

February 25, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On March 5th mid-quarter progress reports will be sent home with your child. Some classes have sent them home already. Also, on March 5th, the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) student report will be sent home with your child. The NECAP test results are broken down into four achievement levels: Proficient with distinction, Proficient, Partial Achievement and Below Achievement. The test measures the academic content and skills required through the end of the child's previous grade. NECAP scores are reported as three digit scores. The first digit is the grade level. The remaining digits range from 00 – 80. Scores of 40 and higher indicate a level at or above the proficient level. For example scores of 440 at grade 4; 540 at grade 5 and 640 at grade 6.

The Margaret Chase Smith School Civil Rights Team is currently conducting a coin drive, a Read-a-Thon and an International Dinner to raise money for Haiti. Master Begin of Blue Wave Martial Arts will be traveling to Haiti on March 2nd. She has offered to deliver our donations to the Madelin Elementary School in Haiti. The students hope to raise \$2,000. Some plans have been delayed, due to the bad weather we have been having, making it difficult to prepare for the dinner portion. We will announce a snow date very soon.

The fourth grade students attended a performance at the High School. The performance was Jigsaw Jones: The Case of The Class Clown. The students really enjoyed the performance!

Our 5th grade students will participate in the Winter Kids program on March 3rd. The students will be arriving at the Skowhegan Recreation Center at 9:15 a.m. Children should wear boots, snow pants, gloves and hats to enjoy the outside morning activities. It is a good idea to send an extra pair of socks in your child's backpack.

If you have a computer at home and are connected to the Internet, you can now log on to check your child's progress. If you are having problems connecting, you can e-mail Technology Integrationist, Steve Chiasson, @ schiasson@msad54.org.

Sincerely,

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See Reverse for Dates to Remember!

Dates to Remember:

March 1 st --	Lunch Choices for Rising Stars (4 th Grade) due to Mrs. Baker
March 2 nd --	School-Wide Meeting
March 4 th --	Life Skills – Lattin -- MCSS
March 5 th --	Progress Reports go home w/students, include NECAP results
March 5 th --	Science MEA's for 5 th grade
March 5 th --	Life Skills – Huggins – MCSS – 1:00 p.m.
March 5 th --	Life Skills – Alley – MCSS – 1:45 p.m.
March 12 th --	IEP Day, RR closed
March 12 th --	Life Skills – Huggins – MCSS – 1:00 p.m.
March 12 th --	Life Skills – Alley – MCSS – 1:45 p.m.
March 13 th --	Tea and Tunes Music Boosters Fundraiser @ SAHS cafeteria
March 14 th --	Daylight Savings Time, spring forward 1 hour
March 19 th --	Rising Stars @ Rec Center 4 th Grade students 9:00 – 2:30
March 22 --	Teacher Workshop Day – No School
March 26 th --	Reifer and Saccone w/Karen Montenaro (Mime & Dance) 5 th – 6 th grades
May 2 – 8 --	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day
April 2 --	Rising Stars @ Rec Center 4 th grade students 9:00 – 2:30
April 9 th --	Spring Fling SAHS cafeteria 2 – 6 th grades family dance (must have an adult) more info. will follow
April 9 th --	IEP Day, RR closed
April 19 – 23 --	April Vacation