



Save the Date ~ Curriculum Night K-4

Thursday, January 19th 6:00-7:30 pm

We are pleased to invite parents with their children to the new *Curriculum Night*. This evening is an opportunity to see and actively participate in your child's education. We will have a variety of stations with project displays, writing samples, technology, Title One, Open Circle, art raffle, and grade level tables of Everyday Math games. These stations will be manned by teachers who will be available to answer your questions and explain the programs to you.

4th grade peer leaders will greet you in the lobby with a map of the school that will give locations for each station.

A few of the stations:

- 4th Grade Science projects and land-form projects
- Art raffle
- Everyday Math games
- Open Circle demonstration
- Writing displays
- Computer activities
- Title One Info & Lending Library



Student Presentation ~ School Committee

DES students will give a short presentation at the Tuesday, January 24th School Committee meeting. This is an opportunity the schools are given

to showcase academic and extracurricular achievements. We are planning on having a slide show of the Curriculum Night as well as some

students who will represent the student body at the meeting.

Mark your calendars:

- *School Committee Meeting ~ January 10*
- *Curriculum Night ~ January 19*
- *Early Dismissal for Teacher Workshop ~ January 23*
- *School Committee Meeting & DES presentation ~ January 24*
- *School Council and PTO ~ January 31*

DES PEER LEADERS

Mrs. Gena Maurer, the Enrichment Teacher, has for the 2nd year organized 4th grade peer leaders. You can identify them by their bright yellow peer leader t-shirts:

A few of their activities so far this year:

- ◇ Collections for the needy before the holidays;
- ◇ Collections for the local pet shelter;
- ◇ Paper recycling in the building;
- ◇ Bus monitors — they bring the students to the busses making sure all are loaded properly;
- ◇ They visited a nursing home before Christmas and will become pen pals with the nursing home residents;
- ◇ Leaders in the building at events to direct parents and visitors.

These students are to be congratulated for their community service in and out of the school.

Thank you!

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3rd and 4th Grades

The spring is the time for the annual Department of Education MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) tests to be given to all 3rd and 4th grade public education students.

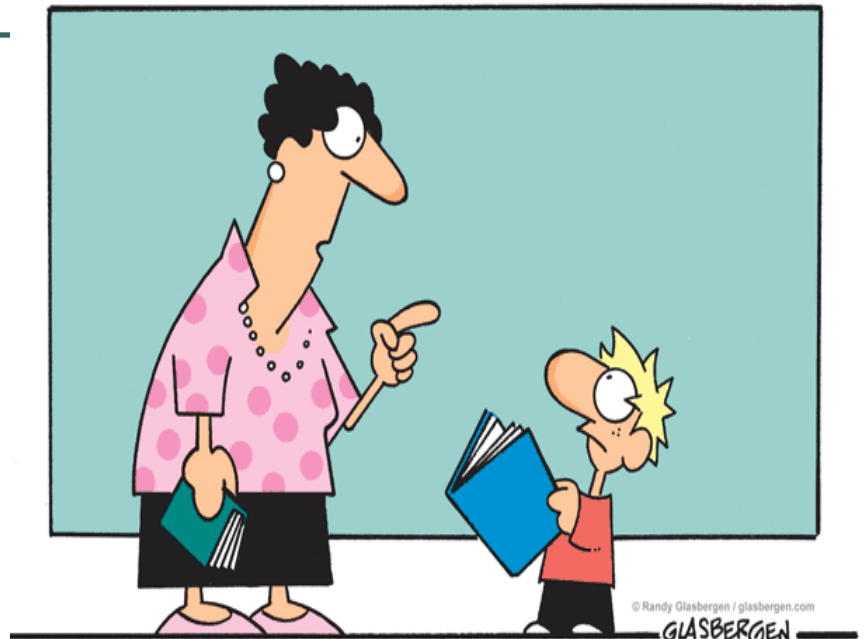
The MCAS is designed to meet the requirements of the Education Reform Law of 1993.

The dates for administration are:

4th grade long composition ~ March 20

ELA Reading ~ March 21–April 2

Mathematics ~ May 7–22



The cartoon shows one creative way to motivate your child to read!! Once they get started, they will develop the habit and be hooked for life!

“It’s called ‘reading’. It’s how people install new software into their brains”