



John Eliot School

Bulletin

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Principal's News

Early Release Day "Fun Lunches:"

Needham School Nutrition Services is implementing a new lunch plan for Early Release Days. In the past, no lunch was available on Early Release Days, but there are more of them this year than in the past, and we want students to have the option of having food available on these half days.

On Wednesday, September 25th the debut of "FUN LUNCH" will occur. A Fun Lunch consists of a colorful paper bag filled with individually wrapped foods that don't have to be refrigerated, and make up a nutritionally complete and FUN lunch. At Eliot the FUN LUNCH bag will include:

- Mozzarella string cheese
- Baby Carrots with Lite Ranch Dip
- Harvest Cheddar Sunchips
- 100% juice
- Cinnamon or Chocolate Granola
- Shelf stable chocolate or white milk will be available, if wanted.
- ...and a FUN SURPRISE in the bag.

The day before, a basket with the contents of the FUN LUNCH will be on display in each cafeteria, so students can see what they'll get when they order lunch.

The cost of the lunch will be the same as a regular lunch.

Breakfast

A "Grab and Go" breakfast is available for purchase by all students every morning from 8:00 - 8:20 am. Students can grab a breakfast in the cafeteria and bring it to their classrooms to eat prior to starting their day.

Morning Drop off

As a reminder, students may enter the building at 8:05 am and the morning bell rings at 8:20 to begin the school day. If there is traffic in the car line, we will not mark your child tardy. We strongly encourage families to stay in their cars during the morning drop off and not use the crosswalk in front of the building unless necessary. This will help us keep the traffic flowing and help all students enter the building on time. If parents would like to drive to Eliot and walk students to the building, Ardmore and Taylor Streets are good places to park. We ask that you not drop your child off prior to 8:05 unless they are enrolled in the NEDP program. Students left outside prior to 8:05 are unsupervised. Thank you!

MCAS DATES

Parents for kids in grades 3-5, please make a note of the following MCAS dates. This year, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will take the MCAS test online. 3rd, 4th and 5th grader will take English Language Arts and Math tests. 5th graders will also take the Science and Technology tests. Please see the schedule below:

Grade 3 -	April 6	Monday	ELA session 1
	April 7	Tuesday	ELA session 2
	May 7	Thurs	Math session 1
	May 8	Friday	Math session 2
Grade 4 -	April 14	Tuesday	ELA session 1
	April 15	Wed	ELA session 2
	May 12	Tues	Math session 1
	May 13	Wed	Math session 2
Grade 5-	April 2	Thurs	ELA session 1
	April 3	Friday	ELA session 2
	April 28	Tuesday	Math session 1
	April 29	Wed	Math session 2
	May 18	Monday	Science/ Tech/ Engineering session 1
	May 19	Tuesday	Science/ Tech/ Engineering session 2

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Girl Scouts & New Brownie Troop

In the Girl Scouts G.I.R.L stands for Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, and Leader. Come join and see what all the fun is about! A new Brownie troop for 2nd grade girls is forming for girls not already in a troop. Please email Betsy Deitte at betsyab@gmail.com for more information.

Traveling Meals Volunteers needed!

Can you donate one hour per week to pack or deliver Traveling Meals to disabled or elderly Needham Residents - September to June? (Not on school vacations or holidays!) If so, please contact Maryanne Dinell at the Needham Health Department, for more information:

(781) 455-7523, or at: mdinell@needhamma.gov Thank you!

Other Important Dates

9/25/2019	First Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
9/30/2019	No School - Rosh Hashanah	
10/26/2019	Pumpkin Run	Playground - 10 a.m.
10/9/2019	No School - Yom Kippur	
10/14/2019	No School - Columbus Day	
10/4/19	Fairy Tale Fitness	6:30 p.m.
10/23/19	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.



See you next week!