

BES THURSDAY NEWS

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018



MCAS TESTING DATE CHANGES FOR GRADES 3 TO 6 – PLEASE REVIEW THE CALENDAR

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MCAS TESTING NEXT WEEK



** Please review this new information **

The Commissioner for the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released an advisory for schools regarding MCAS schedules and the number of snow days used throughout the Commonwealth. The advice was to make attempts at delaying the start of testing while still remaining within the closing dates. For BES, we were able to make small changes for the ELA testing and were able to move math testing one week.

Starting next Tuesday, April 3rd, the MCAS testing will begin. The revised schedule by grade level is outlined in the newsletter.

A few helpful reminders for your children include; getting a good night sleep before each testing day and having a good breakfast at home or with the school breakfast program the day of testing.

Please help by encouraging your child to take their time (tests are untimed), write as much as they can for essay questions, show all work for math questions, and to try their best. Students continue to work hard at school so thank them for their effort!

MCAS TESTING DATES

Please note testing begins at 9:00am

Grade 3:

ELA – Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24 and 25

Math – Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17

Grade 4:

ELA – Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3 and 4

Math – Monday and Tuesday, May 14 and 15

Grade 5:

ELA – Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11

Math – Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8

Sci/Eng/Tech – Wednesday and Thursday, May 2 and 3

Grade 6:

ELA – Thursday and Monday, April 5 & 9

Math – Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22 and 23



*Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
May 21-24
8:30am to 4:40pm*

BREAKFAST COULD BE FREE OR REDUCED

Dear PVRSD Families,

This is just a reminder that by qualifying for free or reduced meals at your child's school, your child is also eligible for **free** or **reduced breakfast** as well! Breakfast is free if you have been designated as free. Reduced breakfast is \$.30.

All PVRSD schools serve breakfast. Students may go to breakfast right when they get off the bus, or approximately fifteen minutes before school starts for those of you who drive to school.

Breakfast at school is a great alternative for a busy morning. The menu is always on the published monthly menu.

Thank you,
Gail Healy

FRIENDS OF BES

*** Spring Craft Fair**

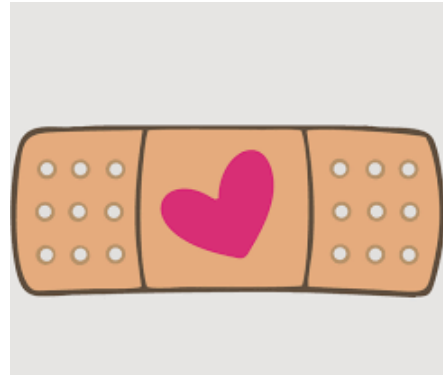
The Spring Craft Fair is set for Saturday, May 5th. We are now looking for crafters to join us. We are also bringing back the tag sale portion of this event. Tag sale spots will be \$10.00 with more details to follow next week.

*** Red Sox Bus Trip**

The Red Sox trip will be happening again this year. Tickets will be \$80.00 per person. We have 1 coach bus reserved with 56 seats and we have some seats left. The trip is on Monday, May 28th for the 1:00pm game. The bus will pick up everyone at the school and bring everyone back. The price includes: bus ride to and from the game, snacks on the bus, tip for the driver, and a ticket to the game. Please contact Jennifer Stennes with any questions.

*** Egg Hunt**

The Friends will be hosting their 2nd annual egg hunt this Saturday, March 31st at 2:30pm on the BES playground. All are welcome to join. Don't forget to bring a basket to collect your eggs. Please bring any donations you have for the nurse to the Egg Hunt. We will have a box set up for the donations.



*** Nurses Supplies**

The Nurses Office could use our help with a few needed supplies. At this time, the budget for the nurse's offices has been cut for next year and we would like to do a community drive for our school. We will be running the drive starting now and going through April 13th. Our school nurse does so much for our children, and with the help of you and the Friends we would love to show Mary, our school nurse, how much she means to us. The school budget was cut in half for all 5 schools.

*** Upcoming dates:**

Saturday, March 31, Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 10, 6:00pm Friends mtng

Admin Day April 25

Spring Craft Fair Saturday, May 5

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11

Nurse's week May 7-11

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March 31 | Saturday, Friends of BES Egg Hunt, BES playground, 2:30pm |
| April 3 | Tuesday, MCAS testing begins, see schedule |
| April 10 | Tuesday – Friends of BES meeting at 6:00pm in the library |
| April 12 | Thursday – Banking Day |
| April 13 | Friday, last day of Friends Nursing Supply Drive |
| April 16 -20 | Monday-Friday – Spring Vacation |
| April 26 | Thursday, School Committee meeting at BES, 7:00pm |
| May 2 | Wednesday, 6 th grade parent night at PVR (6 th gr visit date t.b.d.) |