# C:\Users\ldessert\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\82MDE4EF\eagle-cartoon-flying-illustration-34699727[1].jpg *Principal’s April Newsletter 2019*

**Lynn Dessert, Principal Ashley Fullen, Assistant Principal**

*Dear Parents,*

*“Testing” time is here at our school. This affects students of every age. By helping your child be physically and mentally prepared for a test, you are helping them lower the feeling of anxiety that often follows. Test anxiety is a very common experience. This anxiety can prevent a student from being able to think, comprehend and learn.*

*Parents have the biggest positive impact on their children’s lives and how we handle our daily stress and how we respond to this stress teaches our children how to deal with tough situations. Research has shown that providing students with tools and strategies to deal with this overwhelming feeling can improve their ability to prepare and perform on tests.*

*Testing is used in schools for two main purposes. One is to find out how well an individual student is learning in the classroom. For instance, teachers can test how well a child is responding to reading instruction by using assessments that measure specific skills necessary for fluent reading.*

*The other purpose is to find out how well the school is meeting local and national benchmarks for student achievement. For this purpose schools use standardized tests, which will be administered in the April and May.*

*Thank you for continuing to support your student at home. For more information, call our main office at 508-669-4245.*

Here are some tips to share with your child:

* Get an adequate night’s sleep, 8-10 hours.
* Eat a nutritious breakfast and dinner.
* Listen very close to directions.
* Follow the strategies provided by your teacher.
* Take time to enjoy the completion of the test with your child that evening.
* Respond to any concerns your child has with encouragement and support. Emphasize that there are lots of ways to express what you know, and that these tests are just one measure.

**Important Dates:**

**April 2nd -Grade 1 -Creature Feature Night 4-6 in grade 1 classrooms**

**April 2nd -PTO Meeting in the library at 6:30**

**April 6th -Annual Town Election**

**April 8th -MCAS Grade 4 ELA**

**April 9th -MCAS Grade 3 ELA**

**April 10th -MCAS Grade 4 ELA**

**April 11th -MCAS Grade 3 ELA**

**April 15-19th -School Vacation Week**

**April 24th and 25th -MCAS Make-up**

**April 24th - Kite Day 9-11am**

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| **SMARTS Summer Institute 2019 July 8-August 2, 2019 M-F 8:30-3:30Brennan Middle School, Attleboro, MA****Before & After Care available daily!**Secure your spot now! |

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| [**Register!**](https://smartscollab.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc8eb770268c358df7f670538&id=1b38cb1946&e=cc96cf7ef0) |

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| Celebrating 33 years! Started in 1986, the SMARTS Summer Institute offers arts interested and talented students grades K-12, an opportunity to focus intensively on the arts and creativity and work under the guidance of working artists and arts educators. |

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| **If you have questions about SMARTS Summer Instituteemail****info@smartscollab.org** |

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| **Multi-Arts Program (Grades K-12)**The Multi-Arts Program for children grades K-12, offers students an intensive four week multi-arts experience...students grouped by age. At the end of the program we host an exciting final performance!Final performance Friday, August 2nd at 6:30PM***Students explore:***Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Percussion through daily classes in each discipline. We include outdoor play and recreational swim supervised by lifeguard(s).  |

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| **Film/Video Bootcamp (Grades 7-12)**The SMARTS Summer Institute Film/Video Boot Camp is an intensive instructional four week program in the art of digital filmmaking and live performance. The program includes writing, directing, acting and technical skills. Students choose between collectively creating a short film or creating individual films, as well as work together to create scenes and monologues. Students also rotate among crew positions and acting roles to get a diverse experience in film making and live performance.The program is designed to accommodate students with no prior experience with video production as well as students who already have experience but want to hone their visual storytelling craft and technical skills.Final performance Thursday, August 1st 6:30PM |

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| **TUITION COST:**$30 Registration FeeIn District Tuition $725.00 (Attleboro, Dighton, Mansfield, Rehoboth)Out of District Tuition $850.00 The Multi-Arts program runs for 4 weeks. July 8-August 2, Monday- Friday, 8:30-3:30*Before and after care is available daily at an additional cost.**\*If your child will not be attending the full 4 weeks please list that on your registration form and contact SMARTS for pricing (**info@smartscollab.org**). Reduced pricing is only available before May 1st. After May 1st, 4 week tuition cost must be paid regardless of weeks attending.***Financial Assistance:**SMARTS works hard to make sure all students interested are able to attend. We offer installment plans and scholarships based on need. To create an installment plan email info@smartscollab.org. To c[omplete the scholarship form](https://smartscollab.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc8eb770268c358df7f670538&id=96e19a24f2&e=cc96cf7ef0)[here](https://smartscollab.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc8eb770268c358df7f670538&id=dad62f1e78&e=cc96cf7ef0)[.](https://smartscollab.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc8eb770268c358df7f670538&id=cd17c9ca1e&e=cc96cf7ef0)*Due to high demand installment plans and scholarships are only available before May 1st.* |

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