



# Spencer Borden Elementary School

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**Giving Tree** – Thank you to all families who have been donating to the giving tree. We were able to provide gifts and winter coats to over 30 Spencer Borden students.

**Winter Weather:** During the winter weather please send students to school with winter coats, gloves, and hats. As long as the temperature is above 32 degrees we have students outside for recess fun.

*Families in need* – If your family requires assistance obtaining a winter coat or sneakers for your child please contact our school adjustment counselor, Derek George [dgeorge@fallriverschools.org](mailto:dgeorge@fallriverschools.org). We work with some local agencies which can help.

**Arrival & Dismissal**– Students enter through the Chestnut Street door in the morning and there is staff to assist with arrival until 8:35. If your child arrives after 8:35 please come to the office and accompany your child into the school. Please do not just drop your child off at the office. We need to make sure students are getting safely to class and checking into the office if they arrive after 8:35. Also please refer to the back side of this notice which reviews parking and drop off areas at the beginning and end of the day. The Chestnut Street driveway should only be used for handicap access both at the beginning and end of the day. We ask that you follow these rules in order to keep students safe and that you not block the driveway at the beginning and end of the day for families that do require handicap access parking spaces.

**Basketball for Grades 4 & 5** – All students in grades 4 and 5 on the basketball team will continue with practices on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00. The game schedule has gone home and the first games will be this Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Morton Middle School with the girls playing at 9:40 and boys playing at 10:30.

**ACCESS for ELLS Test** – All students who receive ELL services will be taking the statewide ACCESS test between January 4<sup>th</sup> – February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MCAS Testing Dates:** Below is the MCAS testing dates for students in grades 3-5. A finalized schedule will be released closer to the testing window, however please do not schedule family vacations during MCAS testing. As a reminder all vacations should be scheduled during school breaks.

<i>ELA</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>April 2nd – May 4<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>MATH</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>April 3rd – May 5<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>SCIENCE</i>	<i>Grade 5</i>	<i>April 4th– May 25<sup>h</sup></i>

**PTO UPDATES:** Check out the “Spencer Borden Parents and Guardians of Students” Facebook page for updates on school events. Our next PTO meeting is on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

*Upcoming Important Dates:*

- No school on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Professional Development Day on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. No school for students on this day.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.  
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