



Spencer Borden Elementary School

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As we head into the winter break I want to wish all students and families a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy the time with family and friends next week!

Holiday Concert: All grade 4 and 5 students will participate in the winter holiday concert for chorus and instruments on Wednesday, December 21st at 9:30. Families are invited to attend and can enter through the Chestnut Street Entrance.

Winter Break starts at the conclusion of school on Friday, December 23rd. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Recess – During the winter season please make sure to send students to school with winter jackets, hats, and gloves. We make every effort to go outside as long as the temperature is 32 degrees or higher. If you need assistance with winter clothing please contact the office.

Arrival – Students enter through the Chestnut Street door in the morning and there is staff to assist with arrival until 8:35. If your child arrives after 8:35 please come to the office and accompany your child into the school. Please do not just drop your child off at the office. We need to make sure students are getting safely to class and checking into the office if they arrive after 8:35.

Box Tops – Please try and send in all box tops prior to Christmas vacation as many of them expire on 12/31/16. Box Tops are a big source of fundraising for our school.

PTO – Our next PTO meeting will be on Wednesday January 11th at 6:00 in the community room. We hope to see you then.

Basketball for Grades 4 & 5 – All students in grades 4 and 5 who tried out will continue with practices on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00. The game schedule will be released as soon as it is available.

Early Dismissal and No School Days – *Early dismissal days are a free dress down day.*

- **Monday, January 16th: No School in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- **Monday, January 30th: Full PD day for staff, no school for students**
- **Winter Break: Week of February 20th**
- **Thursday, March 9th: Early Dismissal at 12:30**
- **Friday, April 14th: No School for Good Friday**
- **Spring Break: Week of April 17th**
- **Monday, May 29th: No School for Memorial Day**

MCAS Testing Dates: Below is the MCAS testing dates for students in grades 3-5. A finalized schedule will be released closer to the testing window, however please do not schedule family vacations during MCAS testing. As a reminder all vacations should be scheduled during school breaks.

<i>ELA</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>April 3rd – May 5th</i>
<i>MATH</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>April 4th – May 26th</i>
<i>SCIENCE</i>	<i>Grade 5</i>	<i>April 5th – May 26th</i>

Lunch Money is collected weekly on Wednesdays. Full price for the week is \$8.50. Reduced price is \$2.00. Milk is \$1.25.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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