

RCS NEWSLETTER

April 30, 2021

Dear Richmond Consolidated School Families,

As I mentioned in the April 16 Newsletter, the state is requiring all schools to push ahead with MCAS. We will be giving practice tests to students in grades 3-5 this coming week so that they can become familiar with the process. The window for MCAS for grades 3-5 is May 10-June 11 and the window for grades 6-8 is May 17-June 11. We will send home a schedule for the RCS MCAS testing on May 5 as we get closer to the start of the assessments. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education MCAS information page for parents and guardians is available online at this [site](#).

Rob Putnam

UPDATES

- The new RCS principal, Dan Weston, will begin his tenure during the week of May 3.
- We just received word that our most recent Covid-19 pool testing was negative. Our community's continued efforts to follow safety protocols continues to pay off.
- Please see the Garden Facelift copied below. RCS could use all the help it can get to update the garden.
- The third grade enjoyed its second class with Mr. G. from Mass Audubon. We learned to identify different bird songs, how to determine cardinal directions based on the sun, and visited the vernal pool on the RCS nature trail. While there, we talked about the creatures and plants that live in and around a vernal pool.

The Garden Is Getting a "Facelift"!

The RCS Garden will be getting brand new raised beds in May thanks to the generosity of **Greenagers** in coordination with our Garden Educator, ***Bridgette Stone!***

In order for this to happen, the 'ol pergola (have you seen it lately?!?!) and rotting boards have to go....

And we need your help!!

We need a hearty team to help dismantle our sad little garden. No experience necessary! Just a desire to get your hands a little dirty with other members of our amazing community!
(* we would welcome one or two folks with building experience if possible)

When: Saturday, May 1 @ 3 pm (*raindate Sunday, May 2)

Who: Adults and students 6-8 grade when accompanied by an adult

How to sign up: email **Cathy Gamberoni @ OL4eyes@gmail.com**

masks will be required while on RCS grounds

wear work clothes and gloves