

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. Lansing pictures [here](#)

## What's happening in Class

Kids have begun working on their last round of book clubs. Most will be student led. In **Spelling**, we've been working on **prefixes**, and **irregular plurals**. In **Writing**, we have wrapped up our **non-fiction** unit by turning our lengthy writings into magazine pages. Check out some samples [here](#). Next week, we'll begin our final unit on **poetry**. In **Math**, we are nearing the end of our final unit on **fractions**. We've been working on **comparing fractions**, finding **equivalent fractions**, and understanding **decimals**. Our **science** unit on the **Earth, Moon, and Sun** is ending with an assessment on Monday. In case you missed it, you'll find the study guide [here](#). Our study of **government** will begin next week. We'll be focused on the **purposes** and **roles** of government, as well as citizens' **rights** and **responsibilities**. We'll end the year with a science unit on **energy transfer**, including **heat, magnetism, and electricity**, culminating in our Lighthouse Café, on June 3.

## Volunteers

This year's volunteer appreciation will be happening the week of May 4 – 8. If you've helped with any of our field trips, book clubs, book fair, parties, or helped out in any way at Quincy, please stop by the office that week for a small token of our gratitude.

## M-STEP

There have been a few changes to the schedule. Next week we'll be testing ELA on Tuesday and Wednesday. Then we'll start Math on Tuesday, May 5, and finish on Tuesday, May 12. We'll end our testing with Science on Wednesday, May 13. Please make every effort to have kids here, and on time those days.

## Last call for Legos

A few volunteers have agreed to help assemble our Lego themed basket for the Spring Fling on May 15. We need all donations of Lego related items and/or money to be in by next Friday, May 1, so we

can display the finished basket prior to the event. Thanks for helping support the PTO and 5<sup>th</sup> grade campers.

## All are welcome

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

- **Tuesday, May 19 – Genius Hour** presentations. \*More info below
- **Thursday, May 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Camp Geneva** trip – all parents welcome! More info coming soon.
- **Wednesday, June 3 – Lighthouse Café @ noon.** Come eat lunch with us and check out our final projects.

## Genius Hour update

Genius Hour presentations will be happening from 2:00 - 3:15 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. If you haven't had a chance to indicate your time preference for the evening session, please complete the 1 question survey [here](#).

## Reminders

- Tuesday, April 28 – M-STEP testing
- Wed, April 29 – M-STEP testing
- May 4 – 8 \***Volunteer appreciation week**
- Tuesday, May 5 – M-STEP testing
- Tuesday, May 12 – M-STEP testing
- Wed, May 13 – M-STEP testing
- Friday, May 15 – April/May reading min. due
- Tuesday May 19 – Genius Hour.

Afternoon and Evening sessions

- Thurs, May 21 – Camp Geneva trip – all day
- Friday, May 22 – Field Day
- **Wed, June 3\*** – Lighthouse Café lunch

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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