

All Around AES

The (mostly) weekly newsletter from AES

Our mission: Exceptional instruction without exception

March 30, 2016



Calendar

- April 6 PRT Early Release 1:00 pm
- April 13, 14, 15 No Kindergarten Classes: screening for incoming K students
- April 14 Grades 1 – 4 to High School for *Shrek, the Musical*
- April 18 – 22 No School – Spring Vacation
- April 26 Grade 4 Field Trip to Lowell Mills – Mrs. Ripley and Mrs. Harney
- April 27 Grade 4 Field Trip to Lowell Mills – Mrs. Chabot and Mrs. Berry

MCAS Testing Schedule

Grade 3	March 31	April 5	April 7
Grade 4	April 4	April 6	April 8

Principally Speaking

It's hard to believe that I have already met with parents about their children starting Kindergarten next year! We had a great turnout at our information session last night. Once again, please check with any neighbors or friends who have children turning five (5) on or before September 1 and have them contact us if they haven't done so already. You would be surprised at how many parents call us in late August and ask about signing up their child for Kindergarten!

And at the other end of our age span, tomorrow marks the official start of MCAS for AES. We ask all of our students to help us out during MCAS by being extra quiet when they are moving about the building. We hope that building this sense of community helps children understand that even if you aren't the one taking the test, you can show your support in many ways. We are also talking a lot about *The Little Engine that Could*; the age old story of refusing to quit and trying just that little bit extra. This message is just as important for a Kindergartener when he is working on his Weekend Journal as it is for a 4th grader who is planning and writing her MCAS narrative. If every child were to leave AES with the power to 'think I can', then we would accomplish the most important goal for any school!