

June 3, 2013

Dear Atlantic Middle School Families,

Last month included several celebrations of the arts at Atlantic. I was so impressed by the Chorus, Band, and the magnificent art on display. It was evident that our students put in a tremendous amount of time practicing and were very well prepared by their teachers. Students and parents rightfully beamed with pride. These events reinforced my belief that test scores are only one measure of student learning. Attend any concert, athletic event, musical, drama production, science fair, or spelling bee and you will see that our students surprise and delight us everyday. Taken together, these results are much more powerful than a single test score, and they demonstrate that our students are receiving a high quality well rounded education of which we can all be very proud.

Amazingly, we are entering the final month of the school year. MCAS testing has ended, yet so much else will happen between now and the end of the school year. There will be many events held over the next month to highlight students' accomplishments. These events provide a much awaited treat as we relish in their achievements. Grade eight students are beginning to work through the process of leaving and moving toward another challenge. Grade six and seven students are assuming new roles as leaders in the school. As parents, you have played a critical role and students have benefited from your support and efforts. As the school year ends, take time to enjoy these moments and be proud!

The 2013-2014 school year will begin on Wednesday September 4, 2013. Due to increased concern for student safety, parental concern for privacy and confidentiality, we have terminated the practice of posting class assignment information in the front of the school. A summer reading list will be distributed to students before the end of the school year. Enjoy the summer respite. Encourage your child to continue reading during the summer months and most importantly enjoy time with family and friends. As always, I am thankful for your continued support. My best wishes to each of you for a restful and relaxing summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Maureen C. MacNeil
Principal
Atlantic Middle School