

Minot Forest Elementary School  
March, 2020 Newsletter

**\*\*See important kindergarten and preschool registration dates\*\***

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Congratulations to the following staff members who received the weekly Owl Award for demonstrating Respect, Responsibility and Kindness for the month of February: Mr. Booth, Ms. Ambrose, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Ms. King, and Miss Miceli

Dear Families,

This month we look forward to Daylight Savings Time, the arrival of Spring, and hopefully warm weather.

**Boosterthon Glow Run:** We are excited to once again participate in the Indoor Boosterthon Glow Run, sponsored by the PTA. Pledges began on February 25 and continue up to the Glow Run day on March 5. Due to the limited space in the gymnasium and the need to keep the bleachers closed for additional running space, we cannot have spectators this year. Next school year, 2020/2021, our Outdoor Fun Run will resume and will be held in the Fall.



**International Night:** The annual Prek-4 International Night will be held on March 19 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the John W. Decas School cafetorium. Mrs. Pol will be looking for families to come and represent a country of their origin by displaying items/food samples on a table. You may email her at [lpol@wareham.k12.ma.us](mailto:lpol@wareham.k12.ma.us) if you would like to participate.

**Early Release:** Our next Early Release will be on Tuesday, March 17. Minot Forest students will be dismissed at 12:45 PM and will have the opportunity to have lunch.

**Term 2:** Term 2 grades close on March 5. Minot will be sending report cards home on March 24.

**Incoming Kindergarten Student Registration:** Kindergarten registration is this month at the John W. Decas School. Kindergarten in Wareham is a tuition free full-day program. Your child must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2020 to attend kindergarten in September. **Registration** will be held on **March 10 and 11 from 9:00-11:30 AM and 12:30-2:00 PM and also on March 11 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the John W. Decas School** for all students. You do not need an appointment for *registration* nor does your child need to accompany you. When you come, please bring your packet, as complete as possible, as well as your child's original birth certificate, a photo ID, proofs of residency documentation as stated in the registration packet, and updated immunizations (if available at time of registration). At that time, you will be given a future screening date for your child. Registration is very important. If you know of any families who have age appropriate children for kindergarten, please inform them of these dates. Even if you do not have all the information gathered by registration time, please come to registration. Planning for the next school year is contingent upon registration numbers and planning for staff and number of classrooms begins now for September classes.

**Preschool:** Peer partner screenings will be held this month on March 6, 13 and 20 at the John W. Decas School from 9:00-3:00. Specific information can be found in the February newsletter or emailing Mrs. Fillion at [afillion@wareham.k12.ma.us](mailto:afillion@wareham.k12.ma.us).

**Principal's Coffee:** The next Principal's Coffee will be held on March 16 at 9:00 AM.



## Calendar of Events:

**March celebrates: American Red Cross, Music in Our Schools Month, and National Nutrition Month, National School Breakfast Week, Girl Scout Week, and National Poison Prevention Week**

- 3/2 Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday
- 3/2 School Building Meeting, 6:00 PM, Multi-Service Center, Room 228
- 3/3 Super Tuesday Presidential Primary Voting Day
- 3/5 Boosterthon Glow Run today. Space limitations do not allow spectators this year.
- 3/5 Term 2 grades close
- 3/6,13&20 Preschool application and screening for peer partners, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the John W. Decas School
- 3/8 Daylight Savings Time begins. Did you set your clock ahead?
- 3/10 The Wareham Elementary PTA meeting, 6:30 PM in the WMS library
- 3/10&11 Kindergarten Registration, 9:00-11:30 AM and 12:30-2:00 PM at the John W. Decas School
- 3/11 Kindergarten Registration, 4:00-7:00 PM in the John W. Decas Cafeteria
- 3/16 Principal's Coffee, 9:00 AM
- 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 3/17 Early Release Day, 12:45 dismissal for Minot Forest students.
- 3/19 Spring begins
- 3/19 International Night, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM at the John W. Decas School cafeteria
- 3/20 Mrs. Cardoso and Mrs. Fitzgerald's classes showcase their MA Famous Person projects to their families, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.
- 3/24 School Council Meeting, 3:45 PM in room D 121
- 3/24 Report cards go home today for students in grades 3 and 4
- 3/26 School Committee Meeting, Minot Forest mid-year data presentation
- 3/27 Second retention letter will be mailed home today if retention is still a consideration for a student
- 3/27 Dancers' Appreciation Day. Wear any color today.

### Save the Dates-

**For planning purposes, Spring MCAS dates are as listed:**

Grade 3

ELA-April 27 and 28. Makeups for absent students will be April 29 and 30.

Math-May 7 and 8. Makeups for absent students will be May 13 and 14.

Grade 4

ELA-April 15 and 16. Makeups for absent students will be April 17 and 20.

Math-May 11 and 12. Makeups for absent students will be May 14 and 15.

Volunteers and visitors are not allowed in the testing school on testing days, per the Dept. of Education policy.

**\*\*\*Please do not dismiss students early for any appointments. We want to be sure they have all the time they need to complete their assessments.\*\*\***

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Seamans,  
Principal*

*Mrs. Murphy,  
Assistant Principal*

*Ms. DeFilippo,  
Dean of Students*