

FBE Silver Anniversary

The Foundation for Belmont Education will host a fundraiser on March 17th at the Belmont Hill School. There will be dancing, food and a live auction. To purchase tickets, go to:

<http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/Home/Belmont-Public-Schools-News/Article/1922/FBE-Silver-Anniversary-Fundraiser-Join-Us-on-March-17>

Parents of Kindergarteners

Please mark your calendars. There will be no school for kindergarteners on May 3rd and 4th. During this time, we will be working with children who will be entering kindergarten in September of 2018.

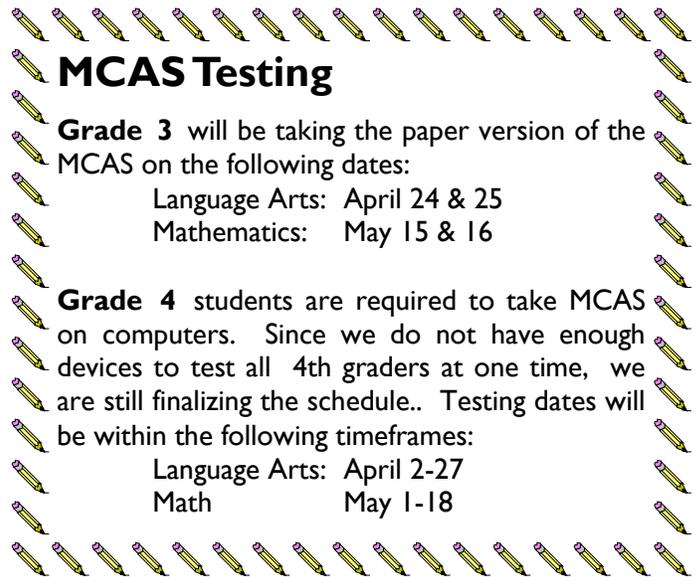
Safety

Please help us keep everyone safe. Traffic and parking have been problematic on Waterhouse Road, Cross Street and Sherman Street. Cars are blocking traffic in order to drop students off, parking on the wrong side of the street, letting children out into traffic, blocking our neighbors' driveways and sometimes, even driving down portions of the street in reverse. Other than office staff that arrives early (well before the children) there should be no cars in the U-shaped driveway, near the flagpole, in front of the school. Please also keep in mind that a section of Waterhouse Road is one way at certain times of the day.

While we appreciate the fact that parents want to get their children to school on time, please be cognizant of the traffic laws. Being a few minutes late is inconsequential compared to an accident.

Coming Soon

Our School Advisory Council will be sending out an electronic survey within the next few weeks. Please take the time to complete it. Your input will help guide our school improvement planning.



MCAS Testing

Grade 3 will be taking the paper version of the MCAS on the following dates:
Language Arts: April 24 & 25
Mathematics: May 15 & 16

Grade 4 students are required to take MCAS on computers. Since we do not have enough devices to test all 4th graders at one time, we are still finalizing the schedule.. Testing dates will be within the following timeframes:
Language Arts: April 2-27
Math: May 1-18

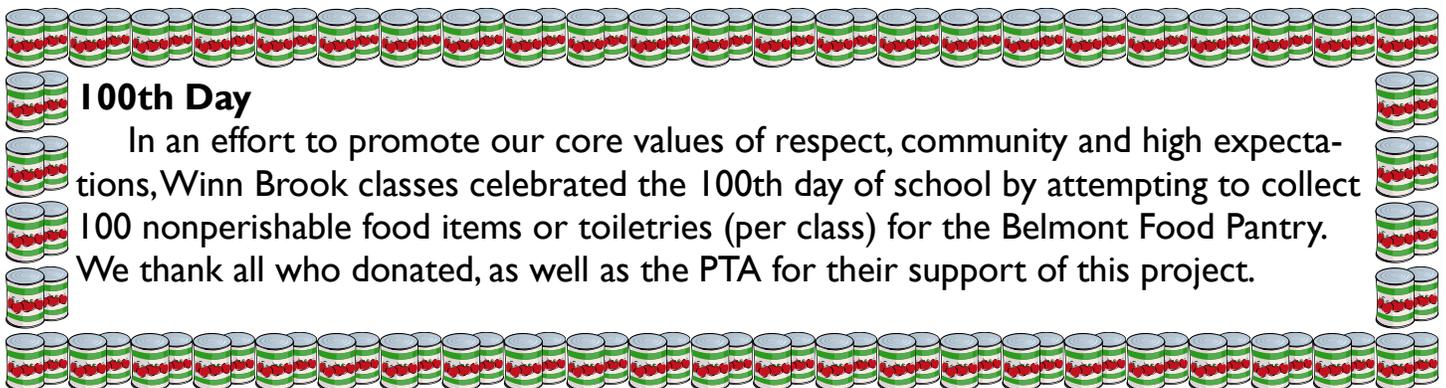
Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will run during the Wednesday early release days on March 7th, 14th, and 21st. Students will be dismissed at 11:50 and the cafeteria staff will not be serving lunch on these days. Additionally, most teachers will be scheduling 1-3 conferences on Wed. March 28th. **Online conference registration will open soon. Please watch for an email.**



Conferences provide a wonderful opportunity for both parents and teachers to share information. Collaboration and communication is key to creating an optimal situation for students' learning and growth. Children benefit when they perceive that there is a partnership between teachers and parents.

Teachers have spent a great deal of time preparing for conferences and want to spend the full amount of scheduled time focused on your child; therefore, please be sure to be punctual. We appreciate your understanding of the time constraints for ending the conference on schedule so that teachers may begin the next conference promptly.



100th Day

In an effort to promote our core values of respect, community and high expectations, Winn Brook classes celebrated the 100th day of school by attempting to collect 100 nonperishable food items or toiletries (per class) for the Belmont Food Pantry. We thank all who donated, as well as the PTA for their support of this project.