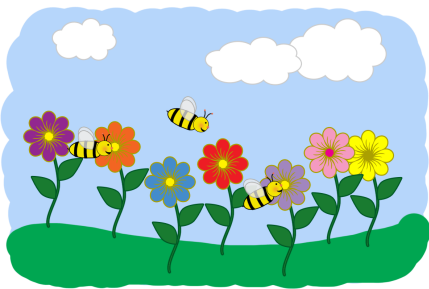


**Babylon Grade School Eblast**  
**Steve Goldberg, Principal**  
**March 24, 2016**



**Important Dates:**

- Apr 11 Bd of Ed Work/Study mtg @ 7:30pm @ HS
- Apr 13-15 NYS Math Assessment Grades 3-8
- Apr 15 3rd marking period ends
- Apr 18 Bd of Ed reg mtg @ 7:30pm @ HS
- Apr 22 No School—Passover
- Apr 27 Report cards available on portal



**Save the date.....**

Superintendent Rozzi will be hosting **“Coffee with the Superintendent”** at each school during the school year. Please see the attached invitation from Superintendent Rozzi for more details.



*A Message from the Principal*

We hope all of our BMGS families had a restful spring recess. The spring season in a school is an exciting and wonderful time of year. From the energetic sounds of the children on the playground at recess to the crack of the bat on the baseball fields, the sounds of spring are finally here.

Inside the school, spring is also a time of continued hard work in the classroom. We pride ourselves on the fact that learning goes beyond the classroom for our students. They participate in a wide variety of enrichment activities. From our clubs before and after school, before school music programs, students are interacting with each other and our teachers on a regular basis.

If you haven't yet had a chance to view our Broadcasting Club's broadcasts, you should definitely check them out on the school district Vimeo channel. To see the broadcasts, go to:

<https://vimeo.com/babylonschools>



## NYS Common Core Assessments

As you know, schools will be closed for Spring Recess beginning on Thursday, March 24th and will reopen on Monday, April 4th.

Please be advised that the NYS Common Core **English Language Arts** Assessments for grades 3 - 8 are scheduled to be administered upon our return from Spring Recess beginning on Tuesday, April 5th through Thursday, April 7th.

The NYS Common Core **Math** Assessments for grades 3 - 8 are scheduled to be administered on Wednesday, April 13th through Thursday, April 15th.

The complete NYS Assessment calendar including June Regents may be found on the district's website at: [http://www.babylonschools.org/curriculum/assessment\\_calendar](http://www.babylonschools.org/curriculum/assessment_calendar)

The New York State Ed Department has made a number of changes to the 2016 Grades 3 - 8 Assessments. Both the Math and English Language Arts Assessments will have fewer questions to answer. Additionally, the assessments will be untimed, meaning that students will have as much time as they need to complete the assessments.

A complete list of assessment modifications with explanations may be found on our district's website at [http://www.babylonschools.org/curriculum/assessment\\_calendar](http://www.babylonschools.org/curriculum/assessment_calendar).

## HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES



If your child has experienced an illness or injury, please make sure you provide proper medical paperwork for him/her to return to school. If an injury or illness requires special attention with an aide or devices like crutches, casts, boots, inhalers, epi-pens, etc., I will need specific instructions from your child's pediatrician for your child to be in school with that aide or device.

It is imperative you keep me updated on any health information pertaining to your child so accurate school health records are kept. For example, changes in medication, allergies, health issues, recent physical exams and up-to-date immunizations are some of the more important issues.

Call me for ANYTHING!! There is a direct line to the Nurse's Office with an answering machine....893-7987. Feel free to leave a message at any time, day or night. Did you know the Attendance Office is also in the Health Office? Therefore, you can call the Health Office and leave a message if your child will be absent. Your child needs to be accounted for daily, so please provide a detailed message as to why they're absent.

Lastly, I welcome a "heads up" from you with any issues or concerns about your child. The more I know, the better prepared I am to help your child, so keep me posted!

*Nina Burke, R.N.*

### ***Other School News.....***



The Babylon Community Scholarship Fund's Annual Fashion Show & Dinner will be taking place on May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Venetian Yacht Club in Babylon Village. Please see the attached flier for details.



Babylon is again offering summer yoga. Please see the attached flier for details.

### **PTA/SEPTA NEWS...**

**Farmigo** is an online farmer's market that sources local healthy, fresh food and delivers them weekly directly to the Elementary School. PTA earns 10% on all orders. Attached is a flier with more details. Consider giving Farmigo a try.

### **Other News...**

**Babylon Public Library:** Attached please find the May Children's Room.

**Babylon Village Youth Cheer:** If your child is interested in joining the cheer team for Fall 2016, see the attached flier about registration.