

# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS MENANDS SCHOOL

## March/April

### Building Renovation – Very Important Dates

Last year, our district contracted with an architectural firm to conduct a survey of the structural aspects of the Menands School building. Periodic assessments of school buildings are required by State Education Department regulations. Of no surprise to anyone, the results of that architectural survey indicated that two areas of the building need immediate renovation.

The Menands Board of Education has approved a proposal for a building renovation project that is tentatively scheduled to take place this summer. If approved by the district taxpayers, the project will allow the district to rebuild the east and north walls of the middle school wing that have endured many years of serious water damage. If approved by the taxpayers, the project will also allow the district to fill in the “reading pit” in the library, which is a safety hazard due to tripping and falling.

To finance this project, the district will be using several forms of State aid and money from capital reserves and fund balance. As such, the district will not need to borrow money or increase taxes to finance the project.

The renovation project now needs to be voted on by the taxpayers of the Menands School District. **Please join us on Monday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library for a complete explanation of the proposed renovations. The referendum on the project will take place on Tuesday, March 16, from 12:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the school lobby. Your vote will be very important, so please save these important dates.**

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### Arrival Reminder

The doors of Menands School open at 8:10 each morning. Students who are dropped off before 8:10 are not supervised and have to stand outside in weather that is often very cold. **As such, it is important that parents do not drop children off before 8:10.** The time for dropping students off for school is from 8:10 to 8:20, and we are making every effort to ensure that traffic in the drop off circle moves smoothly during that time period.

### Dates to Remember

- 3/1 – Kindergarten Parent Info. Night – 6:00 p.m.
- 3/8 – Board of Ed. Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
Proposed Renovations Forum in Library
- 3/10 – Biography Boulevard (Gr. 3M) – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
- 3/15 – 3/16 – Kindergarten Screening
- 3/16 – Public Referendum on Building Renovations - 12:00-9:00p.m.
- 3/18 – Gr. 8 Information Night @ Shaker High School
- 3/23 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workshop Day
- 3/27 – Beauty & the Beast – 6:30 p.m.
- 4/2 – NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
- 4/2 – 4/10 – NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess
- 4/12 – Classes Resume
- 4/12 – Board of Ed. Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 4/16 – Rotary Barbeque – 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- 4/26 – 4/28 – NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Exam
- 4/28 – Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Information Night – 6:00 p.m.
- 4/28 – Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Information Night – 7:00 p.m.
- 4/29 – EARLY DISMISSAL – 11:00 a.m.  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Report Cards Go Home

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### PTA NEWS

- 3/5 – PTA Literacy Night @ 6:30 p.m.
- 3/16 – PTA Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 4/16 – PTA Movie Night @ 7:00 p.m.
- 4/21 – PTA Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 4/21-4/26 – PTA Book Fair (Buy One-Get One)
- 4/29 – 4/30 – PTA Garage Sale Drop-Off  
(PTA Garage Sale is 5/1)