



# Highlands Happenings

April 5th

*"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars and change the world."*  
-Eleanor Roosevelt

## Upcoming Dates

- **April 9th/11th** - Fourth Grade ELA MCAS
- **April 9th** - Red Sox Spirit Day
- **April 11th** - Spring Open House (K-2 5-6pm, 3-5 6-7pm)
- **April 12th** - Report Cards Home
- **April 12th** - MOS Traveling Program for grade 4
- **April 15th-19th** - April Vacation, no school
- **April 23rd-25th** - Grades 3 & 4 ELA MCAS makeup
- **April 23rd** - Spaghetti Dinner at Highlands 5:30 & 6:30 seatings

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## Highlands Highlights

Here is the MCAS schedule for grades 3-5. Please note the date change for grade 4 next week.

**Grade 3**  
**ELA MCAS - 4/2 & 4/4**  
**Math MCAS - 5/7 & 5/8**

**Grade 4**  
**ELA MCAS - 4/9 & 4/11**  
**Math MCAS - 5/9 & 5/10**

**Grade 5**  
**ELA MCAS - 4/29 & 4/30**  
**Math MCAS - 5/16 & 5/17**  
**Science MCAS - 5/20 & 5/21**

Dear Highlands Families,

Happy Friday! Our sign up for after school enrichment clubs is in full swing! Today is the first day that you can sign up for additional clubs. There is still plenty of room in several clubs: Lawn games, making a music video, running club, crochet, photography, walking club, art from nature, competitive soccer, drawing, making a slideshow, pickle ball, stop motion, and track and field. You can sign up through Friday, April 12th. Thank you to our PAC to continuing to support this wonderful opportunity for our Highlands students. To see a full listing of clubs, click [here](#). To sign up for a club or clubs, click [here](#).

Our MCAS testing in grades 3-5 will continue next week. Grade 4 will take the ELA portion of the test on Tuesday and Thursday. This is a change from the original dates. You can see the full schedule in the box to the lower left. Please make sure your child is well rested and arrives to school on time. There are not any smart watches, fit bits, or any other electronic devices allowed during testing. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

We will support the Red Sox home opening game with a Red Sox Spirit Day on Tuesday, April 9th. Next week is our last full week of school prior to April vacation. Schools will be closed from April 15th-19th. We will welcome all students back to school on Monday, April 22nd.

For all of our 5th grade families, I am going to send out a separate message with some important dates coming up specific to fifth grade. If you are interested in signing up for any of the 5th grade specific event, please see the [SignUp Genius](#).

Our annual spaghetti dinner is on Tuesday, April 23rd. There will be two seatings, 5:00 and 6:15. We are looking forward to seeing all families attend! Also, there will be a bake sale for the Open House on Thursday, April 11th. Both of these events will benefit the fifth grade class.

We are supporting the fundraising of some DHS students with a collection box outside of the front office. They are collecting items to be donated to the Northeast Animal Shelter. Please see [the flyer](#) for more information. Donations will be accepted through the end of April.

Thank you for all you do!

Paula Jones