



MRS. MAGUIRE'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

May 2018



Dear Country School Families,

Can you keep a secret? We have some very exciting things happening at Country School this month! On Friday, we will be revealing the location of our All School Field Trip to the whole school during our All School Meeting. I am very excited to share that we will be visiting Drumlin Farm on Monday, May 21st. During this Field Trip, we are asking students to research BIOMIMICRY!! Yes, Country School students are that smart and we are actual scientists! Following the All School Field Trip, students will be participating in our 2nd Annual All School STEM Design Challenge. This challenge will require students to use their knowledge of BIOMIMICRY, think outside the box, collaborate and put the design and engineer cycle into action. Be on the lookout for a permission slip this week. And remember...the students won't know the location until this Friday, so don't spoil the surprise!!

In addition to our All School Field Trip, there are a number of other exciting events scheduled for this month. It is hard to believe that we have only 8 weeks left in the school year. This is an exciting time of year when students are deep in their learning and beginning to look forward to the upcoming year. It is also a time when many grade levels are wrapping up big units and inviting families in for celebrations. The calendar can get very full, so make sure you pay close attention to special dates.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Concert on Friday, May 18th and at the many other events as well. Have a great month!

*Erin Maguire, Principal

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MONTH...

Art The K-12 Art Show opens at Weston High School on Tuesday, May 15th. The opening reception is 6-8 pm. All Country School Students—K-3 will have art work on display. Families are invited to attend the opening reception! The show will hang until May 24. Art Portfolios will go home with students in early June.

Library This week we're celebrating Children's Book Week, so we'll be enjoying & sharing our favorite books in all grades! We'll end the month with two author visits. The kindergarten author, Jessie Sima will be presenting May 22nd and a 1st grade author, Jason Chin, will be coming on May 14th. Parents are welcome to attend these presentations.

Music We are using our concert songs to learn about music and how it connects to the world around us. We are looking forward to sharing with you on Friday, May 18th. Times are 8:45 am for Grades 2 & 3, 3rd grade Orchestra & Chorus; 10:15 for Preschool, Kindergarten & First Grade. Hope to see you there! Any questions feel free to email Mrs. Ozi!

PE we will be working on soccer dribbling, passing and kicking. Next will be overhand throwing and catching playing Messy Backyard. We will finish up the year with frisbee throwing and catching followed by frisbee golf. Fitness will be infused throughout each lesson.

Spanish please check out Senora Kasanov's website for updates on what is happening! <https://www.quia.com/pages/kkasanov/spanish1>
<https://www.quia.com/pages/kkasanov/spanish2>
<https://www.quia.com/pages/kkasanov/spanish3>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

5/2-Early Release
5/4-All School Meeting
5/8-3rd Grade MATH MCAS Session 1
5/9-3rd Grade MATH MCAS Session 2
5/9-Japan Extravaganza-1st Grade
5/9-NO Kindergarten
5/10- All School Creative Arts Performance-Improv Boston
5/10-School Improvement Plan presentation; Woodland School Library; 9:00
5/16-NO Kindergarten
5/18-Spring Concert
5/21-All School Field Trip 8:30-12:30
5/23-NO Kindergarten
5/23-Incoming Kindergarten Visit day
5/28-NO SCHOOL

WEEFC & PTO UPDATES...

PTO: We hope to see you all at Paint Night on Thursday, May 3rd. We are asking for monetary contributions for the faculty luncheon, and there are a few items we are asking individuals to contribute. Here is a link to the items, if you are interested in signing up : [Faculty Luncheon Sign-Up](#)