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Chocksett Middle School

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Principal's Message
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It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year. During these past few months I have become acquainted with and gathered information from members of our school community. Reflecting on information I have received, my attention has been focused on issues that can be addressed without delay.

In addition to the change in the dance policy as described in the November 2009 Principal's message, we have addressed the need for increased lunch time, better use of our A/E time, and increased attention to our facility.

Facility Update

In an effort to maintain a clean and safe facility, a custodian has been assigned to Chocksett during the school day. His continuous oversight of the facility will support efforts to maintain our facility at an acceptable level of cleanliness and repair. The issue of "flooding" in the lobby following intense rainfall is presently being looked at by an engineering firm with plans to rectify the school entrance (i.e., walkway, drainage), to prevent further occurrences.

Soap and paper towel dispensers have been placed in all classrooms that have sinks. All other rooms have had hand sanitizers installed, including the cafeteria and front office.

Schedule Adjustments

The school cafeteria is maintained as a vital part of the health program of the school. To encourage good nutrition, a well-balanced lunch is offered at a reasonable price. Menus will be posted in each homeroom and on the school website.

Lunch schedules have been adjusted to allow adequate time for students to eat and have supervised socialization time as follows: (No two grade levels are at lunch at the same time.)

Gr. 6	11:20-12:00	LUNCH/Recess
Gr. 5	11:45-12:25	LUNCH/Recess
Gr. 7	12:10-12:45	LUNCH/Socialization
Gr. 8	12:45-1:20	LUNCH/Socialization

The Academic Enrichment period (A/E) has been changed to the last period of the day, beginning at 2:15 pm. This change will allow for our school day to be more efficient for our students' academic and social/emotional growth.

March MCAS Schedule

Not every day will be used for testing at each grade level. Several days are set aside for any make-up testing that is needed. (Due to any unexpected conflicts, these dates may be adjusted within the testing period.)

March-April MCAS Testing Period: *March 22-April 12*

ELA MCAS

Grade 8: April 6 & 7

Grade 7: March 23 & 29, April 5

Grade 6: March 22 & 26

Grade 5: March 24 & 25

May MCAS Testing Period: *May 10 - May 27*

Exact dates TBA

“Principal’s Coffee”

A “Principal’s Coffee” will take place on Friday, February 12th @ 9:00 am in the Chocksett School Library. This is a time for us to meet informally to discuss any school related issues. It also gives us an opportunity to get to know one another, disseminate information, and share ideas.

As always, if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Margaret Morgan, Principal