



Spencer Borden Elementary School

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Happy New Year to all of our Spencer Borden friends and families! I hope you all had a restful and relaxing winter vacation !

PTO - There is a change in our PTO meeting date due to an invitation from Dr. Malone to all PTO parents. Superintendent Malone would like to invite all district Parent Teacher Organizations to an open forum on **Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00pm in Kuss Middle School's community room.** This will be an opportunity for PTOs to address Superintendent Malone with any district needs, concerns, etc.

Spencer Borden's rescheduled PTO meeting will be on Thursday, January 19th at 5:30. We will be discussing Kids Day planning.

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.

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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