

Bishop John A. Marshall School Friday Notes

APRIL 13, 2018

MRS. CARRIE WILSON, HEAD OF SCHOOL



April 16-20

Mass at BJAMS

Wed., 4/25 8:15am *Celebrant:* Monsignor Routhier

Lunch Menu: April 23-27

Mon., 4/23: Grilled ham and cheese, veggie sticks, yogurt and granola

Tues., 4/24: Chicken fajita on whole grain wrap w/toppings, black bean salad, corn

Wed., 4/25: Whole grain bagel w/toppings, veggie sticks

Thurs., 4/26: Whole grain fish patty on whole wheat bun, coleslaw, peas, buttered pasta

Fri., 4/27: Cheese pizza, veggie sticks, frozen fruit cup

NEASC Accreditation Visit - NEASC Accreditation Visit - This week we hosted a visiting team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for our re-accreditation process. We want to thank everyone who helped make this visit go smoothly. Thank you to Heather Gentle for making sure our committee was properly fed with great food and to Diane McCarthy (McCarthy's in Stowe) for catering our delicious welcome dinner on Sunday evening. Thank you to the Brass Lantern Inn for hosting the committee during their stay. Three cheers for: Michelle Tomlinson, the Marvin Family, Elmore Mountain Farm, and Mitzi's for donating items for the committee's welcome baskets. And many thanks to our faculty and staff for all of their extra work developing our accreditation report and helping to spruce up the building last Friday. The visiting team enjoyed their visit and could immediately feel our welcoming atmosphere and community.

Eighth Grade Fundraiser:

Dear BJAMS families,

As you know, we are trying to raise money for an end-of-the-year school trip and our graduation ceremony. We would like to collect your returnable cans and bottles and use that money to help reach our goal. We will be collecting Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13. We will also be collecting Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27. The drop-off place will be behind the school at the shed (you can drive back there to drop them off as long as it's not between the hours of 11:30-12:25 and 3:15-5:15.) Please be sure all cans/bottles are securely contained in garbage bags that are closed at the tops. We are hoping to make our goal of \$150-\$400 with your help.

Thank you for your help,

The 8th grade class

Little Laxers - *Attn. Parents of Students in Grades Pre-K - 2.* We are offering you an opportunity for your son or daughter to learn to play the basics of lacrosse! This program will place an emphasis on fun games and basic skills. There will be no formal games, only minimal contact, no pads, and no goalies. It is an all-volunteer program designed to have fun! See attached registration flyer for program details and sign-up. Any questions, please contact Katie Marvin at katiemarvin@live.com.

Dress Down Day, Fri., April 13 - *Don't forget:* Tomorrow is the day to wear orange to represent the sun! Many thanks to Jeff Holmes and his company Sterling Mountain Solar for sponsoring the April 13th dress down day! Sterling Mountain Solar is a company that does both commercial and residential solar arrays. If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Jeff at 802-793-2211 or jeff@sterlingmountainsolar.com. If you would like to sponsor a dress down day on behalf of yourself, your company, your student, or for any reason at all ... please contact the PTO at pto@bjams.org. The \$250 donation for the dress-down day is for the benefit of PTO-sponsored student activities.

BJAMS Ski Program Coach Thank You - The BJAMS Ski and Ride program had another great season on the mountain! Not only did many children learn to ski and snowboard, but everyone improved and had a lot of fun doing it. Thank you to all the coaches: Sophie Berlinghoff, Jacques Bouramia, Beth Brown, Jim Curran, Bob Flaherty, Laurie Flaherty, Michael Kuhnle, Kate Lamb, Mike Lowell, Katie Marvin, Eric Nordenson, Ben Olsen, Greg Paus, Randy Pratt, AJ Shinnors, Erica Silveira, Jay Silveira, Ty Silveira, Brian Tomlinson, and Brooke Wright. A HUGE thank you to Erica Silveira for her work in organizing this program and devoting countless hours to it!

PTO News - Teacher/Staff Appreciation week will be Monday, May 7. The schedule that week will be:

Monday -Friday : Buffet breakfast for all teachers and staff set up in the school's hallway.

Wednesday- Luncheon for all teachers and staff (We will be asking for donated items to make this possible please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in hallway).

Friday AM: Gift giving bonanza- Please consider donating a gift of any size for us to present to the teachers. In the past this event has been very appreciated and enjoyed by both the teachers and students. A gift collection box with some ideas printed on it will be in school on Monday, April 23. In the past we've collected things such as; maple syrup, any kind of gift card, beach towels, spa products, and much more. Use your imagination to express your appreciation for our amazing teachers.

Buildings and Grounds News - We are planning another day of projects at BJAMS on **Saturday, April 28 from 8am to 11am and we need YOUR help!** The type of projects we'll tackle will be a bit weather dependent, but raking, trimming trees, and fertilizing are some of what we plan to accomplish. Hopefully we can put winter behind us! We still have clean-up work to do on the storage shed, papers to burn if it is not too dry out along with clearing the South teachers' parking area of wood and other materials dumped there. Inside work to look at are the replacement of floor tiles in the kitchen, checking locks and cranks on classroom windows, and other areas teachers or our custodian point out as needing attention. I really need YOUR happy helping hands to keep the school working and looking great. Thanks! ~ Ed Olsen

Spring Concert News - This year, we are shaking things up a bit! The choral portion of our May 4 concert will be 6 pm, in our multi-purpose room for students in grades PK-5; band will also perform at the May 4 concert. Students in grades 6-8 will have their concert at the Coffee House event that Mrs. Wright organizes (date and time to be provided once selected). All are welcome to attend both concerts!

Mother's Day Hanging Baskets and Herbs Fundraiser- Give mom your love with a beautiful hanging basket or a variety of herbs for her garden! Sale will begin April 23 and end on May 4. Forms are due to Mrs. Kohl in the school office on Friday May 4. Pick-up days are: Thursday, May 10 or Friday, May 11 just in time for Mother's Day! See the order form attached to the Friday Notes' e-mail. Benefit is the BJAMS PTO.

Memorial Day Spring Plant Fundraiser- Decorate for Memorial Day or get a head start planting your garden and flower beds! Choose from a massive variety of beautiful annuals, perennials, geraniums, hanging baskets, and more. Sale starts on May 7 and ends on May 18. Forms are due to Mrs. Kohl in the school office by Friday, May 18. Pick-up days are: Thursday, May 24 or Friday May 25. See the order form attached to this week's Friday Notes' e-mail. Flowers and plants for this fundraiser as well as the Mother's Day fundraiser are provided by Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse, & Perennial Farms in Colchester and help to benefit the BJAMS PTO.

Art Show Donations Needed - I am in need of donations of wood strapping to help build the art show installations. Please e-mail me at joneil@bjams.org if you have any so that I know how much I have coming. Thank you! ~ Mrs. O'Neil

Business Office Reminder: Zero Balance Fridays! All Hot Lunch/ASP charges must be paid in full to ensure charging privileges the following week.

Art Show News - Save the Date for this year's art show: **Tuesday, May 29 from 6-8 p.m.** The theme will be "Tour de France." Students and their families will visit the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, the Loire Valley and the French Alps. They will wander through the Giverny Gardens and see the Provence sunflowers. All of this and more will be made possible, but ONLY with YOUR help as part of our dedicated crew of volunteers. **We cannot do this without MANY HANDS working to showcase YOUR student's art work.** Help create the magic from cardboard and every day materials. No artistic talent? No worries ... there are many jobs to choose from including: construction, prop painting, hanging art work, making food for the volunteers and taking the show down following the conclusion of the event. There will be a sign-up sheet shortly for times and jobs. Every hour counts ... whether you can devote a day, an afternoon or only an hour or two. **We need YOU!** We are looking forward to creating another magical place for this one-night spectacular event! Thank you in advance for lending YOUR much-needed hand! ~ Mrs. O'Neil



- ❑ **Dress Down Day** - Friday, April 13 courtesy of Jeff Holmes and Sterling Mountain Solar
- ❑ **No School - Spring Recess** - April 16-20
- ❑ **Terra Nova Standardized Testing Week (Gr. 1-8)** - April 30-May 4
- ❑ **Spring Concert** - Fri., May 4 at 6 p.m. (students in grades PK - 5 and band)
- ❑ **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** - Mon., May 7 through Fri., May 11.
- ❑ **No School** - Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day
- ❑ **Art Show** - Tuesday, May 29 from 6-8 p.m.

