



Middle School Newsletter

Engagement, Assessment,
and Reflection—



creates the pathway to our
learning success!

From: Dr. Flaherty
Week of April 23, 2018
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April 2018

Monday, April 23	A Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24	B Day Grade 7, ELA MCAS Blocks 1-4	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. Chess 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Old School Video – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Photo Editing 3:00- 4:00 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	C Day Grade 7, ELA MCAS Blocks 1-4	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. Ping Pong 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Risk 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Table Hockey 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 26	E Day Grade 8, ELA MCAS Blocks 1-4	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. Magic the Gathering 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Old School Video 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Soccer 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, April 27	E Day Grade 8, ELA MCAS Blocks 1-4	Ping Pong 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. RC Car 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Volleyball 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Messages from Principal Flaherty: Join Us on Twitter @Masco_Principal

I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun vacation! We are excited to be back and entering the busiest time of the school year with MCAS, fieldtrips and many culminating presentations and demonstrations of student work and learning! Even though we still experienced snow over spring break, upon our return we feel confident that we will not experience any further snow days!! As such, we are planning the Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony for Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the field house. (Invitation to follow shortly)

Masco Excels

Please see the above calendar as a reminder of the day your child's activity will run. It is important that students are picked up at 4:00 p.m. A staff member will wait until students participating in Excels are picked up or a note is sent in allowing the student to walk or ride their bikes home. As such, any student that is repeatedly not picked up by 4:15 p.m. may not be able to continue to participate in their activity.

What can I do as a parent to help my child to succeed on the MCAS exams?

MCAS testing begins the week after our spring vacation week, below are a few tips to help your child succeed. Most importantly, give them a pep talk and tell them they will do great if they just put in their best effort!

- Have students go to bed early and get a good night's sleep.
- Ensure they eat a good breakfast.

- Make sure they attend school and are on time. This is especially true for MCAS test days, as these exams are timed. If a student arrives after testing has begun he/she will need to wait and take a make-up exam. If they are truly sick, there is make-up days available.
- Unless it is an emergency please do not plan to dismiss a student prior to the end of the testing window, which will be at 11:11 a.m. each day. If they have not completed the test it will be invalidated or once the test is passed in, it will be scored as is and it will not be beneficial to the student's score or the school's overall data. Thank you in advance for assistance in the area of attendance. It is critical for both the student and the school. However, if a child becomes ill in the middle of a test we can arrange for a monitored make-up that will allow the student to finish from the point where they stopped to the end; they will not be able to go back or review any previously completed work.
- Remind them that no electronic devices including cell phones or apple watches are permitted to be with them during the testing period. If a student is found to have an electronic device with them, we need to contact the Department of Secondary Education and his/her test will be invalidated.

Masco Millions

Masco Million Results: **All Team weekly** results **9,829** and the **Grand total: 868,611** pages. We only have 131,389 pages left to meet our goal of 1,000,000 pages. Remember our challenge this year is to surpass last year's Grand Total of 1,052,527 pages. When teams all record pages read amazing page number totals result. Please continue to encourage your students to enter pages read from their textbooks, short stories, or any other reading you do as a class. These figures represent the numbers logged in by 3:00 PM Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Team	Week Total	Total
7 Blue	7,499	138,311
7 Red	1,419	82,559
7 White	498	199,386
8 Blue	0	219,350
8 Red	371	102,370
8 White	42	126,635

Upcoming Dates of Importance

April 24 - 25, 2018	MCAS ELA Sessions 1 & 2; Grade 7
April 26 - 27, 2018	MCAS ELA Sessions 1 & 2; Grade 8
April 30 – May 4, 2018	MCAS ELA Make-ups
May 8-9, 2018	MCAS Mathematics, Sessions 1 & 2; Grade 7
May 10-11, 2018	MCAS Mathematics, Sessions 1 & 2; Grade 8
May 15-16, 2018	MCAS – Science, Technology & Engineering (STE) Sessions 1 & 2; Grade 8

May 14 -24,2018	MCAS Mathematics & STE Make ups
May 17, 2018	MS Incoming 7 th Grade – Parents Night, 6:30 p.m.
May 18-19, 2018	MS Musical
May 22, 2018	MS Chorus Concert, 7:30 p.m.
May 24, 2018	MS Memorial Day Assembly
May 24, 2018	MS Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.
June 20, 2018	8:30 a.m.; 8 th Grade Promotion Ceremony

You are invited!

2018 PhotoVoice Exhibit



What is PhotoVoice?

Participants are asked to represent their point of view by taking photographs, discussing them together, and developing narratives to go with their photos.

What Matters...

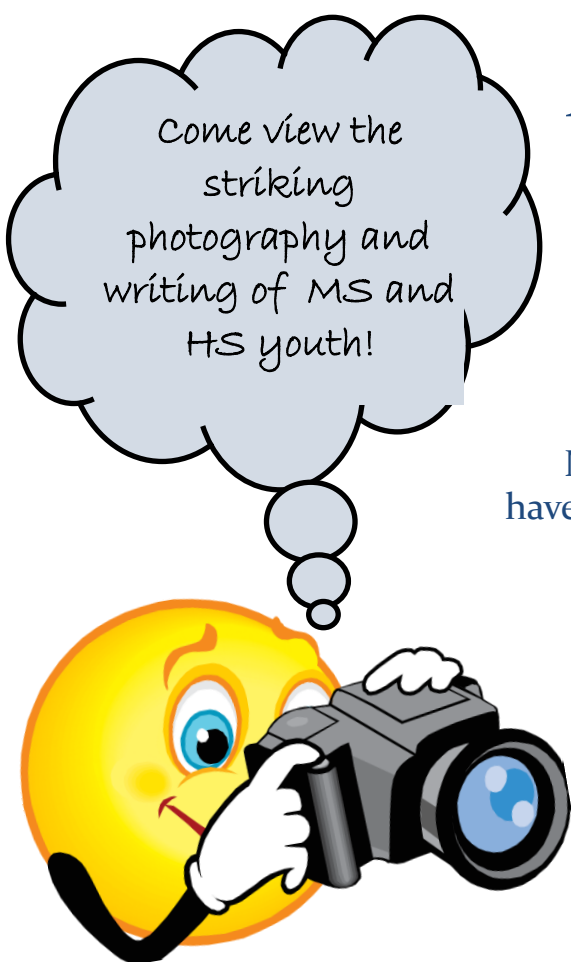
Exploration Through the Eyes of Youth
Friday, April 27th

2:30-3:30pm

Masco High School Library

MS & HS Youth from Boxford, Topsfield and Middleton have worked since January under the guidance of Alex Constan (photography) and TTC staff on their projects.

**For more info or questions, please contact TTC
at 978-887-6512 (Meredith or Lisa)**



Calling Tri-Town Artists!

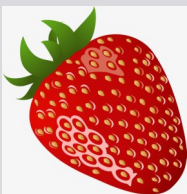
YOUTH ARTISAN FAIR @ the Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 9th
10am—3pm



Show off your talents and sell your work!

Tri-Town Council and the Topsfield Strawberry Festival invite youth ages 9-17 to sell artwork (art, photo, pottery, jewelry, woodwork and more) during the annual festival on June 9th.



Cost is \$20 for a table and space is limited.

Questions? contact:

Martha Roberts @ mroberts@tritowncouncil.org or 978-887-6512.

For more info and registration application [CLICK HERE](#)