

“Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.”

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If it weren't for the piles of snow everywhere, the wonderful weather this weekend made the winter -- at least for the moment -- feel like a distant memory. I suspect most of you will join me in saying that I am ready for spring!

With the changing season, we are seeing a number of kids out sick with the typical range of viruses and bugs. Please be assured that when a student returns from an absence, they are given a reasonable period of time to make up any missed assignments. If students feel well enough to try some work from home, we encourage them to call a classmate to inquire about any missed assignments. Should a student be out for 3 or more days, parents may email or call the front office by 10am for work to be collected for their child for the days he/she has missed so far. The work can be picked up at the front office no earlier than 3pm on the day of the request.

This Friday, from 2:30PM - 4:00PM, is the next 7th grade social. Tickets go on sale Monday morning in homeroom. In an effort to get a better handle on student interest, we are only selling tickets through Thursday. Parents and guardians of 7th graders, please talk to your children about their interest in the dance and encourage them to buy their tickets early!

While a special parent/guardian letter was sent last week, I wanted to remind our families that we are offering a forum on March 12th at 7PM in the RJ Grey Library to allow for further discussion regarding the addition of a pilot Mandarin program to the 7th grade RJ Grey World Language Curriculum. A course description will be available and the discussion will address our target student audience, teaching approaches and general goals. Please be aware that as a pilot program, our intent is to design a course for students who have no previous experience with Mandarin Chinese.

I am also reminding all 7th grade parents that Project Wellness is taking place on Wednesday, March 18th. We are looking forward to a thoughtful and thought-provoking day. If you have misplaced any of the handouts and forms, please go to: <http://ab.mec.edu/rjweb/projectwellness.shtml> where you can download directions and additional copies of workshop descriptions. You will want to allow extra time to account for normal morning traffic when driving, and please note that registration begins at 8AM. For any additional questions about the day, please contact Assistant Principal Andrew Shen at ashen@mail.ab.mec.edu

Some of you may receive interim reports later this week. As I always say, an interim report does not necessarily mean a failing grade and sometimes, an interim report can be sent home to communicate good news! In general, however, interim reports are typically sent home mid-term when changes in behavior or performance need to be communicated. Should you receive an interim report and have related questions, please contact the classroom teacher directly.

Finally, the Principal's Drop-in hour for March is Tuesday night, from 6:00PM – 7:00PM. As always, please feel free to swing by to say hello, ask a question, and/or share a new solution to ice dams.

Have a great week.