

April 1, 2013

Dear Atlantic Middle School Families,

Thank you for your assistance during the recent MCAS testing week. The final phase of MCAS testing will take place in May. The grade 8 Science MCAS test will take place on Tuesday May 7, and Wednesday May 8, 2013. Grades 6, 7, and 8 students will take the Math MCAS test on Wednesday May 15, and Thursday May 16, 2013. 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.

At Atlantic, homework is seen as a logical extension of classroom work and serves to reinforce the skills, techniques, and information to which your child is exposed to during the school day. Teachers regularly create assignments that require students to practice a skill or transfer and integrate a new concept into a response. All homework assignments are posted daily on the Atlantic Middle School website. The Atlantic Middle School website is accessed through [QuincyPublicSchools.com](http://QuincyPublicSchools.com). A homework link can be found on the Atlantic homepage. Students should continue to use the agenda books provided at the beginning of the school year. The agenda books reinforce organizational skills and assist students with the planning and time management of long term projects.

Hopefully, the warmth and sunshine of spring will return soon. This is a reminder that with the arrival of spring, students should dress for the warmer weather but always dress in a manner that is conducive to a positive educational atmosphere. 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 27, 2013.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Atlantic Middle School

