

8 Red Newsletter

March Issue



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State Testing Dates:

ELA MCAS Test: April 26-27

Math MCAS Test: May 8-9

Science MCAS Test: May 11& 14

Display Day- Save the Date!

April 3rd

10:00-11:15

8 Red Hallway and Classrooms

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Email the above to reach all of the Team Teachers at once.

Students are using Team Time to work on a display of their learning. You are invited to come in on the early release day, April 3rd , to see some projects and participate in some interactive experiences. More information will be coming via email! At the conclusion of the event, your child may be dismissed with you.

Class Updates

Social Studies: Mr. Kewriga

In Social Studies, we are out of the dark and into the Renaissance. We will be creating our own version of the TV show "Shark Tank". A small group of students will be the sharks and need to invest in various Renaissance creation companies. For the major assignment of the unit, the students will be creating their own tour of Renaissance Europe and creating the ultimate Renaissance trip/experience. They will be creating museum brochures, virtual tours, infographics, museum displays. In Math, the students will be calculating their budgets and in ELA, students will be blogging out parts of their trip.

Science: Ms. Dillon

Students continue to investigate force and motion by applying classroom learning to a Winter Olympic Game of their choice. Topics include: Newton's Laws of Motion, balanced and unbalanced forces, friction, gravity, momentum, and force body diagrams. This week students learned how to successfully perform the "Tablecloth Magic Trick" and created a force body diagram to represent the situation. Feel free to ask how the trick relates to Newton's First Law!

"Say and do something positive that will help the situation; it doesn't take any brains to complain" –Robert A. Cook

Essential Math: Ms. Miller

We have continued our focus on geometry this month by transforming shapes on the coordinate grid. So far we have learned about translations and dilations. After learning about rotations and reflections students will have a chance to show their creative side by creating their own flip book. They will put everything they have learned into practice by drawing pictures on the multiple grids that will "move" when flipped side by side. Can't wait to see what they come up with!

Essential ELA: Ms. Wallach

In Essential ELA the students have been trying to decide which character is responsible for the bad ending. All of the characters in the novel *Nothing But The Truth* lie or twist the truth for their own purposes. The students will be writing a persuasive essay about who is responsible for the bad ending.

Math: Ms. Mulcahy

We wrapped up our unit on Transformations with a symmetry scavenger hunt and symmetrically designed our names. The transformation unit assessment will be on Friday, March 16. We will start trimester 3 exploring the Rules of Exponents and Scientific Notation. Our use of ASSISTments has changed this month, due to the growing reassessment test. In order to keep the length of the reassessment test manageable, I will no longer be assigning "new" review skills. Instead, we will now shift the focus to practice old MCAS exams. Students are still responsible for the reassessment and remediation skills assigned on ASSISTments.

ELA: Ms. LaValley

We have been reading and analyzing *King Arthur and His Knights*. It is the first time we have used an eBook. The quality of Monday discussion days has been excellent! At the end of this week, students will take a reading comprehension and analysis assessment. Students are in week three (of five) for research note taking of a medieval or Renaissance topic of choice. We will be using that research to write an essay that will be the main writing assessment for trimester 3. As always, we have our running blog assignments.

Team Time: balancing fun and learning

Foosball Tournament:

Mr. Kewriga hosted a foosball tournament during lunches throughout the past month. Dennis and Konur came out on top!

Minute-to-Win-it Student created round:

Students used a few team times to work creatively and make a Minute-to-win-it challenge and instruction video. Challenges included the "Human GPS", "Put it Together", "Sticky Situation", "Trashketball" and "Elephant Trunk".

We had a fun period in the auditorium with a friendly homeroom competition. Ms. LaValley's Homeroom students came away with the most wins for this round!



Celebrations:

WPI Pi Day:

Last weekend, Mass Academy organized a Pi Day Math contest for middle schoolers. Karthik and Amit were participants from 8 Red!

Three Oak teams were in the top 10 and Karthik's team placed first! Congratulations to all participants!

Anything great happening with you??? Please be sure to send a quick email to any of your teachers so we can celebrate your successes and efforts!

Miss Shrewsbury:

This past Saturday, Kelly D. participated in this town pageant event and swept away four award categories: Miss Congeniality, Luckiest, Shrewsbury Blue & Gold, and Junior Miss Shrewsbury! Congratulations!

