

MES Family Update April 29, 2021

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope your final week of April is going smoothly. Very hard to believe that we are already entering the month of May and there are only seven weeks left in the school year.

A number of things for you today:

*A reminder that tomorrow (**Friday, 4/30**) is the final day that we will be able to accept family input in regards to class placement for next year. A reminder that we cannot honor requests for a specific teacher. We ask that the email focus on the following. Thank you to those of you who have already provided input around placement.

- Specific individual needs of your child
- Peer situations that may affect placement
- Past personal experiences that may affect placement

*SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment) will be given the week of May 10th to all 3rd through 6th graders. Our children will use their Chromebooks to access the three tests (one test in English Language Arts and two Math tests). All three tests are untimed. Our 5th graders will also be taking the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) assessment the week of May 10th. The testing will not impact our schedule, with specials, lunch and recess all staying at the regular times.

*There are a number of new fliers

- Community section: **AHM Project Graduation Car Wash Fundraiser - May 8th**
- PTO section: **1st Day School Supplies - <https://1stday.sale/20578> - Order deadline: July 1st**
- PTO section: **Teacher Appreciation Day Flowers and Tags**
- PTO section: **Scholastic Online Book Fair - May 3rd - 16th**

*We continue to welcome back a number of our students who have been taking part in Distance Learning. If there are families that are considering a return to in-person school to close out the school year, we are requesting that students come back to in-person learning no later than **Monday, May 17th**.

*The Annual MES Art Show has gone virtual again this year. The links are on the left hand side of the MES homepage - and can be found below:

- Grades K-2: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wkL6VrhKuDyDIMuwlIMzWGcwyP5LTq4L/view>
- Grades 3-6: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CHh4mq8dfaAix4-p4LdG3ujCXL_Nu4Cl/view

*Reminder of important dates:

- May 13 - MEA Take-out Pasta Dinner (order deadline May 6)
- May 27 - Early Release Day @ 1:00 p.m.
- May 28 - Early Release Day @ 1:00 p.m.
- May 31 - No School - Memorial Day
- June 17 - Last Day of School for Students - Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.
- September 1 - First Day of School for Students - 2021-2022 School Year

****The Annual Marlborough Town Referendum is scheduled for next Tuesday, May 4th. We will ask staff to leave the Community Room Parking Lot empty to allow for voter parking. Extra town officers/troopers will be assisting with traffic control during the drop-off and pick-up times. In the morning, please park, drop off your children to staff and then head in to vote. In the afternoon, please park, vote and then pick-up your children from staff out on the sidewalk near the Cafeteria entrance.***

We hope that you have a terrific Friday and a wonderful weekend.

Dan & Kim