

**GRAND AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL
BELLMORE, NEW YORK**

*Office of the Principal
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LEARN WELL, STAY SAFE, GRADUATE, PARTICIPATE

REMEMBER: Respect, Impulse Control, Compassion, Equity

MISSION STATEMENT: In pursuit of excellence, Grand Avenue Middle School strives to create an academically challenging, socially equitable, and developmentally appropriate learning environment which will equip each student to thrive in our school and the global community. Within Grand Avenue's culture of Respect, Impulse Control, Compassion, and Equity, we encourage every student to learn well, stay safe, graduate, and participate, empowering all to become productive citizens.

November, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of date changes for the New York State Assessments. Unfortunately, these changes were given to us by the State after our district calendar went to print. As a result, I need to ask you to ignore the dates listed on the calendar for the assessments and adhere to the schedule included in this letter. As a result of these changes, our Spring Concert and Art Expo scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2010 must be moved to Monday, May 10, 2010. The concert scheduled for May 12, 2010 will remain unaffected.

The Assessment schedule is as follows:

April 27 & 28, 2010	7th & 8th Grade ELA: Periods 1-3
May 5 & 6, 2010	7th Grade Math: AM session: 8:15 am - 9:45 am
May 5 & 6, 2010	8th Grade Math: PM session: 12:30 pm - 2:41 pm
May 24 - June 3, 2010	8th Grade Science Performance: during Science Class
June 7, 2010	8th Grade Science Assessment: Periods 1-3
June 14 & 15, 2010	8th Grade Social Studies Assessment: Exam week

Please note that we will have split sessions only on the days of the Math Assessments, May 5th and 6th. On both of these days, all 7th graders will sit for the test in the morning and then go home. Eighth graders will sit in the afternoon on both days. We will conduct two complete bus runs on these days – one in the morning to bring 7th graders to school and one to return them home mid-morning; one to bring 8th graders to school in the early afternoon and one to return them home mid-afternoon. There will be two late buses in the afternoon on both days, one at 3:30 p.m. and one at 4:15 p.m. In addition, there will be no after-school activities on May 5th and May 6th.

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Our Spring Concert dates bear repeating. The exact designation of performances will be sent to you as these concerts approach.

May 10, 2010 – Art Expo & Spring Concert

May 12, 2010 – Spring Concert

I apologize for throwing your schedule into disarray but the changes are beyond my control. As always, I thank you for your consistent cooperation.

Sincerely,

**Lewis J. Serra
Principal**

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