

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.

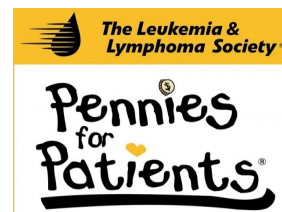
The complete NYS Assessment calendar including June Regents may be found on the district's website at: http://www.babylonschools.org/curriculum/assessment_calendar

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.

BMGS News...

Student Council will be having its Pennies for Patients Drive March 14th-March 23rd. Students will raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to help cancer patients and promote research. REMEMBER: Small change makes a **BIG** change in patients' lives. See flier for additional information.



Reminder from the Health Office...

Please see the attached notice titled "Helpful Hints from the Health Office."



Other School News Reminders...

After school Partici-"paint" event: The Senior High Art Society students will be hosting the event on Monday, March 21 from 3:30-5:00pm at the high school. Join them to create a beautiful seahorse painting. Please see the attached flier for details.



PTA/SEPTA NEWS...

Harlem Wizards vs. Babylon Panthers: The Harlem Wizards game is taking place on **Saturday, March 19th** at BHS. See the attached flier for additional information and to see how to purchase tickets for this event.

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 Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 20th from 7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. A flier is attached with more details.

Babylon Public Library: Attached please find the April Children's Room Happenings and a flyer called "Want to meet some Animals" which will be taking place on April 5th @ 4pm.

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