

Bell Top

39 Reynolds Rd., Troy, NY 12180

April 2017



From the desk of Mr. Mahar

“April showers, bring May flowers” was one of my favorite sayings to ring in the spring season. I enjoy hearing the birds sing and the peepers chatting near our ponds. Bell Top has been swinging with our Spring Fling in March. All the children had fun and had a chance to socialize and dance. Our most recent event, the Education Fair, was outstanding! I was impressed with the work the students and teachers put into the projects. It was like being in a learning museum with a plethora of topics and activities to learn from and peruse. Thank you to the Bell Top PTO for coordinating these events, and to the teachers for playing an active role in these wonderful learning and social opportunities.

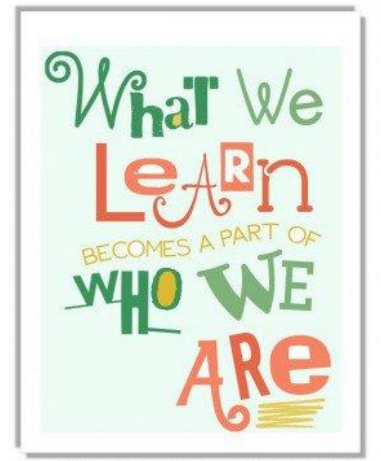
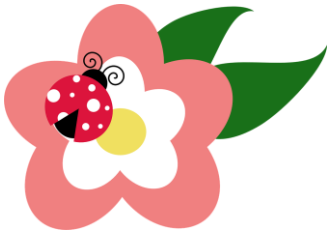
The maple syrup season was a huge success at Bell Top. Thank you to all parents and staff that helped make sweet syrup production a success. There were many special visitors including our new superintendent Mr. Simons.

The students in grade 3 through 5 are preparing for the NYS Mathematics Exam, which will be the first week in May. The mathematics exams will continue to be administered over 3 days and will have no time limit as long as the students are working productively. **The days for NYS Mathematics Exam administration are Tuesday, May 2, Wednesday, May 3, and Thursday, May 4.** Make-up days will range from May 5 through May 10.

Spring Break Ideas

April 14 - 21

- ★ Places to visit:
 - Farms
 - Library
 - Farmer’s market
 - Garden store
 - Pet store
 - Pond
 - Park
 - Museums
 - Aquarium
- ★ Activities
 - Fly a kite
 - Read a book outside
 - Take a nature walk
 - Feed ducks
 - Plant spring plants
 - Draw a picture
 - Write a story
 - Make a fun spring snack
 - Blow bubbles
 - Play mini-golf
 - Do a science experiment with rain



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April / May important dates

- 4/4 - Bell Top PTO meeting - 7pm
- 4/5 - Education Fair - 6:30pm
- 4/12 & 4/13 - School IS in session
- 4/13 - BOE meeting - 7pm - Red Mill
- 4/14 - 4/21 - Spring Recess - No school
- 4/25 - BOE meeting - 7pm - Bell Top - Volunteer Recognition - Please join us.
- 5/1 - Bell Top PTO meeting - 7pm - Please join us.
- 5/2, 5/3, 5/4 - NYS Math Exams