

Palmer River Elementary School

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Messages from your Principal:

Have a Heart for Haiti!

Wear Red to show your support for Haiti on 2/2. All \$\$ donations welcome.

School Council Meeting 7:00pm 2/1

MCAS Open House/Principal's Coffee 2:00pm 2/9

School Committee Meetings 2/9 & 2/23

Winter Recess 2/15-2/19

Early Childhood Presentation: Effective Discipline Strategies for the Young Child 2/24 6:30pm



Little Ones....

2010 Palmer River Preschool Screenings

If you have a child turning 3 or 4 years of age by August 31, 2010 and you are interested in the Palmer River Preschool Program for 2010/2011 school year, please call the office (508) 252-5137 and the secretary would be happy to schedule an appointment. Screening appointments will take place the mornings of March 8 - March 11, 2010. Each appointment will take approximately an hour, so please plan accordingly. We respectfully ask that this appointment be for just the child being screened and other arrangements made for siblings. Please note that calls will be accepted **no earlier than February 23, 2010** between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm.

Dear Families:

We urge all of our families to continue to be vigilant when it comes to attendance at school. Attendance is an extremely important part of your child's education. By minimizing the instruction your child misses, you help ensure that he/she gets the most out of their school experience.

Research indicates that school attendance has a direct effect on their learning. The more school a child misses the more likely they will struggle academically. It is the family's responsibility to minimize the number of days a child misses or is late for school. Please take the time to discuss the importance of school and make it a priority.

If we can be of any help to you please let us know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McSweeney

LITERACY TIP for February

Enrich your child's fluency by building opportunities for your child to read aloud to you. As each student is required to read at home for 20 minutes or more each night, extend the invitation to have your child read to you. This oral practice will help to build fluency and reading with inflection. Children of all ages benefit from this practice. For younger children, reading the same story (again and again) is acceptable. Repeated reading builds fluency. Having trouble finding time? Read in the car while you are waiting for the bus. How about having your child read to you while you prepare dinner. Tuck 'em in early and read in bed. No matter how you manage to do it—make reading a priority. You'll be glad you did!

Important Dates

to Remember

2009 MCAS Testing

Grade 3 and 4 Reading and ELA
March 22nd-April 12th

Grade 3 and 4 Mathematics

May 10th-May 27th

Students are expected

to be in attendance

during the testing windows.

More information available
on www.drregional.org

MCAS Informational Afternoon:

MCAS OPEN HOUSE

We invite the families of our 3rd and 4th grade students to join us on the afternoon of February 9th at 2:00. MCAS Open House will give you an opportunity to learn more about the testing process and our school performance on this test. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to learn more about ways in which you might better prepare your child for the assessment. You may even get to try your own skills at some MCAS sample questions. This evening event has been so well received by our families that we thought it helpful to expand to an afternoon session. Don't miss your chance to make a difference in your child's achievement!