

Dear Florence Roche Families,



We are all excited for next week's Scholastic Book Fair. The PTA team was getting it all set up in the library this afternoon. Here is the schedule, so you know when your student is visiting the book fair. [FloRo Fall Book Fair](#)

We will follow up next week's book fair with our annual "Dress as a Book Character Day" on Friday, October 30th. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up as a character from a favorite book.



Students were treated to a special meal on Thursday as Whitsons' chef in residence spent the day at Florence Roche. Chef Raymon elevated his tater tot nachos with fresh pico de gallo and boldly seasoned beef. He received many compliments from the satisfied diners. We hope to have Chef Raymon back again soon!



Whitsons is interested in hearing what families think about their food service in Groton-Dunstable. Please take a moment to provide your feedback on their survey. They want to be sure they are doing their best to meet the dining needs in our schools. [Whitsons' Survey](#)



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



JOIN US FOR A TALK WITH JON MATTLEMAN AND WALK AWAY WITH:

- 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
RESOURCE TABLES AS YOU ENTER!

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

FOR MORE INFO:
[HTTPS://WWW.JONMATTLEMAN.COM/
THE-SECRET-LIVES-OF-TEENS-AND-
TWEENS](https://www.jonmattleman.com/the-secret-lives-of-teens-and-tweens)

ADULTS ONLY PRESENTATION

- ALL ARE WELCOME!

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:

- 10/19-10/23 Book Fair
- 10/30 - Dress as a Book Character Day
- 11/1- Daylight savings time ends - turn your clocks back 1 hour
- 11/3 - Professional Development Day for staff - no school for students
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day - schools closed

Enjoy the weekend!

Brian