



Malden Public Schools

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Dear Ferryway Families,

Now that spring is finally here to stay, please review the dress code with your child. The expectation is that students dress in such a manner that does not distract from the learning environment. (Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details.) Additionally, please remind students that playing with balls in the morning on the pavement is prohibited as too many people are getting hurt with stray balls! Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Last month, our grade 7 and 8 students supported the **Malden Overcoming Addiction Committee** by participating in **Stop the Stigma Day**. For more information, please check out the **Malden Overcoming Addiction** website!

A **special thank you** to the many **parents** who have committed to volunteer in the library and for the Book Fair! Your support is needed and very much appreciated!

State testing is here. Students in grades 3-8 are taking the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in ELA and Math. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 are also taking the Science & Technology MCAS. For specific dates, please refer to our school calendar! Student **attendance is extremely important**. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school on testing dates. For more information on **how to support your child with high-stakes testing**, please refer to the article, **Report to Parents: Helping Your Child Test Preparations**, which was sent home before vacation.

Quarter 4 Progress Reports will go home on May 16. Please make sure you receive and review it with your child. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Let's end the school year strong!

The PTO is still in need of parent volunteers! Please join us at the next **PTO meeting** which is **Tuesday, May 10** at 6:30 in the Ferryway library. We need you!!

Please join me at my last **"Parent Coffee"** session of the year which is Friday, May 20 at 8:15. Hope to see you there!

For **planning purposes**, the final **Enrichment Showcase is June 10, Kindergarten Celebration is June 17** and the **Grade 8 Ceremony is June 20**. More specific details to follow.

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

Sincerely,

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