



Minot Forest Elementary School
May, 2021 Newsletter
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May MCAS Schedule is included.



Dear Families:

Welcome to May. Let's hope May will bring warmer days as the flowers are blooming. The Calendar of Events will list important dates and activities for May.



Appropriate Dress: The weather will be warming up soon and I want to remind families of the student dress code listed in the handbook. Flip flops or shoes without a back strap are not allowed in school. This poses a safety issue on the playground and on the stairs. Shoes with high heels worn by students also pose a safety issue. "Spaghetti strap" shirts are not appropriate; there should be at least an inch strap and all shirts must cover the belly area. Shorts cannot be too short. Boy's pants should be worn so no undergarments are visible. We appreciate your help.



Appreciation Days: May 4 is National Teacher Appreciation Day and May 12 is School Nurse's Appreciation Day. I'd like to thank our teaching staff, paraprofessionals included, for all the work they do for our students. Thanks also to Ms. Ambrose and Mrs. Akins for the nursing care they give to our students.

Retention Decisions: Final retention decisions will be made in June. Information regarding student progress, absences, emotional and developmental concerns, summer programming, etc. will be reviewed as we make our determination. As a reminder, parental input is considered; however, it is Wareham School District policy that the principal makes the final decision.

MAY MCAS TESTING SCHEDULE:

ATTENDANCE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

Remote students will take MCAS at home, *unless there are accommodations that will need your child to take it in school. *You will be notified if your child is in this category.

PLEASE BE SURE STUDENTS ARRIVE TO SCHOOL ON TIME AND ARE NOT DISMISSED EARLY ON THEIR TESTING DAY-THANK YOU!

Grade 4: In-person and remote dates:

ELA-Monday, May 10
Math-Wednesday, May 19

Grade 3: In-person and remote dates:

ELA-Tuesday, May 11
Math-Tuesday, May 18

Calendar of Events
Week of May 3-7: Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!



- 5/3-7 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/4 National Teacher Appreciation Day
- 5/5 Early Release Day, Lunches will be sent home with students. 12:35 PM dismissal for parent/guardian pick-ups, 12:45 PM dismissal begins as buses arrive for bus students.
- 5/5 Cinco de Mayo Day
- 5/6 Wear yellow today for Brittle Bone Disease Awareness
- 5/6 School Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- 5/9 Happy Mother's Day
- 5/10 ELA MCAS Testing for grade 4
- 5/11 ELA MCAS Testing for grade 3
- 5/11 Elementary PTA meeting, 6:30 PM via Zoom
- 5/12 School Nurse Day
- 5/15 Armed Forces Day
- 5/17 Tax Day deadline
- 5/18 Math MCAS testing for grade 3
- 5/18 Minot/Decas School Council combined meeting, 4:15 PM via Zoom
- 5/19 Math MCAS Testing for grade 4
- 5/20 School Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- 5/31 No School-Memorial Day
- 6/14&15 Chromebooks from remote students must be returned to school. More information will follow.
- 6/16 Last Day of School, 10:45 dismissal