

Happy Friday and happy spring to parents and guardians,

It was a pleasure to witness our students who participated in the long awaited Soccerthon last Saturday afternoon. A special thank you to Andrea Fraser and Michael McDonnell who organized this event with help from many other parents, we thank you. I would like to wish our Muslim Northeast Community a Happy Ramadan!

Ramadan, as you may know, is a holy month in the Islamic Calendar, and it begins tonight. Muslims refrain from eating and drinking, from sunrise to sunset. This month is a time to focus on faith and perform generous acts of charity. People raise money and donate supplies to help others in need. The fast is also a kind reminder about those in the world who don't have enough to eat, and to be grateful for their blessings-while giving back to the community. After the last day of Ramadan, a three-day festival is held. Families and friends gather to make the holiday prayer and celebrate. This holiday is called the Holiday of Breaking Fasts, This will be the first year Montclair will be closed to observe this holiday. If your child is planning on fasting, please inform your child's teacher. We want to make sure students are supported during this time so it can be a rewarding experience.

Our PTA Art Fundraiser is underway!! [Here is an update from Ms. Cloud.](#)

Take this song with you this weekend:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxNvFVI2G38>

Mike Chiles

UPCOMING DATES:

April 15 Good Friday-District Closed
April 18-22 Spring Recess-Schools closed
April 28 Early Dismissal 1:10 pm

FROM OUR PTA:

The NE GeoBee is HERE! The festivities kick off tomorrow (Saturday) April 2nd, at 1:00 PM.

To refresh: Similar to a spelling bee, the NE GeoBee allows students to showcase their passion for our school's magnet -- on stage, in teams, in a safe and inclusive setting surrounded by their fellow students, teachers, and parents. This is the 18th annual event.

This year's event includes 45 teams spanning across all grades. We have been really excited by the buzz generated by the kids participating this year. We can't wait to kick it off!

Date/Time - Saturday April 2nd, 1:00 PM

Place - Montclair High School auditorium (Building M, Park Street entrance)

Please reach out to Sreesha (sreeshadvaman@gmail.com) or Andrea (fraserandrea27@gmail.com) with any questions.