and older. If there is no school due to bad weather the clinic will be cancelled. If there is a delayed start the clinic will be held.

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