

April 1, 2016

Dear Atlantic Middle School Families,

Thank you for your continued support during the recent MCAS testing week. We are very proud of the effort put forth by our students on the English Language Arts MCAS test. The final phase of MCAS testing will take place in May. The grade 8 Math MCAS test will take place on Wednesday May 11th and Thursday May 12th. Grade 6 and 7 students will take the Math MCAS test on Tuesday May 17th and Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Grade 8 students will take the Science MCAS test on Tuesday May 17th and Wednesday May 18th. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires that all students participate in these tests. It is especially important for students to attend school on time each day of testing. With everyone's involvement and support, Atlantic will continue to meet and exceed the challenges of MCAS testing.

While we are so pleased with our students' efforts on the recent MCAS tests, we also know that MCAS test scores are only one measure of student learning. At Atlantic, our students have a variety of opportunities to excel academically, artistically, and athletically. Attend any athletic event, concert, drama production, science fair, art show, or a myriad of other activities, and you will see that our students surprise and delight us every day. Taken together these results are much more powerful than a single test score and demonstrate that our students are receiving a high quality education of which we can all be very proud.

Hopefully, the warmth and sunshine of spring will return soon. The month ahead will bring a much deserved spring vacation before the final two months of the school year. There have been several phone calls regarding the last day of school. Without any additional school cancellations, the last day of school for students is Thursday June 23, 2016. As always, please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Maureen C. MacNeil  
Principal  
Atlantic Middle School