

The Village Bluebird

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 20: 4th Grade Bingo.
- March 23: Report cards available
- March 24, BOE Mtg, UMS 7:30
- March 24-27: Optional P/T Conferences, Staff Development, Early Dismissal
- March 30: 4th Grade Author assembly. 3rd Grade Native American assembly
- **April 3-12: Spring Break—schools closed**
- April 13: 3rd Grade Native American assembly
- April 14: 4th Grade trip to Washington Crossing. BOE Mtg, UMS 7:30
- April 15: PTA meeting 9:45 VES.
- April 16 -23: PTA Book Fair
- April 16: Art Extravaganza MHS.
- April 17: Arbor Day 3rd Grade
- April 22: Administrative Professionals Day
- April 27-May 22: PARCC EOY testing.
- April 28: BOE Mtg, UMS 7:30
- April 29: 4th Graders' Orientation visit to LMS .
- April 29: 5th Grade Orientation for 4th Grade Parents, LMS 7
- May 6: 3rd Grade Orientation
- May 6: Orientation for 2nd Grade Parents, VES, 7
- May 6: School Nurses Day
- May 12: BOE Mtg, UMS 7:30
- May 13: Orchestra field trip to Richardson Auditorium
- May 19: BOE Mtg, UMS 7:30
- May 20: PTA Mtg, OHES 9:45
- May 20-21: Experiential Theater's Aesop shows
- TBD: Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- **May 25-26: Memorial Day holiday- Schools Closed**
- May 27-28: NJ ASK Test 4th Grade Science
- June 2-3: 4th Grade Music Concerts, MHS 7
- June 4: Third Grade Music and Art Shows VES
- June 10: Fun Day
- June 17 PTA Mtg. 9:45 OHES. 3rd Grade Parent Instrumental Music presentation
- **June 23: Last Day of School Early Dismissal**

Spring Greetings!

Dear Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the start of the spring season. While the winter weather posed a challenge to our school schedule our learning opportunities continue to keep us positive and productive.

March began with visits from guest readers for *Read Across America* in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, and our March into the Arts 4th grade concerts and art show. Other March highlights include Bingo parties, Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day,

PARCC administration and Parent-Teacher conferences.

In April, we will have a slightly shortened spring recess, the Experiential Theater Company's production of Aesop's Fables, our PTA Book Fair, 3rd Grade's Native American assembly with Kevin Two-Steps and 5th grade transition activities.

We appreciate all of your support and involvement.

Enjoy the remainder of spring!

Ms. Lacy and Mr. Hadinger

REPORT CARDS, STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND OPTIONAL SPRING CONFERENCES

Report Cards will be available on Parent Resources from **March 23rd at the close of the school day through April 24th.**

To log in:

- 1) Visit <https://parents.mtsd.k12.nj.us>
- 2) Enter your username, which is your email address, and your password. If you forget your password, use the "Forgot My Password" link just below the Login button. Your password will then be sent by email in a few minutes. If you unable to log in or do not have an account, please contact Jaime at jvelez@mtsd.us

- **March 24 —27** are early dismissal days. Parent pick-up begins at 1:15. Buses will depart at 1:30. Teachers will engage in professional development on the 27th. Optional parent-teacher conferences will be held on the 24th-27th.
- **March 30—April 2** - Schools Open
- **April 3—10** - Schools Closed - Spring Recess
- **April 13** - Schools reopen

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Save The Dates!



Fifth Grade Orientations at LMS

April 29th - Day Visit for 4th Graders

April 29th, 7:00—8:00 pm - Presentation for 4th Grade Parents

May 29th, 6pm - Moving On Up Party for 4th Graders, LMS

Third Grade Orientations at VES

May 6th , Day Visit for 2nd Graders

May 6th , 7:00-8:15pm Presentation for 2nd Grade Parents



Summer Open Houses

August 26th

8:30am - 12:00 noon OHES and VES

9:30-11:00 am LMS Grades 5-6



Village School Gym Update

As most of you are already aware, our gym floor was damaged beyond repair when a pipe burst during one of the extremely cold nights we experienced this winter. As a result, our PE teachers have been most creative and flexible, holding classes in the cafeteria, front foyer, as well as outside, weather permitting. Our district business office, under the direction of Tom Venanzi, responded quickly to this emergency by procuring the approvals necessary to get a new floor installed. Thanks to their diligence, the damaged gym floor is now almost completely removed, and the installation process will likely begin next week. We hope to have a new floor installed and ready for use in May, if everything goes well. We have moved one assembly to OHES, and will keep you informed if any of our other school events or activities need to be relocated. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

PARCC and NJ ASK Updates

Our first-ever administration of the new PARCC assessments has gone very smoothly, owing to the district PARCC Team's extensive preparation on both the academic and technology fronts. Due to inclement weather, the spring performance-based assessments will be completed on April 1st. You received the amended schedule in a previous e-blast.

The PARCC end-of-year assessments (three days instead of five) will be administered from April 27th through May 22nd. We will provide you with a detailed schedule after spring break. Fourth grade students are still required to take the NJ ASK Science assessment. This will be administered on May 27th, with makeups being given on May 28th. Here again is the revised PARCC PBA schedule.

Third Grade Classes from Week 1 will take their 3 make up tests (1 LA and 2 Math) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23-25. These classes are Sears/Carro, Cramer, Ryan, Bonnet/Furfaro, Vucin, Damato, Gluck, Uhaze/Loiacono, B. Rodriguez, and Potter/Brown.

Students in both grades will take any remaining makeups according to the following schedule:

LA Unit 1 - 3/26, LA Unit 2 - 3/27, LA Unit 3 - 3/30, Math Unit 1 - 3/31, Math Unit 2 - 4/1.

These are the only days that these makeup tests will be given.

**Montgomery Township School
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Blazer says, "Be Your Best at VES!"

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**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission as a forward-thinking community is to ensure that students grow into confident, compassionate, and successful learners in a global society by providing engaging and challenging educational experiences in a student-centered environment.

Emergency School Closing Information

In the event of inclement weather, hazardous road conditions, or any other emergencies requiring us to close schools, phone messages will be used to notify families. You may also check the following:

Message Line (609-466-7610)

District Website www.mtsd.k12.nj.us

WKXW 101.5 FM Trenton or Channel 27 (Local Access Cable)

In the event of an emergency school closing, the 6-day rotation cycle will remain unchanged. For example: If we have an emergency closing/snow day on day 1, the following school day will remain day 2. Missed days will be made up during the school year. Please refer to the District calendar for details and visit the VES website for the 6-day rotation schedule.

***FRIENDSHIP & Honesty
are the Pillars of
Character for March and
April***

Remember to dress children appropriately for outdoor recess! Label your child's belongings and check the lost and found in the cafeteria for missing items!

NEWS FROM SOAR

We are looking forward to another enriching and exciting summer in our S.O.A.R. program! (Student Opportunities for Academics and Recreation) We have many more offerings this summer for academics PreK-12, HS Summer School credit and preview courses, recreational based classes K-12, and special education as well! Registration is NOW open. You can access the registration pages, learn more or contact us by clicking the links on the district website.

YMCA After School Program at VES

The YMCA of Princeton provides childcare before and after school for children who attend VES. The YMCA tailors its hours to accommodate working families, and offers children diverse and enriching activities in a safe and nurturing environment. Registration packets will be available in the main office. For more information, you may visit our website at: Princetonymca.org or call the YMCA After School Program Office at: 609-497-9622. Please clearly state your name, your child's name, and a phone number where we can return your phone call.

