



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EAGLE

NEWS FROM MRS. HEBERT

March will be a full and important month for us here at the Berkley Middle School. We are very excited about all of our up-coming events. We have an Early Release Day scheduled for Thursday, March 7th; students will be dismissed at 12:00 on this day after being served lunch then our staff will take part in important curriculum and instructional professional development. On Monday, March 11th we will have a full day Staff PD Day where we will be focusing on updating important certifications, curriculum alignment, and training in assistive technology for classroom instruction as well as curriculum development. Our Student Council will be putting together an exciting week of theme days and activities for us from 3/18-3/22. We will be starting our very important English Language Arts MCAS 2.0 test administration during the week of April 1st. Please see below for a list of upcoming testing dates. We need your support to make sure our children are motivated and ready to be successful. We believe in all of them and all they are capable of achieving. Final Camp Bournedale payments for students attending this year's camp from 4/8-4/12 are due no later than Friday, March 29th. Updated financial paperwork will be sent out by Friday, March 1st with students that references the cookie dough profit and any outstanding balances that are due. If you should have any questions regarding camp please feel free to call the office @508-884-9434. Remember medical paperwork and any doctor's orders that are needed for that week must come in no later than April 3rd to our school Nurse. Drop off and pick up details will be coming home later this month. Also, BAA will be holding their annual Blood Drive here at BMS on 3/27/19 Please take the time to sign up and give the gift of life.

BMS IMPORTANT DATES

March 7	Early Release Day-lunch served	12:00 PM
March 11	No school-Professional development	
March 14	PTO Meeting-Admin Conf. Rm.	6:30 PM
March 15	7th & 8th Grade Social/Dance	2:30-4:30PM
March 18	School Committee Meeting-Library	6:30 PM
March 21	SBRHS School Committee Meeting- Library	5:00PM
March 22	5th & 6th Grade Social/Dance	2:30-4:30PM
March 27	Blood Drive- Café	2:00-7:00PM



2019 MCAS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS SCHEDULE



ELA MCAS 2.0	Grade 6	Session 1	Tuesday, April 2nd
ELA MCAS 2.0	Grade 6	Session 2	Wednesday, April 3rd
ELA MCAS 2.0	Grade 7	Session 1	Thursday, April 4th
ELA MCAS 2.0	Grade 7	Session 2	Friday, April 5th
ELA MCAS 2.0	Grade 8	Session 1	Tuesday, April 9th
ELA MCAS 2.0	Grade 8	Session 2	Wednesday, April 10th
ELA MCAS 2.0	Grade 5	Session 1	Tuesday, April 23rd
ELA MCAS 2.0	Grade 5	Session 2	Wednesday, April 24th

Makeup days throughout the month of April





SURROUND CARE NEWS



There is an early release day scheduled for Thursday, March 7th. Surround Care will be available to Surround Care families from time of dismissal until 6PM. There will be no Surround Care on Monday March 11th due to staff Professional Day. We will be sending a Surround Care Needs Assessment to all Surround Care families this month so that we may gain input from you on the quality of our program. Your input is very important to us so please take a few minutes and let us know how you feel about the program! Although we may not always be able to follow through with your suggestions, we do consider them carefully and appreciate any input you may have. Upon receipt of the completed needs assessment, your child's name will be put into a raffle to win one FREE WEEK of Surround Care. (Please be advised that a family with more than one child will win a free week for ONE of their children.) Summer Surround Care Registration forms will be sent out in April! If you have any questions or concerns regarding Surround Care please contact Michelle Terrien at 508-822-8567

GRADE 5 NEWS

Ms. Urbanek: MATH: We just started Chapter 6 on adding and subtracting fractions. Your child should have a set of fractions strips they colored and cut out. Please keep these in a safe place as they will need them over the next couple of months. **Science:** Evaporation! Condensation! Water cycle! Those are a few of the words your child will be working with as we explore Earth, the Water Planet.



GRADE 6 NEWS

Mrs. Graca: ELA: Our month will include narrative writing with a focus on character development with dialogue and a review for MCAS. Be on the look-out for practice packets. This will be followed by reading an historical novel with the theme of, "What makes a hero?" in April. **Mrs Furrh: MATH:** students will begin working in the area of geometry. The unit will focus on finding the area of triangles, quadrilaterals, composite figures and circles. Students will also be finding the volume and surface area of three-dimensional figures in the context of solving real- world mathematical problems

ADULT POTTERY CLASS

Coming soon! Our first adult evening class "Introduction to Pottery." Participants will work in clay, learn the coil hand-building process, and create a unique plate or bowl! Details coming soon.

PTO NEWS

The PTO would like to thank everyone for their continued support on Box Tops. Please keep sending them in! The next prize for the class with the most collected is coming up soon! For anyone who passed in cookie dough orders you will soon receive a notice for a pick up date. The PTO is always looking for new members and new ideas. Please join us at our next meeting Thursday, March 14th @6:30pm, BMS conference room.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available in the Main Office. Anyone may apply for this program AT ANY TIME during the school year! You have nothing to lose by filling out and returning these forms.



BERKLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Berkley Scholarship Fund are available and can be downloaded from a link on the Berkley Public Schools website. Any Berkley resident who is pursuing higher education may apply for a scholarship.

