

# NEWSLETTER

One look at the weather over the weekend and there is no doubt that we live in New England! Sweater weather one day and boots and heavy coats the next. The school year is flying by and before we know it, June will be here with constant warm weather. I'm including lots of dates below so that as you start to plan for the end of school months, you will be aware of upcoming events. Reminders will come also as we get nearer to the dates.

As you have been constantly reminded, the third, fourth and fifth graders have been Smarter Balance testing in two week cycles since the second week of March. They have worked hard to do their very best. Monday, to give the whole school a little break, we hosted the Jabali Afrika Rock group from East Africa. It is a multi- faceted group with its own unique mixture of fusion and African rhythms. What a terrific performance! It was more exciting when they chose four of our staff members to perform with them.

Fourth grade students, under the guidance of Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Schultheis, held an amazing assembly based on their mythology unit. The children researched, wrote and acted out in original costumes their mythology character. It was awesome and I was totally impressed with the knowledge that they gained through this nonconventional activity. They will remember this for a long time.

Fifth grade parents are busy preparing for the end of the year celebration which is really the last "Hurrah" for the fifth graders. It is sad for them to move on but they will begin another journey and a chance to meet new friends from other towns in the district. The fifth graders will be graduating from the D.A.R.E. program on Wednesday night, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the PAC. Sgt. Nate Lyons, has been instructing the fifth graders for the last 12 weeks on alcohol and drug prevention. He has also worked with them on saying "NO" to drugs. Bullying prevention is also part of the course. Thank you once again to Sgt. Lyons and to Chief Al Brackett for their continued support of these program. Wishing everyone a safe, fun vacation week.

## Important Dates:

April 20 <sup>th</sup>	D.A.R.E. Graduation, PAC, 7pm
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Author Visit, Jack Curtin, 1:45-2:30pm
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Early Release, 1pm
April 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	School Vacation
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Mad Scientist
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Freedom Trail 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Garden Club Visits, 1:30pm
May 10 <sup>th</sup> -May 12 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade NECAP Science Testing
May 16 <sup>th</sup> -May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Week
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Breakfast, 7-8:30am Pre-K and Kindergarten, Mad Scientist Visits, 8:45am
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Lunch, 11-1pm
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades Field Trip to Pinkerton Stockbridge Theatre, 11-2pm Kindergarten, FLES at PAC, 6:30pm
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash, TBD
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pre-K and Kindergarten, Puppet Lady Visits, 1:45-2:45pm
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment Day
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release, 1pm
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	No School-Memorial Day
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Author's Tea, 9-11am
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mt. Major Hike 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Author's Tea, 9-11am
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Play, PAC, 6pm
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Move-Up Day to Middle School
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Field Day
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, 10-11am, Gym
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School