



Main Street School Scoop

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A weekly newsletter for the MSS Community... March 19, 2015

| Calendar-At-A-Glance | |
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| Date | Event |
| March 19 | Brain Challenge Parent/Teacher Conferences- Early Dismissal for PM conferences |
| March 20 | MSS Talent Show- 6:30pm |
| March 23 | Architecture Residency -Grade 5 Field Trip-Philipsburg Manor- Grade 4 (Tasigiannis-James & Gervasi) |
| March 24 | Architecture Residency -Grade 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences-delayed opening- AM conferences Board of Education Meeting- 7:30pm |
| March 25 | Architecture Residency - Grade 5 Minute to Move |
| March 26 | Architecture Residency - Grade 5 World Language Fair- Grade 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences- Evening |
| March 27 | Architecture Residency Grade 5 Character Building Assembly |
| March 30- April 6 | Spring Recess |
| April 7 | Play Rehearsals Begin |
| April 8 | Lice Enders PAC Meeting |
| April 9 | MSS Parent & Child Book Club |
| April 13 | Parent Visit- Sensi/Lee |
| April 14 | NY State ELA Assessment |
| April 15 | NY State ELA Assessment |
| April 16 | NY State ELA Assessment |
| April 21 | Site Committee- 3:30pm in MSS Conference Room BOE Meeting -7:30pm in CPR |
| April 22 | NY State Math Assessment |
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| April 24 | NY State Math Assessment Hike for Hunger |

Safety Issue: No Parking in the Lot at Drop-off or Pick-up

Please...please...please do **NOT** enter or park in the parking lot during drop off or pick up. There are systems in place for both to ensure a safe situation for our students when they arrive to, and depart from school.

Hot Beverage –Reminder

Just as a reminder, for safety reasons, students are not permitted to bring in hot beverages with them in the morning.

5th Grade Band Schedule Change for the Coming Week

5th grade band will rehearse on **Monday, March 23rd** instead of Tuesday the 24th because of the delayed start. If your child has a prior commitment such as intramurals and cannot attend, that's fine. The band will rehearse with those students who are able to attend.

Student Pianist for Main Street School Singers

Main Street School Singers is looking for a student pianist to accompany the chorus at the June 11th concert at 7 pm. We will hold auditions for interested students during their recess time. Please see the attached flyer for details about the auditions. Please email Ms. Hannon with questions at Megan.Hannon@irvingtonschools.org.

Colonial Day- Thank you!

Thank you so much to all of the parent volunteers. Colonial Day was such a tremendous success because of all of you! Your support at every station made all of the difference in the experience for the students. Thank you also to the parents who were not able to be with us, but were able to send in a requested item. We really appreciate all of your support!

Congratulations to our MSS All-County Musicians!

Last weekend, some of our students participated in the All-County music performances. In 4th grade, Aleksia Doncov and Isaiah Warner performed with the All-County Chorus. In 5th grade, Sawyer Hershman and Isabella Moyer performed with the All-County Chorus, and Marcel Ramos-Roux performed with the All-County Band (first chair!). 5th grader, Reinesse Wong and 4th graders, Andrew Zhou performed with the orchestra. The students performed beautifully, and they demonstrated exemplary behavior during rehearsals. We are so proud of how well they represented MSS, and so proud of their accomplishment!

Attention 5th Grade Parents: World Language Fair

On **Thursday, March 26th** our 5th graders will experience a World Language Fair at which they will learn and practice some Spanish and French. The fair will be facilitated by teachers and students from our 6-12 language department and it is designed to provide our 5th graders with information to help them choose which language they would like to study beginning next year in 6th grade. Information about language selection will be sent from the middle school in the coming weeks.

MSS Musical In Need of Donations of Artificial Flowers

This year's MSS theatrical performance is the Secret Garden. We are in need of donations of artificial flowers for our sets. Please see the attached flyer for additional details. Please direct questions to:

Ms. Ottaviano at Deborah.ottaviano@irvingtonschools.org

Ms. Rossi at Nina.Rossi@irvingtonschools.org

Important Information about Buses and Dismissal Changes

If your child rides the bus home from school, he/she may get off at an alternative stop on the SAME route, **ONLY** if he/she brings a note to the driver/monitor the **morning** of the change. Changes to bus stops may no longer be made via the telephone during the school day. Students are NOT permitted to ride a bus other than the one that they are assigned to ride.

2015-2016 Budget Process Information

The Irvington Union Free School District administration and Board of Education are currently in the process of planning the proposed budget for the 2015-16 school year. As always, the district's goal is to strike a balance between providing the programs and services necessary for student success and limiting the cost impact on local taxpayers. Throughout the planning process, the district encourages community involvement and input. Please see the attached flyer for a list of upcoming meeting dates to discuss the proposed budget.

Main Street School – Parent & Child Book Club

Please save the date of Thursday, April 9th for the spring MSS Parent & Child Book Club. This is another PARP- Parents as Reading Partners event supported by the PTSA. Please see the attached flyer for details including the book choices and the participation tear-off.

Cell Phone Reminder

The expectation is that cellphones are turned off and in students' backpacks for the duration of the school day. Students are not permitted to use their phones during recess.

PTSA Used Book Sale-Book Collection Happening at MSS Now!

Please donate your used books, books for all ages are welcome! Book collection boxes can be found outside the auditorium at Main Street School. Please tell your friends and neighbors that there are drop-offs at every building.

We will happily accept empty cardboard boxes, which are always needed for the sale. Please deliver boxes to the Dows Lane lobby.

If you wish to volunteer your time or learn more about the sale, please contact Symonne Canton (symonne512@yahoo.com).

Interesting Essay

Why Children Need Chores: Doing household chores has many benefits—academically, emotionally and even professionally. Giving children household chores at an early age helps to build a lasting sense of mastery, responsibility and self-reliance, according to research by Marty Rossmann, professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota.

By, Jennifer Breheny Wallace

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/why-children-need-chores-1426262655> (essay also attached as a PDF)