

April 2, 2017

Dear Silver Hill Families,

That was some April Fool's storm! My local Dairy Queen still opened and maybe it was the weather, but I had a Blizzard☺

The new Federal *ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act)* which replaces *No Child Left Behind* states that every district must have a Social Emotional Learning curriculum. At Silver Hill, we implemented the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) curriculum three years ago. Please join Amanda Symmes, School Adjustment Counselor, and Melissa Moreau, Student Support Center Teacher, this Wednesday, April 5, at 5:30 in our library for an informational presentation and question and answer time about PBIS.

A reminder to families of third, fourth, and fifth graders that MCAS testing begins this Thursday. Since this is the first year of MCAS 2.0, it will establish the baseline for future school accountability. Schools **WILL** be held accountable this year for attendance so please make every effort to have your child at school on their test dates. Students must arrive to school on time, as once the testing begins we cannot allow students into the classroom and they would need to take a make up test. Most of all, keep the testing as stress free as possible. The students are ready and we want them to try all the questions and do their best! Thank you!

It's mud season, and an extra pair of sweats in the backpack is never a bad idea :)

Margaret

MCAS Testing Dates

Grade 3

April 6 – ELA Session 1

April 11 – ELA Session 2

April 26 – ELA Session 3

May 10 – Math Session 1

May 12 – Math Session 2

Grade 4

April 7 – ELA Session 1

April 12 – ELA Session 2

April 27 – ELA Session 3

May 9 – Math Session 1

May 11 – Math Session 2

Grade 5

April 7 – ELA Session 1

April 12 – ELA Session 2

April 27 – ELA Session 3

May 9 – Math Session 1

May 11 – Math Session 2

May 16 – Science Session 1

May 18 – Science Session 2

Planning Ahead:

April 4 – Grade 4 trip to Lowell Mills

April 10 – PTO Meeting 6:00

April 11 – Grade 4 Trip to Lowell Mills

April 12 – Kindergarten Information Night 5:30 – 7:00

April 13 – ROARS Assembly (Responsibility)

April 13 – **Rescheduled to June 16** - Kindergarten, New England Aquarium– In school field trip

April 14 – Good Friday – No School

April 17 – 21 - Vacation

April 28 – Student/Faculty Basketball Game

April 29 – Mount Washington Alliance Health Fair – Held at Silver Hill