



ABINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 16-20 No School – Spring Vacation
April 23 School Re-Opens
April 24 Grade 8 - MCAS ELA Session 1
April 25 Grade 8 – MCAS ELA Session 2
April 26 Grade 5 - MCAS MATH Session 1
April 27 Grade 5 – MCAS MATH Session 2
April 30 Make-up Early Release – **11:36 a.m.** dismissal.
Breakfast and lunch will be served

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good Afternoon,

It's hard to believe that next week is the April school vacation. When we return there will be a little more than seven weeks left in the current school year. This is a critical time for students as they are either working hard to maintain good grades or to improve grades before the end of the school year. As a parent of two school age children, I also understand that this is a busy time for families as good weather and spring sports work to dominate the after school family schedule. It is important to set aside time for homework and studying necessary to continue academic growth as schedules become more hectic.

At school our schedule also becomes a bit more hectic as the year begins to wind down. Grades 5, 6 & 7 have completed ELA MCAS. Grade 8 will take ELA MCAS after the vacation week, and then all grades will be taking Math MCAS. Grades 5 & 8 will finish up with Math MCAS testing. We also have 11 separate grade level, subject or group field trips planned, as well as grade level enrichment programs and whole school assemblies coming up. Grade 8 is also preparing for the trip to Philadelphia in early June. This is an exciting time of year. Enjoy the week away from school,

we will be looking forward to coming back well rested and ready to take on the remainder of the school year.

Have a restful and relaxing April break,

Mr. MacCurtain,
Principal

SPRING 2018 ELA/MATH/SCIENCE MCAS DATES

Grade 8

Session 1 - April 24th ELA

Session 2 - April 25th ELA

Grade 5

Session 1 - April 26th MATH

Session 2 - April 27th MATH

Grade 6

Session 1 - May 1st MATH

Session 2 - May 2nd MATH

Grade 7

Session 1 - May 3rd MATH

Session 2 - May 4th MATH

Grade 8

Session 1 - May 8th MATH

Session 2 - May 9th MATH

Grade 5

Session 1 - May 15th SCIENCE

Session 2 - May 16th SCIENCE

Grade 8

Session 1 - May 17th SCIENCE

Session 2 - May 18th SCIENCE

AMS Guidance Department News

All 8th grade students should return their signed Abington High School Course Selection forms to their homeroom teacher no later than

April 13th. Please contact Mrs. McDermod in the Guidance Office with any questions.

SPRING TRACK & FIELD CLUB GRS. 5 - 8

Students/parents should have signed up for the Remind App. for updates regarding track & field. *Please make sure to bring plenty of water and wear sneakers.*

Academic Center for Enrichment (ACE)

If your child has signed up for the after-school ACE program and passed in their consent form, the following Session 3 (Monday and Wednesday) ACE dates in April are **4/23**, **4/25** and **4/30** from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center (LMC).

Chester J. Millett Outstanding Teacher Award

Nomination packets are available in the Abington Middle School Office and the Superintendent's Office and must be submitted to the Abington School Committee via the Pupil Personnel Office no later than April 30th.

This award is presented annually to the teacher and/or educational support personnel who by his/her performance has demonstrated a willingness to accept responsibilities and perform deeds well above those normally expected thereby distinguishing the teaching profession and the work of the educational support personnel through great example, dedication, perseverance and commitment to helping students.

APS Food Services

http://www.abingtonps.org/central_office/food_services.Php

You can add money to your child's account, see the balance or you can view the menu. Also, go here to get Food Service Director Mr. Darcy's contact information for questions about your account or payments owed.