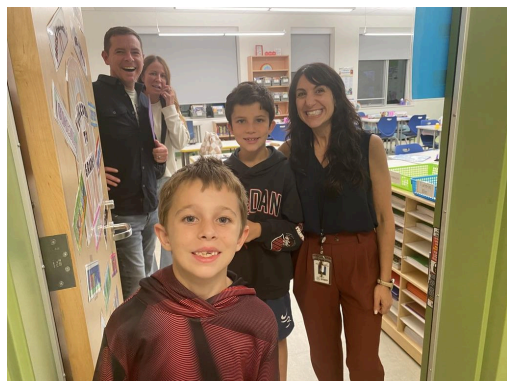


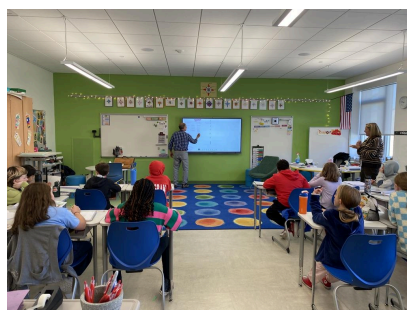
Dear Florence Roche Families,



It was great to see so many of our families attending the grade level open houses this week. Students were excited to share their classrooms and have their families meet their teachers. This is our 3rd year following this “family style” back to school event. Overall, it seemed like everyone was able to experience what the school day is like for their students. I will reflect on this event with our staff and get their feedback for our future planning. I welcome any parent/guardian feedback that you would like to share with me about the event as well. Please email me at bodonoghue@gdrsd.org if you have something you would like to share.



Students who completed the summer reading and math challenges were recognized during a special pancake breakfast this morning. Members of our literacy team along with representatives from the Groton Police Department joined in on the celebration. Officer Bane was everyone’s favorite.



Andrew Green from Potato Hill poetry was back this week to continue his work with our 4th grade poets. Students worked on their nature poems by focusing on powerful word choices with nouns, verbs and adjectives to describe their scene.



SEPAC Dessert & Discussion

Special Education Parent Advisory Council
(SEPAC)

No set agenda, just a time for connection

Join us for an informal night of dessert and discussion. Families of students with IEPs or 504 plans, as well as anyone interested in learning more about SEPAC, are welcome to attend. Feel free to bring a dessert to share, but it's certainly not required!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 7 PM

Peter Twomey Youth Center (PTYC), Classroom Area



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THE SECRET LIVES OF TEENS & TWEENS



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- Courage, confidence, and language to connect with teens in meaningful ways.
- A fresher, deeper understanding of teens' behaviors and brain development.
- Creative research-backed techniques for building trust and engagement.

Get ready for a fast-paced, eye-opening, and surprisingly fun deep dive into the world of today's teens and tweens. This presentation pulls the curtain back on what young people are really thinking - what excites them, what scares them, and why they don't always open up to the adults who care about them most. We'll explore the tough topics like anxiety, suicide, stress, "acting out", and the impact of technology with honesty, compassion, and humor.

DATE & TIME:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

6:00-8:00PM
344 MAIN STREET, GROTON
MARION STODDART BUILDING, PAC

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE
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**ADULTS ONLY PRESENTATION
- ALL ARE WELCOME!**

HAVE NO FEAR - YOU'LL BE HOME IN TIME FOR PATRIOT'S KICKOFF!

PTA Information:

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Florence Roche during the week of October 19th. Each class will visit the book fair during the week. Be on the lookout for volunteer options from the PTA.

Trunk-or-Treat is happening on Sunday, 10/25 from 3:00-5:00. Click on this [link](#) for more information and to sign up for the event. You don't want to miss this spooktakular event!

-Membership Drive: Runs through 10/31 - Grade with most sign ups wins a hot cocoa party become a PTA member today - <https://form.jotform.com/262027285272153>

The Groton Public Library Bookmark Contest is Back!

Here is the link for all of the information. [Bookmark Contest](#) Bookmark entries will be accepted at the GPL until October 31st. Winning bookmark selections will be printed and distributed in the public library throughout the year.

Important Dates:

- 10/12 - No School
- 10/19-10/23 Book Fair

Enjoy the long weekend!

Brian