May 1, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,

Happy May! We truly are headed down the homestretch of our school year. This is always a very busy month as we work to close out the year and get set up for our next year. We appreciate your continued support in helping our students have a successful last six weeks of the school year.



Our 1st and 2nd grade students both enjoyed on-site enrichment programs this week. Our 2nd graders learned about the changing states of matter through the Slime Science program. In 1st grade, students explored local river organisms through a program led by the Nashua River Watershed Association. Thank you to the Groton Commissioners of Trust for supporting these programs.





A Group of 5th grade students came back to Florence Roche this week to speak with our 4th graders during lunch. Middle school administrators, Ms. Salvatore and Mr. Day accompanied the students and responded to the many questions asked by our 4th graders. Ms. Salvatore and Mr. Day will be here on Monday, 5/4 to meet with 4th grade parents/guardians to discuss the transition to middle school.

Mrs. Potter's 4th grade students produced the April edition of the FloRo News. They did a great job. This month's edition includes a couple of interesting interviews and students from other grade levels. You don't want to miss it! April FloRo News

Grades 3 and 4 Math MCAS

We are getting ready for the Math sessions of MCAS testing for our grades 3 and 4 students. Students are assessed on the grade level learning standards determined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Teachers follow these standards when planning and assessing their instruction. At the

elementary level, our students have their first experience with MCAS testing. We do our best to reassure them that this is just another way to show what they are learning.

To prepare for the MCAS testing at home, you can support us by making sure your student gets a good night's rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time.

2026 MCAS
Grades 3 and 4

5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14	5/16
Grade 4 Math Session 1	Grade 3 Math Session 1	Grade 4 Math Session 2	Grade 3 Math Session 2	

Save the date - The District Arts Festival is scheduled for **5/18-5/21** in the Middle School South. Student artwork will be displayed throughout the week and student concert performances will take place as well. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



Important Dates

- **5/4** - Ms. Salvatore and Mr. Day to meet with grade 4 parents/guardians @9:15am in the Florence Roche Library
- **5/11-5/15** -Math MCAS for grades 3 and 4
- **5/20** - Memorial Day Assembly @9:20
- **5/21-5/22** - Kindergarten Screening for 2026-2027 - no school for K students
- **5/25** - Memorial Day - no school

Enjoy the weekend.

Brian