

May



News

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Mr. Hayes & Ms. Shilale

Grade 5

"A Dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success..."
-Vince Lombardi

May is here...the trees and flowers are truly beautiful, and a welcome sight to us all. The children continue to work hard each and every day. Please continue to encourage reading each night for at least 30 minutes. Also chatting with your child about what he/she is reading aids greatly in comprehension.

Mathematics means more when it is rooted in real-life situations. To help your child review many of the concepts he or she has learned in fifth grade, we suggest the following activities for you to work on with your children:

- Ask your children to solve multiplication and division problems that are based on real-life situations. Vary the problems so that some are suitable for mental computation, some require paper-and-pencil calculation, and some require the use of a calculator.
- Practice using percent by asking your child to calculate sales tax, percent discounts, sports statistics, and so on.

Thank you!

ELA

In ELA, we have just started the novel *Because of Mr. Terupt*. Students will be analyzing character traits, cause and effect, and multiple life lessons. Ask your child about "dollar" words and who their favorite character is so far!

We have just completed the 5th grade English and Language Arts MCAS! Without a doubt, the children have grown into remarkable readers and writers. Your children were determined to do their very best work by using the reading and writing strategies they practiced all year. I am nothing but proud of them all!

MATH

In math, the children have been working hard in preparation for this month's MCAS test. The students have been working independently, with partners, and in small groups to work through various types problems...they have been systematically reviewing the common core standards in each of the five domains:

- *Number & Operations - Base Ten*
- *Number & Operations - Fractions*
- *Measurement and Data*
- *Operations & Algebraic Thinking*
- *Geometry*

I am extremely proud of all the students and their effort to achieve success. I am confident that their hard work will pay off with outstanding results. When all is said and done, I am sure that all the children will be able to say that, MCAS was:

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"Success is peace of mind in knowing you did your best."

—John Wooden

The students will also continue to practice the skill of "estimating" sums, differences, products, and quotients. Congratulations to our April estimation winners:

- Mary Foley
- Stormy Gray

SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies, we will be digging deep into the Revolutionary War! We will begin at the French & Indian war. The students will learn about what made the colonists so furious with King George III, the major battles that took place, and of course...who won! If you are looking for something fun to do this spring / summer, I would recommend taking your child to the Lexington & Concord Minuteman Museum. There is also a bike path of Paul Revere's ride that could be a fun adventure.

I am also encouraging all students to memorize the song "Dump It Off" so they can sing in on the boat at the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum.

SCIENCE

In science, the children have been working hard in preparation for this month's MCAS test. In addition to IXL, the students have been working independently, with partners, and in small groups to work through various types of questions (multiple choice / constructed responses) in all of the curriculum content areas.

Take 1...That's A Wrap!

In case you missed it, on April 11th, the West Tatnuck Drama Club's stage performance of "The Emperor's New Clothes" was a tremendous success! The students who participated did a terrific job "showing off" their acting skills. Mrs. Moynihan, Ms. Shilale, and Mr. Hayes were extremely proud of the children. Congratulations to our talented 5th graders and future potential "Academy Award" nominees:

Armig Bardizbanian
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Eva Carmona
Mary Foley
Chloe Happy
Era Islama
Alina Nietzsche
Natalia Okala
Ellie Price
Avery Smith
Sophia Swenson

Also, a special thanks to Mrs. Okala and Ms. Boisclair (drama teacher from Sullivan Middle School) for organizing, directing and producing the show...GREAT JOB!:

Pawtucket Red Sox Game

On June 4th, 2019, the 5th grade students and teachers will attend a Baseball Math & Science Day at the Pawtucket Red Sox game. The game is an 11:05 a.m. start, so we will need to leave school by 8:30 a.m. In addition to the baseball game, there will be "pre-game" on-field science experiments as well as in-game live science demonstrations.
More details to follow.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Our last Pizza Party raised \$112.00! So far, between the four pizza parties, the Holiday raffle, and the "snack" sale, we have earned a total of \$1,365.25...**BIG wow!**

ALL money raised will be used:

- to defray the cost of our "Pawtucket Red Sox Game" field trip. (*June 4th*).
- to defray the cost of our "Boston Tea Party Museum" field trip. (*June 7th ...we already sent in a deposit*).
- to supply refreshing treats on those warm spring afternoons.

RAFFLE...Red Sox Tickets

To raise additional funds, the 5th grade will raffle off "4 Red Sox Tickets" for a game against the *Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday, July 17th 2019 at Fenway Park. The tickets are in Section 37, Row 12 (seats 1-4)...good seats!*

There will also be a second prize and a third prize of 4 "Voucher" tickets to a Pawtucket Red Sox game ("Voucher" tickets can be used for ANY home game!).

We are asking the students to sell tickets to their family, friends (parents' friends), and relatives. **DO NOT want students selling tickets door to door!** Tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each or a book of 6 tickets for \$10.00.

As an incentive to sell...any student who sells at least 3 books of tickets, will get a PawSox cap, hot dog, chips, & soda at the game on June 4th.

MCAS Reminder...

Schedule Change! *

- MCAS MATH: 5/14 - 5/15
- MCAS SCIENCE: 5/22 - 5/23

* Originally...*Science was 1st*

WISH LIST

If you are able to donate any of the following items to our classroom, we would greatly appreciate it!

MR. HAYES / Ms. SHILALE:

- DRY ERASE MARKERS
- TISSUES

CRIBBAGE ANYONE...

This spring, Mr. Hayes is planning to show all students how to play the game of cribbage. He is looking for donations of "3 lane cribbage boards" (*new or used*). If you are able to donate any to our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated!

A FEW REMINDERS

- Our Memorial Day Program will be on Thursday, May 23rd (last name beginning with A-L) and Friday, May 24th (last name beginning with M-Z) at 1:00 pm (2 shows). **More details to follow.**
- Tuesday, June 4th - Field Trip: Pawtucket Red Sox game
- Friday, June 7th - Field Trip: Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum.
- Friday, June 14th - Spree Day
- If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at:

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and we will be happy to set up a time to discuss them with you.

