



May 28, 2010

Quarter 4 Progress Report

Included is your child's quarter 4 progress report. Please take the time to review this information with your child. If your child is not meeting your expectations of academic success, I encourage you to contact your child's guidance counselor at McCourt to discuss a strategy for improvement.

Extracurricular Eligibility

We believe that a student's primary goal at school is to be academically successful. Please remember that students who are not meeting expectations and/or, failing two or more classes, are not eligible for extracurricular activities. This includes attendance at school dances, sporting events, and other after school programs. Please also be aware that this policy does not include staying with teachers for extra help. Eligibility for extracurricular activities is determined by school-wide progress reports or report card periods. Please see the Student Handbook, page 49, for more information.

Late Bus

The late bus has been provided to students who stay after school to participate in school activities, or to get additional academic support from teachers. As the end of the year draws near, please note the following dates that the late bus will be provided: June 3, June 10, June 17. There will no longer be a late bus available on Tuesdays.

Science NECAP's - Grade 8

Grade 8 Students completed the science NECAP assessment last week. Teachers reported that students worked diligently to complete the assessment to the best of their ability. We expect results in early September.

Grade 8 Reminders

Parents of grade 8 students should have received information about out grade 8 activities. Information was sent home with students and electronically. Please remember that permission forms must be returned by Friday, May 28th for the grade 8 Dance and/or High Meadows outing. There are additional copies of the information sent home available in the main office.

Electronics/Cell Phones, iPods, etc.

Please be sure your child understands that cell phones and other electronic devices should be kept in their lockers at all times throughout the school day. These items are becoming a significant distraction inside of the classrooms. Due to the fact that they are a distraction to the learning process, the policy is to "keep them away, or we take them away!" If a teacher or staff member sees a student with an electronic device during the school day, they will take it away and turn it into the assistant principal. Once it is turned in, a parent must pick it up. *Students will also receive a disciplinary consequence for using an electronic device.* Thank you for assisting us in reducing distractions to the learning process.

From our school nurse, Mrs. D'Aguanno
Important Message to Parents with Children Entering 7th Grade
Immunization Requirements for

All Children Entering 7th Grade

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all children entering the 7th grade are required to have the following immunizations:

- **Booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine, if it has been 5 years or more since the last dose of diphtheria-tetanus containing vaccine.**
- **Four (4) doses of Polio vaccine**
- **Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)**
- **Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.**
- **Two (2) doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine received or a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.**
- **One (1) dose of Meningococcal conjugate (Meningitis) vaccine**
- **All children entering 7th grade are required to be up-to-date on their immunizations as well as have a physical exam. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's immunizations with the doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.**

Important Reminder ABOUT FLU VACCINATION:

An annual Influenza (flu) vaccination is now *recommended* for all children 6 months-18 years of age to prevent the spread of flu to others in daycare, preschool and school settings as well as at home and in the community. Influenza vaccine is available from October through April each year. Don't forget to ask your doctor about flu vaccine

Upcoming Dates

June 7: Variety Show Performance @ 7:00 p.m.
June 10: Grade 8 High Meadow Trip
June 11: Grade 8 Dance at McCourt
June 16: Grade 8 Awards Night at 7:00 p.m.
June 18: Grade 8 Promotional Exercises at 8:45 a.m.
June 23: Last day of school