



Montclair News and Events

A supplement to the news and events of the monthly calendar

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Mark Your Calendar



- * **Early Release Days** ~ Every Tuesday students are dismissed at 11:55.
- * **May 4-8** ~ Teacher Appreciation Week
- * **May 6** ~ National Nurses Day
- * **May 6** ~ Spring Picture Day
- * **May 6** ~ School Committee Meeting at City Hall at 7:00
- * **May 7** ~ Evening at the Pops at Quincy Marriott at 7:00PM
- * **May 4-8** ~ Quincy Animal Shelter Donation Drive
- * **May 10** ~ Happy Mother's Day!
- * **May 12** ~ PTO Meeting at 8:30
- * **May 13 & 14** ~ Grade 5 Math MCAS
- * **May 16** ~ 75th May Festival
- * **May 18** ~ Grade 3 Field Trip to Arnold Arboretum
- * **May 19 & 20** ~ Grade 3 & 4 Math MCAS
- * **May 19 & 20** ~ Grade 5 Science MCAS
- * **May 20** ~ Mrs. Kane's Class visits Thomas Crane Library
- * **May 20** ~ Mrs. Gao's Class visits Thomas Crane Library
- * **May 20** ~ Mrs. Connolly's Class visits Thomas Crane Library
- * **May 25** ~ Memorial Day- School Closed

News and Events

The week of May 4—May 8 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to our talented, dedicated teachers who make learning a joy for our students. National Nurses Day, also known as National RN Recognition Day, is celebrated on May 6. Thank you Nurse Joyce for keeping our students safe and healthy!

Spring Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6. All students will have their pictures taken but if you would like a specific pose, please fill out the Life-touch form that was sent home with the students earlier in the week. Also, please note that pictures do not have to be prepaid. If you have any questions please call the office at 617-984-8708.



Please support Quincy's Animal Shelter! The Student Council will collect donations for Quincy's homeless dogs and cats from May 4-8 and we need your help! We are looking for the following donations for the shelter: dog bones, dog food, cat food, kitty treats, cash donations, paper towels, or old towels. A popsicle treat will be given to the class with the greatest amount of donations.

The Quincy ~ School Community Partnership Team will hold its annual "Evening at the Pops" fundraising event on Thursday, May 7. Tickets, regularly sold for \$25 each, are now available two for the price of one. That's right, buy one ticket and get the second ticket free! Students, parents, brothers, sisters, family, and friends are invited to take advantage of this outstanding offer made possible by State Street Bank. Tickets can be purchased in the Montclair School office.

The Quincy Public Schools will celebrate the arts at its annual Festival of the Arts at the Thomas Crane Public Library at 40 Washington Street, Quincy. The opening ceremony will be held on May 13 from 5:00-6:30. Student artwork will be on display from Monday, May 11 through Friday, May 22. All are invited to attend!

The last day of school for elementary students is Monday, June 22. The last day of school will be a half day.

The Quincy Public Schools' Health Services Team will hold a parent information night on Monday, May 4 on "Making A Difference On Underage Drinking" at 7:00 in the North Quincy High School Auditorium. This is a city-wide event and all parents and interested community members are encouraged to attend this program that will feature the Quincy Police Department (Community Update and Information), Michael P. Jackman (Norfolk County District Attorney's Office), Campbell Trial Lawyers ("Be a Parent, Not a Pal"), and Kathi Meyer (parent). For additional information, contact Jane Kisielius, Coordinator of Health Services at 617-984-8899.

I would like to thank the PTO and parents for all of the time and effort they put into planning our 75th May Festival to be held on Saturday, May 16. This annual event takes an enormous amount of planning and they have worked tirelessly to plan for the Festival this year.

May 1-7 is National Physical Education Week. The mission of NASPE (National Association of Sports and Physical Education) is to enhance knowledge, improve professional practice, and increase support for high quality physical education, sport, and physical activity programs through research, development of standards, and dissemination of information. Don't forget to ask your child about the special "PE and ME" activities they participated in with Mr. Hanlon.



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MCAS Reminder: Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the math MCAS this month. Students in grade 5 will also take the science and technology MCAS. Below is a copy of the testing schedule.

Wednesday, May 13 Grade 5 – Math ~ Session 1

Thursday, May 14 Grade 5 – Math ~ Session 2

Tuesday, May 19 Grade 3 – Math ~ Session 1, Grade 4 – Math ~ Session 1, Grade 5 – Science and Technology ~ Session 1

Wednesday, May 20 Grade 3 – Math ~ Session 2, Grade 4 – Math ~ Session 2, Grade 5 – Science and Technology ~ Session 2



Thank you to Mrs. Joyce and the fifth graders for their contribution to Cleaner, Greener Quincy. The fifth grade students will work on their annual spring school beautification project in May. They'll weed and mulch and will soon be planting. Next time you're in front of the building, check out how terrific our school looks!

PTO Connection

Spring Greetings from the PTO:

May is finally here, that means warm weather and, of course, our most exciting and fun event of the year -- **The 75th Annual Montclair May Festival** on May 16th! The final stages of May Festival

planning are underway and the next few weeks will be very busy! Notices requesting raffle donations, the selling of raffle tickets and parent/guardian volunteer sign-up for the day of the May Festival have gone home. If you have any questions or would like further information about any of the notices the PTO has sent home, please email us at Montclair_pto@yahoo.com. You may still send in raffle prizes or email us to make other arrangements for pickup or delivery. The May Festival is our school's biggest fundraiser of the year, but it is also the most fun. We hope every Montclair family finds time to enjoy the day. The tradition of the Montclair May Festival is able to continue because of volunteers - please return your volunteer sign-up forms by May 11.

The May Festival is not the only PTO sponsored event in May. On May 5th, we will be hosting a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for our wonderful Montclair teachers and staff members. Montclair is a great school because of the many fabulous people who come to work there every day. This parent/guardian prepared luncheon is a way to show our appreciation to them for making Montclair School a "great place to grow"!

The May PTO meeting will be held May 12 at 8:30 a.m. Last minute details for the May Festival will be discussed as well as PTO Board elections for next year. Unfortunately, we had to postpone elections last month because there were not enough candidates to fill every position. We hope to have enough candidates to fill all the Board seats by the May meeting. If you are interested in a position (or sharing a position) on the board, please email us at Montclair-Pto@yahoo.com.

Enjoy the great weather everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 75th May Festival on May 16th!

The Montclair PTO

Notes & Quotes

Helping Your Child Succeed ~ Research shows that children who spend more than 10 hours a week in front of the television do not read as well as those whose parents set TV (or computer) limits.



Track TV Time. Have your child keep track of how much time he spends watching TV. You may help him realize he can afford to spend a lot less time watching TV and more time reading.

Be a reading role model. Make sure your child sees you reading and hears you talking about books.

Challenge your child—for a week—to read at least as much as he watches TV.

Help your child find interesting books. Identify your child's interests, then help him find books and magazines on those topics, and you'll have an avid reader! The library can help your child find materials on any topic!

Worth Quoting ~ None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody - a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns - bent down and helped us pick up our boots.
~Thurgood Marshall



May 4-8 ~ Happy Teacher Appreciation and Happy Nurses Day!

School Nurses

