



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### February 26, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well the snow sure keeps on coming! I appreciate everyone being cautious and patient with morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We realize it is challenging with less spots to park in. We appreciate everyone working together on. Last week our custodians worked hard shoveling the roof and getting the building safe for everyone. We have had the fire department come by twice to remove large drifts. The building inspector has also been here and continues to be pleased with the way we have addressed any building concerns. March is busy, busy, busy here at Jackson!

On Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will again be participating in the “Pennies for Patients” Fundraiser. This program raises funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The students are asked to bring in any spare change donation between March 2 and March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will be here on Monday for a kick-off assembly. The top fundraising class wins a pasta party from the Olive Garden. Last year we were able to raise \$3,942.56 at Jackson! Believe it or not we fell into the top 20 fundraising schools out of the 700 participating schools. Way to go Jackson! Bring in those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and even dollars! We have reminded the students they always need to check with parents before bringing in any money.

**March is B.E.A.R. Month (Be Excited About Reading) at - The return of our favorite reading incentive program, “Reading is a BEAR Necessity” is here! Children will earn a paper bear for each book that they read at home or that you read aloud to him/her. Please use the bear on the bottom of the letter that will be going home tomorrow to start the program. Write your child’s name and the name of the book he/she read on the bear and return the bear to your child’s teacher. We would love it if your child would also decorate the bear. The bears will be displayed all around our school and we hope to get enough bears to reach from Mr. Raiche’s office to Mrs. Campbell’s office by the end of March. Your child will get more bears from his/her teacher once they bring in their first bear. This is a month long on-going school activity.**

Monday we will also be celebrating Read Across America Day! Please wear RED AND WHITE as those were the favorite colors of Dr. Seuss.

Anna Ware Jackson School is known for having GREAT Book Fairs. Our next fair is opening on March 6<sup>th</sup> and will run through March 13<sup>th</sup>. This events get the kids excited for reading and excited about talking about books they have read. The PTO puts a ton of time and energy into running these, but they need a few more people to help out. If you have some time you could volunteer (either setting up or working during the fair) please reach out to PTO or give our office a call at 508-699-1304 and we will pass your name on to PTO.

(Reschedule) March 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having the iCARE program at Jackson. “iCARE” or **Introducing Children to Acceptance through Reading and Education** is a program that works proactively to help explain why some classmates might be different than others. iCARE utilizes story time to create a friendly, safe environment where thoughtful questions can be asked and answered. To facilitate classroom discussion, reading volunteers are provided with story-specific question and answer cards relating to each book. This reading program has community members

and parents come into the school and read to classes about unique physical and mental challenges some children face.

SEPAC -Plainville's Special Education Advisory Council. March 18<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting and will take place at Jackson in the Library at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to stop by and see what it is all about.

We will be offering a PARCC Parent Workshop focused on the new PARCC testing our 3-6 grade students will be taking. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., in the Parent Training Room (A215) at the Wood School. If you plan on attending please contact the Office by **Friday, February 27, 2015** at (508) 699-1304 so that we can provide an electronic device for all participants. We will all go on-line and try out the PARCC practice test and share basic information about the new testing system. Parents that joined us last year found this very helpful.

If you have any questions about how the test will be administered or the breakdown of the test, please feel free to reach out and ask or join us for one of our informational sessions.

**PARCC PBA (Performance- Based Assessment) ELA and Math Test Dates**

***Grade 3 ELA- March 16-18***  
***Grade 3 Math- March 26 & 27***  
***Grade 4 ELA- March 23-25***  
***Grade 4 Math- March 19 & 20***  
***Grade 5 ELA – March 30, 31 and April 1***  
***Grade 5 Math- April 2, 6 & 8***  
***Grade 6 ELA- April 9, 10 and 13***  
***Grade 6 Math – April 6 and 7***

***\*PARCC EOY (End of Year) test dates in May 4-29***

Plainville is in the process of designing a new standards referenced report card for grade K -6. Our goal is to have the new report card ready to go for September, 2015. If you are interested in hearing more about our progress please email me at [kcampbell@plainville.k12.ma.us](mailto:kcampbell@plainville.k12.ma.us)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pennies for Patients Kick Off Assembly 1:30
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dr. Seuss Birthday/Read Across America Day - Students from the King Philip Middle School Honor Society will read their favorite Dr. Seuss stories to our students. To celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday please wear your Red & White!
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PARCC Parent Workshop 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 – 7:00 p.m Room A215 Wood School
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Committee 5:30 Wood School

<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>D.E.A.R. - Building wide “Drop Everything and Read,” don’t forget to bring your favorite book to school!</b>
<b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jackson School Council 4:30</b>
<b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>i-Care Program</b>
<b>March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Progress Reports go home grades 1-6</b>
<b>March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Book Fair Begins</b>
<b>March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>JA Day K &amp; 1</b>
<b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Daylight Savings – move clocks forward</b>
<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTO Meeting-BHW Media 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>March 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Comm. Mtg.- BHW Media 6:00 p.m.; Uniform Day-Girl Scouts wear your uniform</b>
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>“Read Your Socks Off” Day – The students and staff will wear their craziest socks to school. When we announce “Read Your Socks Off”, everyone will stop, take off their shoes, and read. Bring in your favorite book and wear your silliest socks!</b>
<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NOON DISMISSAL – NO PRESCHOOL</b>
<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE BY APPOINTMENT (PRE-K TO GRADE 6)</b>
<b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Book Fair Ends</b>
<b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PARCC TESTING-ELA-GRADE 3</b>
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PARCC TESTING-ELA-GRADE 3</b>
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Patrick’s Day</b>
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PARCC TESTING-ELA-GRADE 3</b>
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SEPAC Meeting-AWJ Media 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>D.E.A.R. - Building wide “Drop Everything and Read,” don’t forget to bring your favorite book to school!</b>
<b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pennies for Patients ends</b>
<b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Alice In Wonderland- 2L – 9:45</b>
<b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SPRING</b>
<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>D.E.A.R. - Building wide “Drop Everything and Read,” don’t forget to bring your favorite book to school!</b>
<b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Comm. Mtg. – BHW Media 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PARCC TESTING-MATH-GRADE 3</b>
<b>March 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PARCC TESTING-MATH-GRADE 3</b>

<b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTO AUCTION-HOLIDAY INN, MANSFIELD</b>
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Teddy Bear Sleepover – The students bring their teddy bears to school and the bears (not the children) sleep over at school. In the past the bears have been known to get into some mischief overnight.</b>
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Discover Museum- Grade 1</b>
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Recorder Show 9:45</b>
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Greg Mone</b>
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Greg Mone</b>
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Pajama Day/Spirit Day Assembly – Wear your favorite Pajama's (no slipper please), Spirit Day Assembly is at 1:45 parents are welcome!</b>

*Mrs. Campbell*