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BRADDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message



Maryland schools will begin administering the PARCC tests. Based on the PARCC website (www.parcconline.org), the PARCC tests are high quality, computer-based K-12 assessments in mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy.

The 6th Grade will take the ELA/Math test on April 4, 5, and 6. The 7th Grade will take the ELA/Math test on April 19, 20, and 21. The 8th Grade will take the ELA/Math test on April 25, 26, and 27.

There will be three sessions for English Language Arts (ELA). The ELA section intends to capture critical-thinking, reasoning and application skills through "extended tasks." Students will read passages from real texts – fiction and non-fiction, and sometimes watch videos or listen to audio. Then they will write, using what they have learned from the passages and multimedia sources to support their arguments. PARCC measures students writing at every grade level

because they feel it is a critical skill for college and career readiness. Students will have about from 80 to 110 minutes to complete each section. There will be three sessions for mathematics. The students solve multi step problems that require reasoning and address real world situations. This will require students to use mathematical reasoning, make sense of quantities and their relationships to solve real world problems, and show their understanding. This is different from the past test because student will be assessed more on understanding than on procedure.

As a reminder this year on the Algebra I PARCC exam, students will need a passing score of 725, which is now a graduation requirement.

The MD Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) window is March 21 & 22. Students will not be testing on the same day. Daily on-time attendance during the months of March and April is very important.

Braddock Math Counts

Braddock Middle School's Math Counts Team again won the regional Math Counts competition in Hagerstown, Saturday, February 25th, to advance to John's Hopkins University for the state finals. The finals will bring together 10 regional champs and 15 additional qualifying teams on March 18th. Braddock placed 9 students in the top 15 for the competition that had over 100 mathletes. The team is: Mitch Septoff, Pia Gupta, Eve Hutcherson, and Moss Summerfield. Five additional individuals advanced also: Jacob Litman, Hannah Johnson, Ricky

Day, Sofia Kucher, and Cole Fiscus. In addition to the state qualifiers, six Braddock student were recognized for sweeping the alternate competition: Colin Sheeche, Mac Cohen, Erica Metheny, Toby Preaskorn, Ian Kiddy, and Brianna Palasik. This will mark the 31st time in 33 years of state competitions which Braddock has advanced. The team is coached by Ray Short and Sheila Greise. The Math Counts club at Braddock has 55 students.

PBIS Fundraiser Tracker



The Martins A+ Rewards program is in full swing. Braddock currently has earned \$1,304.10. Please remember to SHOP AT MARTINS FOR YOUR GROCERIES AND ALWAYS USE YOUR DESIGNATED BONUSCARDS.



Please continue collecting BOXTOPS and returning them to Ms. Alkire. Did you know Box Tops for Education clippings have expiration dates? We encourage students to turn in Box Tops at different times throughout the school year so that the clippings do not expire. Please continue to submit Box Tops from now until June 1st. Thank you to all students and parents who have participated in the Box Tops for Education program!



Over many years Braddock has collected Campbell's Labels for Education. These points will be redeemed for supplies needed within the school. As these labels are collected, students may return them to Ms. Alkire for their incentive.



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SHOP

SHOP will participate in the Hooley Plunge on Saturday, March 4 at Rocky Gap. All students and staff are welcome to participate.

Choral Adjudication

The Choir will be attending Choral Adjudication at Frostburg State University on March 16. We will leave Braddock by 8:30 and return by 1:30. Students will be singing three songs, one warm-up and two adjudicated pieces. Following the singing portion, the students will be graded on rhythmic and melodic sight-reading skills. We will eat at Cici's in LaVale following our adjudication.

6th Grade Honor Band

The Sixth Grade All-County Honor Band will perform a concert at Fort Hill High School on March 8th at 7:00 P.M.

Oz Cast Members Meet PAC

4 cast members from *The Wizard of Oz*, Jr. have been asked to perform for the Parent Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Education. Those cast members are Emily Snyder as Dorothy, Madalyn Cornwell as the Scarecrow, Wyatt Gray as the Tin Man and Erica Bennett as the Cowardly Lion.

8th Grade Service Learning

The 8th Grade will complete a service learning project that will assist in supporting the Monarch butterfly population. Students will be creating Milk Weed pods that will be placed around the school.

Dates and Details

3/3—Advisory

3/4—Sally's Dance Review 7PM \$5

3/15—No school/PD Day

3/16—Choral Adjudication-FSU

3/18—Math Counts-States

3/23—Dance 7-8:30

Cost: \$3 Snacks \$1

3/27—End of 3rd Marking Period

3/28—3hr early dismissal

PM workday for teachers

