



CROCKER CHRONICLES

May 4, 2012

Dear Crocker Farm Families,

Happy May to everyone! I assume that many of you share my amazement in that we only have seven weeks of the current school year left. I do believe that our students continue to work diligently in school, maintaining high levels of focus, responsibility and cooperation. To that end, student (and adult) learning continues at a high level each and every day.

Last Friday, Crocker Farm was proud to host the annual district-wide Cambodian New Year celebration. Cambodian-American students from all three elementary schools put on a brilliant show filled with music, dance, and story-telling. A packed house thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful assembly. I checked off this event as another magical reason why I live and work in Amherst. Long may this tradition continue.

As many of you may know, the district is considering using an alternative research-based elementary mathematics program for the 2012-13 school-year. As a result, Dr. Rhonda Cohen, Director of Teaching and Learning for the Amherst Schools, would like to cordially invite everyone to a parent evening titled "Elementary Math Update." The event will take place at Crocker Farm School on Wednesday May 30 @ 6:30pm. Child-care and pizza will be available.

Finally, in the coming weeks many of our students will be participating in MCAS examinations. The schedule is as follows:

Math MCAS Exam Schedule:

Grade 3: 5/10 & 5/14

Grade 4: 5/17 & 5/21

Grade 5: 5/8, 5/11,

Grade 6: 5/15 & 5/18

Science MCAS Exam Schedule:

Grade 5: 5/15 and 5/18

Makeups will be scheduled on May 22nd

Sincerely,

Derek Shea
Assistant Principal



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Queridas Familias de Crocker Farm,

¡Feliz mes de mayo a todos! Presumo que muchos de ustedes comparten mi asombro en saber que tan solo quedan siete semanas del año escolar. Creo que nuestros estudiantes continúan trabajando diligentemente en la escuela, manteniendo altos niveles de enfoque, responsabilidad y cooperación. A tal fin, el aprendizaje de los estudiantes (adultos) continúa a un alto nivel cada día, todos los días.

El viernes pasado, Crocker Farm tuvo el placer de auspiciar la celebración anual del Año Nuevo Camboyano del distrito en general. Los estudiantes camboyanos-americanos de las tres escuelas elementales brindaron un espectáculo maravilloso lleno de música, baile, y cuentos. La casa llena disfrutó plenamente de esta maravillosa asamblea. Marqué este evento como otra razón mágica por la cual vivo y trabajo aquí en Amherst. Que esta tradición continúe por mucho tiempo.

Como muchos de ustedes ya saben, el distrito está considerando utilizar en las escuelas elementales un programa alternativo de matemáticas basado en investigaciones para el año escolar 2012-13. Como resultado, la Dra. Rhonda Cohen, Directora de "Teaching and Learning" para las escuelas de Amherst, quisiera invitar a todos a participar de una noche de padres titulada "Elementary Math Update." (Actualización de las matemáticas en primaria) El evento se llevará a cabo en la Escuela Crocker Farm el miércoles 30 @ 6:30pm. Se ofrecerá cuidado de niños y pizza.

Finalmente, muchos de nuestros estudiantes estarán tomando el MCAS en las próximas semanas. El horario es el siguiente:

Horario del MCAS de Matemáticas:

Grado 3: 5/10 y 5/14

Grado 4: 5/17 y 5/21

Grado 5: 5/8 y 5/11

Grado 6: 5/15 y 5/18

Horario del MCAS de Ciencia:

Grado 5: 5/15 y 5/1

La fecha para reponer el examen es el 22 de mayo.

Cordialmente,
Derek Shea, Asistente Principal

All-school Pot Luck Social!

Hosted by the 6th Grade Class

Join us for a night of family fun
to help raise money for the 6th
grade class trip to Lake Compounce



Bring a dish to share!

Invite friends and family! All are welcome!

*LIVE DJ, FOOD, RAFFLE,
FACE PAINTING, GAMES, PRIZES & MORE!*

**Crocker Farm Auditorium
Friday, May 11th 6:30-8:30**

Achievement, Diversity & Community



Callout from Ms. Zsigmondi and Ms. Harvey: We are looking for a recording of the musical "Harriet the Spy" from the morning performance of the show which was held on April 12. If you taped it, please contact Ms. Z or Ms. Harvey.



Please mark your calendars: The last day of elementary school is Friday, June 22. Please note that this day will be a 1:20 dismissal.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

(recommended for children aged 6-8 and a parent or guardian, younger siblings welcome)

Katie Koerten and Helen Ann Sephton, Hitchcock Center Educators

Saturday, May 12, 10-11:30 a.m.

Free

Pre-registration is not required but is helpful; please call 413-256-6006.

Did you know that May 12 is International Migratory Bird Day? Come celebrate at the Hitchcock Center by joining us for a morning full of learning about our local feathered friends. May is a great time to spot colorful birds that will be returning from their southern migration areas. We will spend time discussing bird basics, like who the local birds are and how to use field markings to identify them. After observing the birds that visit our feeders, we will go on a walk around our conservation area to see what birds are out on the trails at the Hitchcock Center. This event is designed for young children and their families. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Binoculars and bird guides from home are welcome but not required.

ABSENT LINE: Parent/Guardians are required to call the absentee line, 362-1659 if your child will not be in school. If your child is tardy to school, please have him/her stop by the office for a pass before going to class. Call before 9:00 to avoid receiving an automated phone call.

Linea para reporter ausencias: Se les requiere a todos los padres/encargados que se comuniquen con la escuela llamando al telefono 362-1656 si su hijo(a) va a estar ausente. Si su hijo(a) va a llegar tarde a la escuela por favor asegurese que su hijo (a) se reporta a la reporta a la oficina primero.

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