



Sciences

The Bay Academy for the Arts &

Intermediate School 98

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Principal

**Weekly Intercom April 4, 2014**

1. **Teacher Surveys-** Our survey report update arrived. It reflects that only 47 teachers have completed the survey even though 97% of the teachers notified Mrs. Dalton they completed their survey. I'm hoping it is an error on the part of the DOE. Please remember this survey has a tremendous impact on OUR progress report. If you have not completed the survey yet please do so as soon as possible. We are a high performing middle school and sought after by many people, I'd like to keep it that way. Thank you.
2. **Room Changes-** If you change your room during the day for any reason you must notify the main office. It is difficult to track down a student when he/she is not in his/her assigned room. It is also embarrassing when the parent is waiting and we cannot find their child.
3. **Math Benchmarks-** The math benchmarks will be administered as follows:

Grade8	Tuesday April 8	Periods 2 & 3	Cafeteria
Grade 7	Wednesday April 9	Periods 2 & 3	Cafeteria
Grade 6	Thursday April 10	Periods 2 & 3	Cafeteria
4. **State Exams-** Thank you for your cooperation during the State ELA Exam. It was a stressful time for teachers, administrators, students and parents but every staff member willingly pitched in and helped to administer the exams smoothly and effortlessly. Your kindness and support towards our students did not go unnoticed. Thank you to Mr. Auriti for his scheduling skills and a special thank you to Mr. Goldberg for the tremendous job he did ensuring that all went well. Thank you to Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. D'Agosta, Mrs. Airo, Mr. Bommarito, Mr. Goldfarb and Mr. Mohassib for the distribution and collection of the exams and for fixing all the issues that arose. A huge thank you to all the staff members who worked so many periods without a break or a complaint. Other school communities can certainly learn a lesson or two from us!! Thank you again.
5. **ELA Grading-** Eight (8) teachers will be sent out beginning Monday April 7, 2014 for the grading of the ELA exam. This places a tremendous burden on our school. Although I realize that we haven't had a break in quite some time, I am respectfully requesting you keep in mind the absence of so many staff members before you call in absent yourself. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
6. **Visit-** Monday April 7, 2014 we will be visited by the NYCDOE Talent coach. We will be visiting classrooms and possibly speaking with teachers. Please be prepared for a visit.
7. **Superintendent Visit-** Ms. DiMola will be completing her final evaluation of our school on Wednesday April 23, 2014. Yes, the day we return from spring break. Some helpful reminders:
  - Ensure your bulletin boards are updated with current student work
  - Your lesson is differentiated and aligned to a Literacy Technique
  - Your lesson is adjusted for ELL students or students with special needs
  - Questioning is rigorous and thought-provoking
  - Lesson Plan is available upon request
  - SMART goals are current
  - Interactive boards are used to enhance the lesson
  - Data is a driving force behind the purpose of the seating/grouping
  - Closet doors are closed
  - Boards are washed and clean
  - Desks are debris freeThank you for your cooperation! Let's show off!!
8. **Congratulations-** Best wishes to Rich Weinstein and his family on the birth of his beautiful son Gavin Eli.
9. **Happy Birthday-** A very happy birthday to those who celebrate in the month of April: *Josephine Abbate, Rich Weinstein, Erika White, Ioana Santangelo, Adam Goldfarb and Ganna Kazakova*



***As we move towards the Common Core Math Exam let us continue to support, encourage and instruct our students in the best possible manner. Not one of our students opted out of the ELA exam and that proves to me that our students and parents trust the work we do. That's the highest compliment a parent can give us! Congratulations, we are an awesome team!***