

April 4, 2008

Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived! The days are supposed to be warmer and brighter not to mention longer. We have started the third trimester marking period. Students will have “spring fever” and begin to think it is the end of the school year and they don’t have to work. We are far from the end of the school year. On the contrary, this time of year is very busy as we begin to wrap up the school year and plan activities for our students such as the Seventh Grade New York City trip and the Eighth Grade Washington D.C. trip. It is important to stress to our students that they must continue to study and complete their school work. *It is also a good time for you to contact your child’s teachers and/or the guidance counselor, Mrs. Vigneau, if you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress – it will be too late to help your child in June.* We want all of our students to successfully complete the 2007 - 2008 school year.

Please be aware of the following information to help you plan for April and the future:

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** As per state law, all students entering the seventh grade must be properly immunized. All students entering the seventh grade next year (2008-2009) must have their vaccinations up to date before the start of the school year. Students who are not immunized will not be allowed to attend school until they are immunized. Students entering 7th grade are required to have the following immunizations:
  - TD Booster
  - 4 doses of Polio vaccine (must have one after the age of 4)
  - 2 doses of MMR
  - One dose of Varicella Vaccine or documented history of chickenpox disease
  - (A documented Physical exam is also required)
- **Eighth Grade Parents:** There is an informal meeting for parents of students entering the ninth grade at Ponaganset High School at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Reading Week:** Celebrate Reading during the week of March 31 – April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Library Café is such a success, it has been extended until next Thursday!
- **P.M.S. Living Campus:** On April 5<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the first venture in creating our "Living Campus" at P.M.S. by planting the Apple Orchard. Students

will be putting on exhibitions of work and local farmers and agriculturists are invited to display their products. Parents and the community are invited to come see the student displays, plant trees and celebrate our first “outdoor classroom” on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. It promises to be a great day!

Again, it is the third trimester marking period but we are far from the end of the school year. Our students need to know that it is very important for them to continue to work hard so that they may successfully complete the school year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s progress, please contact the school; the Guidance Office telephone number is 647-3361, extension option 3.

Sincerely,

Patricia Marcotte  
Principal