

Greetings from the Principal

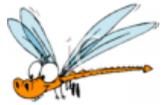
The month of May is now upon us and I, for one, am hoping for some sunshine! April truly lived up to its reputation and brought plentiful showers to our neck of the woods. While that made for some disappointed students hungry for outdoor play time, it has, as the saying reminds us, brought about stunning displays of nature's beauty. I don't think I have ever seen the flowers more colorful or the grass greener than this year at North Falmouth.

With that example of nature in mind, I am now looking ahead to seeing the full flowering of our students' growth this year. The month of May will bring many opportunities to visit classrooms and see how students have worked so diligently to now have the skills they need to move forward into next year. Just this week, I saw some first graders, who in September were working on basic place value concepts, tackling story problems with subtraction. Soon, I will get the opportunity to visit fourth graders as they explore the book *We Are The Ship* and learn how to gain a deeper understanding of the complex history of the United States through the lens of baseball. Our students have grown so much, in such a relatively small amount of time. I could not be more proud of each and every one of them.

Given the amazingly rapid advance of time and seasons, make sure to take time and recognize the effort your child has put into this year. It is crucial that children learn the value of hard work and perseverance at a young age in order for them to find success later in life. Be specific with your praise and encourage your children to enjoy the process of learning, not for the short-term tangible rewards it may bring like grades or trophies, but for the sheer excitement of discovering something new. With the right nurturing, the growth you will see in them will be a wonderful sight to see!



Important Reminders



Lost & Found: Please stop by and look through the boxes of clothing in the café and take what is yours. Anything left behind after school ends will be put in our recycle textile box. Thank you.



Gr. 3 & 4 Math MCAS Testing will take place Wednesday, May 15 & Thursday, May 16. Please remember to have children get a good night sleep the night before and to eat a healthy protein filled breakfast. It is essential during this testing week that children are in school and arrive on time. Thank you for your cooperation.



Are you moving? Will you be leaving the North Falmouth School district at the end of this school year? If so, please inform your teacher and/or the main office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your help with this.



Kindergarten Registration took place in March. If you did not register your kindergartener for next year, please come to school and complete a registration packet. Don't forget your child's birth certificate, immunizations records and proof of residence, which could be a copy of an electric, gas, or oil bill showing the "service deliver to" with your address.

Art Show - Our annual Art Show/ Ice Cream Social/ Basket Raffle event was a success. Thanks to all who helped & attended. It was a wonderful night!



Field Day - North Falmouth's 2019 Field Day/Picnic is scheduled for Monday, June 10, with a rain date of Thursday, June 13 or Friday, June 14. Once again, we look forward to a school-wide lunch and the 13th Annual 4th Grade vs. North Falmouth staff kickball game to close this special day! A flyer will be going home with more details and as always, we will be looking for lots of volunteers to ensure this fun-filled day will be a success!



Important Dates:

Gr. 4 Instrumental Concert - Wednesday, May 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Chorus Concert - Wednesday, May 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

No School - Monday, May 27-Memorial Day

Recess Time: The wood chips and shredded tire playground surfaces can be uncomfortable when wearing open toed shoes. Please keep this in mind and please continue to have your children wear sneakers on PE days.

Last Day/Half Day of School -

Monday, June 17



Report cards will be sent home with the students.

Students will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m.

Lunch will be served. There will be **NO** PM YMCA.

Driving Safety – We have 3 important considerations for the safety of our students.

- Please use extra care when driving at this time of year. Many more students are outside for recess, PE, special projects and special rewards.
- In the morning, please continue to circle around the center section of parked cars prior to proceeding to the drop off corner.



YMCA Summer Camp will be held at here at North Falmouth School. Please contact them if you are interested in having your student attend the camp. 508-362-6500 x203

