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March into Spring

Once March arrives we know spring is right around the corner. Thanks to the unseasonably mild winter we are looking forward to continued pleasant days and early blooms.

We will not be distracted from the important tasks that are ahead— most importantly the PSSA testing for grades 3,4,and 5. To get “pumped up” students are participating in a PSSA Boot Camp.



Register for Kindergarten

It is time to register kindergarten students for the 2012-2013 school year. Children must be 5 years before

September 1 to be eligible. You can pick up a registration packet at the main office or download one from the website.

Teachers will participate in an In-Service Training day on March 9 and there is no school for students on that day.

Students of the Month for February

Our Word of the Month for February was **Resiliency**. The following students were selected by their teachers for their good examples:

Mark Wlodarczyk James Brandes
Maria Humbert Brianna Larregui

Jihad Jones Nicole Stewart
Jalen Morrow Brianna Sanchez

Jonathan Fernandez Owen Gagnon
Shania Fernandez Hayden Pollack

Nicholas Yandolino Ava Smith

Christian Good Laura Mills

Jaylene Perez Kesley Ladouceur
Ysabella Perez Adam Farrugia

Congratulations to our Resilient students of the month!



March's Word of the Month is Accountability



Spelling Bee Update

Brianna Serrano and Kayla Giraud were among five 5th graders representing the six elementary schools in our district who advanced to the second round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee held on February 22. For this round they competed among students in 5th-8th grades. While Brianna and Kayla did not advance to the next round they made us proud with their efforts. Well done Brianna and Kayla!

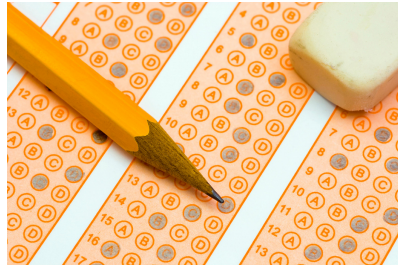
**Important
F. Y. I.**

Middle Smithfield Pledge
A Middle Smithfield Student
is
Responsible,
Respectful,
Cooperative,
Courteous and
Well behaved.
A Middle Smithfield student
is ready to learn and allows
others to learn.

PSSA Testing

Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are preparing to take the PSSA tests in reading and math. In addition 4th grade students will be tested in Science and 5th grade in Writing. These very important assessments determine the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for our school and district. While students cannot study for these standardized tests, you can help us and your child prepare by making sure he/she arrives at school on time and has a full night's sleep and a good breakfast on testing days.

Please make note of the dates and avoid planning appointments or vacations during this period. We are not able to approve family trips during testing windows.



March 13—23 Reading and Math Grades 3, 4, 5

April 16-20 Writing Grade 5

April 23-27 Science Grade 4

Love and Logic Parenting

We are hosting a 6-week training program for parents called Becoming a Love and Logic Parent. Discover ways to become more confident, more relaxed and have more fun in your parenting. You must register by returning the form which was sent home with your student. The workshops are free but there is a \$10 fee to purchase the workbook. The group will meet at Middle Smithfield Elementary Library from 6:30-8:30pm on the following dates: March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 11 and April 18. Questions can be addressed to Donna Lehman-Deming at JM Hill Elementary 424-8073x1040.

PTO News

Please come to our

Open Meeting

March 6

7:00pm

We look forward to your input!

Fund Raisers:

Gertrude Hawk

March 5-16

Mixed Bags

March 19-30

St Patrick sale

March 15 and 16



Mismatch Dress Day

March 20

Express yourself!

Be creative!

Have fun!

Support PTO!

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendar so you don't miss out on these important events!

**North Music Department
 Concert
 High School North
 Auditorium
 7:00pm**

**Class Group Pictures
 March 8**

**March 9
 Staff Development
 No School for Students**

**PSSA Testing begins
 March 12**