



John Eliot School

Bulletin

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Principal's News

MCAS PARENT REPORTS

On Wednesday, October 16, Needham Public Schools will mail results to families whose children participated in the MCAS. Last Spring, students in grades 3 and 4 took the Math and English Language Arts portion of the test. In addition to ELA and Math, students grade 5 participated in the Science and Technology Exam.

We ask that you keep in mind that MCAS results are only one measure of your child's performance. Students in Needham are learning and growing both academically and socially. Teachers are supporting the diverse needs of all our students. We remain on par with our comparable communities and continue to outperform the state on many measures. Most importantly, it is the ongoing partnership with our parents that enriches the work of our entire school community and enables all our students to grow and achieve. Please let us know if you have any questions.

For your reference, here are the **2019 MCAS dates**:

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We sent the individual school photos home this week with your child. The class photos have not been delivered yet. We are in the process of setting up a photo make-up date, for students who were absent on our September photo day and for those not happy with their photo! Please look for the date in next Friday's school bulletin.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE AT SUNITA L. WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Needham School Committee will hold an Open House on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Sunita L. Williams Elementary School, 585 Central Avenue. The School Committee looks forward to welcoming the community to meet informally and tour the school.

Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP) Info Night

Parent Information meeting for parents from the Eliot, Newman and Sunita Williams Schools

Thursday October 10th, 2019 @ 7-8:00 p.m.

Eliot School Media Center

During the upcoming school year, the CAP program will be presenting children's workshops in grades 1, 3 and 5. Please plan to attend to learn about this prevention program, which teaches children how to be Safe, Strong and Free in situations that involve bullying, strangers, and uncomfortable touch by known persons.

Town-wide clean-up @ Eliot

Saturday – October 5 – from 8 AM – 11 AM.

The Needham Park and Recreation Department, in collaboration with the DPW Parks and Forestry Division are sponsoring the annual fall Town-wide clean-up on this upcoming Saturday – October 5 – from 8 AM – 11 AM. We look for individual families or groups to get out onto school grounds and parks to help pick up trash. We provide bags and gloves for the clean-up, and then arrange for the bags to be picked up. The bags are weighed, so we can determine how many tons were picked up that morning. We will also schedule a clean-up in the spring.

If there are any families or students from your schools that would like to participate, they can reach out to our Assistant Director Angela O'Connor at aconnor@needhamma.gov or (781) 455-7930, to sign up for their favorite school site.

5th Graders check out the flyer that you took home this week for the submission requirements for the Yearbook Cover Design Contest. All entries must be submitted by Wednesday, October 16.

Calling All Eliot 5th Grade Artists!!!!

2019-2020 Yearbook Cover Design Contest

How would you or a group of friends like to design the cover of this year's Eliot yearbook? The yearbook committee needs your help! Use your creativity to come up with the next cover that everyone will remember!



“Get to Know You” Evening with Julie Muse-Fisher



Needham's new Interim Executive Director of Special Education will sit down with SEPAC officers and parents for an evening of "getting to know each other."

Please join us to learn more about both SEPAC and Julie Muse-Fisher, and to share your thoughts on special education in Needham as we discuss goals and priorities for the coming year.

Monday, October 7

7:00 pm – 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center

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EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION



Needham's Special Education Services and Programs

Please join us for an overview of what Needham has to offer students with all types of needs at all of our schools, from preschool through age 22.

This is an opportunity to meet all of the Special Education Administrators, and to learn about what will be new this year.

Wednesday, October 16

7:00 pm – Refreshments

7:30 pm – Program begins

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John Eliot School Community Service Learning

JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

Sandwich Tuesday!

Serving the homeless and needy in Boston

On several **Tuesdays** throughout the year, as part of our service learning program - the 4th and 5th graders will once again partner with Generic Ministry to make bagged meals to help the homeless in Boston. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to participate in a service learning project and do something for others, as a community.

Generic Ministry is a not-for-profit organization based in Needham. They are a group of volunteers who collect and distribute food, clothing and supplies to the homeless and needy.

2019-2020 TUESDAYS:

October 15th
November 19th
December 17th
January 21st
February 25th
March 17th



Along with the meal, small basic necessity items are handed out at the truck.

All grades will be given the opportunity to contribute to the donations each month.

There is a **collection basket** in each pod. Children can bring in donated items at **any time** throughout the year and deposit them in the collection baskets.

The total number of meals and items donated will be added to our Sandwich Tuesday totals poster in the main lobby!

ITEMS COLLECTED BY GRADE:

Kindergarten: Decorate the Bags in Class (no donations)

First Grade: Travel-size Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Second Grade: Travel-size Shampoo and Conditioner

Third Grade: Hand Warmers

Fourth Grade: Travel-size Body Lotion

Fifth Grade: Travel-size Deodorant



****Please ask your child about this project and let them share what they are learning about community service!****
Thank you!

Other Important Dates

10/4/2019	Fairy Tale Fitness	Eliot gym 6:30 p.m.
10/9/2019	No School - Yom Kippur	
10/10/2019	Parent Info Night - Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP)	Eliot media center 7-8 p.m.
10/14/2019	No School - Columbus Day	
10/13/2019	PTC Eliot Family Hike	Caryl Park in Dover @ 1:30pm
10/15/2019	Sandwich Tuesday	
10/23/2019	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
10/26/2019	Pumpkin Run	Eliot Playground 9:30-11:30 a.m.
11/6/2019	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
11/11/2019	No School - Veteran's Day	
11/27/2019	No School - Professional Development Day	
11/28-29/2019	THANKSGIVING RECESS	
12/11/2019	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
12/17/2019	Winter Chorus Assembly for students	Performance Center at 8:45 a.m.
12/17/2019	Winter Instrument Assembly for students	Performance Center at 1:30 p.m.
12/17/2019	Winter FAMILY CHORUS	Performance Center at 6:30 p.m.
12/23 - 1/1	WINTER RECESS	
1/2/2020	School Resumes after winter recess	



See you next week!