



Dear Parents,

As we head into our last full month of fourth grade, we're working hard to make the most of the time we have left. Watch for info coming home about special events at school, including M-Step testing schedule.

## What's happening in Class

In reading, we've been **exploring non-fiction texts** about volcanoes, and classifications for eruptions. Most kids have completed at least one **Persuasive Writing** piece, and are working on a second or third. We'll wrap that unit up in another week or so, and finish the year with a look at poetry. In **Math**, we're finishing up our second unit on **Fractions**. We took the practice test today, which is coming home, and will review a bit before the final test on Tuesday. The next unit will be on **Geometry**. In **Science**, we're nearing the end of our unit on **Earth, Sun, and moon**. We did a simulation in the gym today, and kids worked on projects to show what they learned. We will finish the year with a unit on **Energy Transfer**, which will conclude with our Lighthouse Café, on June 8.

## All are welcome

I hope you'll be able to join us for a few upcoming special events:

- **Tuesday, May 17 – Genius Hour** presentations. \*More info below
- **Thursday, May 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Camp Geneva** trip – all parents welcome! More info coming soon.
- **Wednesday, June 8 – Lighthouse Café @ noon**. Come eat lunch with us and check out our final projects.

## Genius Hour update

Yesterday, kids were reciting their elevator pitches, completing posters, and putting the finishing touches on their projects.

Genius Hour presentations will be happening from 1:30 - 3:00 for other classes at Quincy, and any family unable to make it for the evening session. We'll have another session in the evening for friends & families from 6:00 – 7:30. Please plan on attending to check out the amazing work done by your child and others.

## Lighthouse Café

Our final science unit on energy transfer includes electrical circuits. Each child will be researching a specific lighthouse, and creating a model that includes a working light. Parents are invited to join us for lunch on a half day to check out the projects, and celebrate a year of learning.

## Camp Geneva

All are invited to attend a free all day trip of fun to Camp Geneva on Thursday, May, 26. We'll be canoeing, archery, crafts, games, and more. Let me know if you'd like to come. Lunch will be provided and there's no cost for parents or students, but no siblings are allowed.

## M-Step schedule

Each 4<sup>th</sup> grade class has a slightly different schedule for testing this spring. We are slotted to test on Monday, May 9, Thursday, May 12, and Wednesday & Thursday of the following week. Make up days are built into the schedule, but please make every effort to have kids here on those days.

## Reminders

- Wed. & Thurs, May 11-12 – ½ days Tulip time
- **Fri, May 13 – ½ day - Field day**
- **Tues, May 17 – Genius Hour Presentations**  
**Classes 1:30-3:00 and Families 6:00 – 7:30**
- **Thurs, May. 26 – \*\*Camp Geneva Trip\*\* All are welcome**
- **Fri, June 3 – Trip to Planetarium**
- Wed, June. 8 – ½ day. Lighthouse Café = 12:00 lunch with kids at school.
- Thurs, June 9 – Last day of school, ½ day

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary**  
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Sincerely,  
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