



Access to BART Charter Public School during the days of April Break, April 17-20, will be restricted to employees and to those who have scheduled appointments with employees of the School.

Dates to Remember...

Friday, April 13.....	MCAS Makeups
Monday, April 16 through Friday, April 20.....	No School (Spring Break)
Monday, April 23.....	MCAS Makeups
Tuesday, April 24.....	MCAS Makeups
Thursday, April 26.....	Accuplacer (Grade 11)
Friday, April 27.....	Movie & Discussion: <i>I Am Not Your Negro</i>
Monday, April 30 - Friday, May 4.....	Spirit Week
Saturday, May 4.....	CFAC Mother's Day Craft Fair (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
Monday, May 14.....	Annual Eighth Grade Banquet

MCLA and BART To Screen "I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO" in Community Event

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) will present a community film screening of the James Baldwin documentary, "I Am Not Your Negro," from 5 to 7 p.m. at BART on Friday, April 27. This event is free and open to the public. The film (rated PG-13) will be followed by a discussion, which was organized by Dr. Jenna Sciuto, assistant professor of English at MCLA, and students from her "African American Literature" course. This collaborative event was organized by faculty and students at MCLA, as well as BART faculty and administrators.

"I Am Not Your Negro," directed by Raoul Peck, is a 2016 documentary based on Baldwin's 1979 unfinished manuscript, "Remember This House." The book was to be a revolutionary, personal account of the lives and assassinations of three of his close friends: Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr. At the time of Baldwin's death in 1987, he left behind only 30 completed pages of this manuscript. In "I Am Not Your Negro," Peck envisions the book that Baldwin never finished.

Events

- **MASS MoCA Teen Invitational.** An annual event celebrating artwork from our area's schools, the [Teen Invitational at MASS MoCA](#) will once again include selected artworks by BART students. There is no charge to attend the opening reception on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. Presentation of awards will begin at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by live music. Those who plan to attend can look forward to huge crowds and a great party! The exhibition will be on view May 12 and 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. General museum admission fees will apply at that time.
- **Annual Eighth Grade 8 Banquet.** Mark your calendar if you have a student in the eighth grade! The Eighth Grade Banquet will be held at the school on Monday, May 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This annual event recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of the grade 8 class and is free of charge to all who attend. Every grade 8 student is allowed to bring up to 2 guests. More information will be made available closer to the event.
- **High School State Science Fair.** Good luck to Kyle Brooks, Driss Bourzgui, Kylie Taylor, MaiLee Daignault, Crystal Harrington, Emily Taylor, Joy Kalinowski, and Hayley Caufield when they go to compete at the state science fair happening at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge from May 3 through May 5. All of these students qualified for the state level fair when the projects they presented at the regional science fair earned a high enough ranking.

Fundraisers

- **Dining to Donate.** The BART Student Ambassadors would like everyone to dine at Applebee's Restaurant ([555 Hubbard Ave. Pittsfield](#)) on Thursday, May 3, at their Dining to Donate fundraiser. From 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., 15% of a participating patron's check will be donated to the students, who hope to raise enough money to fund an end-of-the-year luncheon celebration for the entire group. This year, the BART Ambassadors have given back to their community in a number of ways, including: orchestrating a canned food drive to benefit the Pittsfield Salvation Army and the Berkshire Food Bank, spending time with the seniors at the Adams Council on Aging, helping in MCLA's Day of service, and reading some of their favorite books to younger children at the Berkshire Museum's "PJ Night." They hope you will consider giving back too by planning to dine at Applebee's on Thursday, May 3. Stay tuned for more information.
- **BART CFAC Craft Fair Fundraiser.** On Saturday, May 5, CFAC will host a *Mother's Day Spring Craft Fair* at the school in order to raise money for our students. The first hurdle is signing up vendors! Craft and retail vendors are needed, along with baked food vendors and food trucks. Please help spread the word so that the fair can be a success and, ultimately, benefit your child's experience at BART. Share the [vendor application](#) and [event flyer](#) online on multiple Facebook pages, or by posting flyers at area businesses, libraries, post offices, and any place with a public informational bulletin board.

Announcing New Teacher Home Visit program

BART is pleased to announce that we have received a grant to pilot a Teacher Home Visit Program this spring. What is a "Teacher Home Visit"? In this program, teachers reach out to families to set a time when they can visit you and your children in the home or community. Teachers will visit in pairs, and many will be taking the opportunity to introduce a teacher whom your child will have the following year to assist in their transition to the next grade. Because BART draws students from many communities in our area, this program is a great way for to strengthen the connections between the school and families.

If you are interested in participating in this program or have any questions, please contact Erin Egan, Health and Wellness Coordinator, at 743-7311 (ext. 730) or by email at erin.egan@bartcharter.org.