



Dear Parents and Families,

We are proud to post the first of many newsletters, accessible to the parents via the school web site. It is my hope that the school can offer you more direct communication through this medium.

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, hoping students, staff and families have had a restful break.

As we return to school we begin the journey toward achieving proficiency on the MCAS. Student will be engaged in a series of learning experiences geared at promoting their success. At grades 3-6, students will bring home reading assignments completed in school that should be reviewed at home and signed for return. This is an important part of the preparation for success. If you have questions, please call the school and meet with your child's teacher.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter for the year ends on January 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the time where summer school attendees will be notified. If your child has any level of risk, please discuss this with the teacher, as your child may be required to attend summer school. This will prevent summer travel for those students. Summer school is required for students receiving summer school invitations.

The season of colds is also in full swing. Please make sure children are getting plenty of rest. Bedtime should be early and student should be encouraged to wash their hands frequently. This will diminish the spread of germs and reduce absences. The State requires students be in attendance 95% of the school year. Thank you for your support in keeping sickness to a minimum in the school.

The School Site Council continues to meet the first Wednesday of every month. This is a meeting to address whole school improvement issues. Please feel free to contact your Heads of School with any individual concerns. Thank you to everyone for the patience with the Yankee Candle delivery. A special thanks to Ms. Davidovich, Parent Liaison, who was diligent in getting them, delivered before Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you all in and around the school. If I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to call me at 978-738-0606, x 239.

Sincerely,  
Connie Tarsook  
Principal

## Calendar of Events

- January 4<sup>th</sup> 3 Kings Event 12:50
- January 9<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting 5:30
- January 18<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ends - 2008 Lottery Campaign Begins
- January 21<sup>st</sup> Martin Luther King Day
- January 25<sup>th</sup> Jeans Day, MIT Field Trip Grade 8
- January 28<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Conferences Begin
- January 29<sup>th</sup> School Site Visit Department of Education
- February 6<sup>th</sup> School Site Council Meeting 5:00
- February 8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Conferences End
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Science Museum Field Trip Grade 7, IMAX Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Winter Break Begins
- February 25<sup>th</sup> School reopens
- February 29<sup>th</sup> Retirement Event for Patricia Karl at LFDSC, Parents invited, Tickets available.