



# Malden Public Schools

**FERRYWAY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Ferryway Families,

It was great to see many of you last week at our Enrichment Showcase. I am glad that you were able to join us to learn more about the happenings at the Ferryway School. In addition, a strong partnership between home and school is very important for students' success.

We have almost completed the ACCESS testing for our English Language Learners (ELLs). Students worked very hard on the different testing sessions. Please remember that we will again be participating in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). As with MCAS, students, parents, and teachers will receive performance results. The school uses that information to help identify students' strengths and weaknesses. This year, the PARCC will have one testing window: **April 25-June 6**. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also be taking the Science & Technology MCAS on **May 10-16**. Student attendance is extremely important. Teachers are working extremely hard to learn and prepare students for the computer-based test!

All students will be getting their **report cards** today. **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held **this Thursday, February 4 at 6:00-7:30**. We hope you will be able to join us as this is a great way to learn about your child's strengths and areas of improvement in school!

The next session of enrichment will begin on Friday, February 12. Please ask your child what he/she has selected to participate in. The teachers are offering lots of great choices!

***Attendance Policy- Please make sure that you have reviewed it!***

\*We are monitoring excused and unexcused absences very carefully. **School attendance is essential** for a successful year.

The PTO is in need of parent volunteers! Please join us at the next **PTO meeting** which is **Tuesday, February 9** at 6:30 in the Ferryway library. We need you!!

Please join me at my next "**Parent Coffee**" session which is Friday, February 26 at 8:15. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gordon, Principal