

February 15, 2007

Remember—Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th there is no school. Friday is a teacher inservice day, and Monday is Presidents' Day.

CSAP Testing In Progress

This week the third grade CSAP reading assessments were completed. Any students who were absent will be making up their tests on Tuesday, February 20th and/or Wednesday, February 21st. The next round of testing will occur on the weeks of March 5th and March 12th. We ask that parents do not schedule doctor, dentist, and orthodontist appointments during the tests. We also ask that children in the third through sixth grades come to school during those weeks having eaten a good protein breakfast.

Observation Days for Parents of Students Changing Levels Next Year

This coming Thursday, February 22 will be our last first day for parents of kindergarteners going to first grade and third graders going to fourth grade for the 2007-08 school year to visit the classes at their child's next level. Only students moving to a new level will change classrooms—all other remain in the same classroom with the same teacher. Students moving to a new level of the school are placed in new classes by the present teacher with consultation with the child's parents. Class placement is based on returning students to the class and takes into consideration balance of ages, gender, and special needs. Parents may discuss any preferences for class placement with the child's present teacher. Parent requests do not guarantee students' placement in a particular class; the school must balance individual requests with the greater needs of the classrooms. The observations are from 9-10:30 for kindergarten parents and from 9-10:00 for third grade parents. Please reserve a spot with Veronica; we must limit the group to 20 families per observation day. Further days can be scheduled if necessary.

Science Fair - April 18 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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The Science Fair is open to any MPA Elementary students who wish to participate. (The Science Fair is a required assignment for Creative Enrichment Students.) If you want more information, please contact Patty Dwyer's by February 23rd.

All participants must complete a scientific study utilizing the Scientific Method. This includes identifying a problem, stating a hypothesis, creating and completing an experiment and reporting the results in a conclusion. All Science Fair presentations should include research and experiment materials and a well-done presentation board. Work reflected should be the student's, not the parents! Parents are allowed to help as needed. Projects will be evaluated by MPA and outside judges.

Millions of ideas for projects exist at the library or on the internet. Project displays must not include weapons, explosives or toxins. Experiments with food that are brought to the fair should not include nut products. All participants will receive a certificate and participation ribbon. Ribbons will also be awarded for final score and evaluation.

Board Meeting Next Tuesday

The MPA Board of Directors will meet next Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00 in the Art Room. All members of the MPA community are welcome.

Hot Lunch Menus Coming Home Today and Due With Checks on Friday, February 23rd.

