



# Polar Bear Express

North Middle School

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## Message from Mrs. Bourque

It is great to be back at NMS! I returned from my maternity leave over February vacation and it already feels as though I never left! I would like to thank Mrs. Jachym for stepping in during my absence. It was hard to leave, but a comfort knowing the school was in her hands. Many have been asking about my daughter. Her name is Madelyn Mary Bourque and she was born on November 3rd. Time flies and it is hard to believe she is almost five months old. She spends time with her grandparents while I am at school.

## March Madness

North Middle School will be celebrating March Madness as part of our college awareness with students. Classrooms have been assigned a college and will be decorating doors. Doors will include information such as enrollment, mascot, school colors etc. Doors will be "judged" and a winner will be announced. A prize will be awarded to the winning homeroom. NMS will be keeping track of the basketball tournament brackets in the cafeteria. We have poster size brackets (men and women) that we will be filling in and announcements will be made.

On Friday, March 24th from 6-8 PM we will have our own March Madness Night at NMS. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at all three lunches starting on Thursday, March 16th. Tickets will not be sold at the door so be sure to purchase them ahead of time! The night will include a dance in the cafeteria, movie in the auditorium, and free throw contest in the gym. Prizes for the free throw contest will be awarded to a male and female in each grade. Students will vote on which movie will be shown during homeroom on Thursday, March 16th. The choices are Sing, Trolls, Moana, Pete's Dragon, or Secret Life of Pets.

The Builder's Club will be running a fundraiser for St. Baldrick's during March Madness at NMS. Students will be taping Mr. Miller to the wall!!

## Trimester Three

Trimester three starts on March 24th. Our goal is to send report cards home on Friday, March 31st.



3/16 Music In Our Schools  
Concert

3/24 March Madness at NMS

4/3-5/26 MCAS Testing  
Window

4/7 Talent Show

5/18 Spring Concert

6/5-6/8 8th Grade Trip to  
Washington DC

6/9 8th Grade Dance

6/14 High & Low Meadows



### MCAS Testing Information and Dates

This year students in grade eight will take the ELA and Math MCAS test online. The grade eight science test is still paper and pencil. We will only test half of our grade eight students at a time for ELA and Math due to the technology needs. Each student will take two sessions of each subject area.

Grade 8 ELA

Session 1: April 11 & 12

Session 2: April 26 & 27

Grade 8 Math

Session 1: May 10 & 11

Session 2: May 16 & 17

Grade 8 Science

Session 1: May 18

Session 2: May 19

Grades six and seven will continue to take a paper and pencil test for each subject area.

Grades 6 & 7 ELA

April 10 & 13

Grades 6 & 7 Math

May 9 & 12

### YANKEE CANDLE



Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser is wrapping up!

Order turn in dates are March 16th and March 20th.

March 20th is the last day to turn in orders!

Students can earn a Wax Works Certificate, iTunes gift cards, movie passes, and more!

There is still time and additional packets are available in the main office!