March 20, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,

I'm excited to see our 3rd and 4th graders perform in Annie Jr. this weekend. They have been rehearsing for several weeks and are ready to share their talents with an audience. We had a sneak peak of a couple of the songs during a short school show yesterday. You can see the show on Friday evening or during one of the Saturday shows. You don't want to miss it!

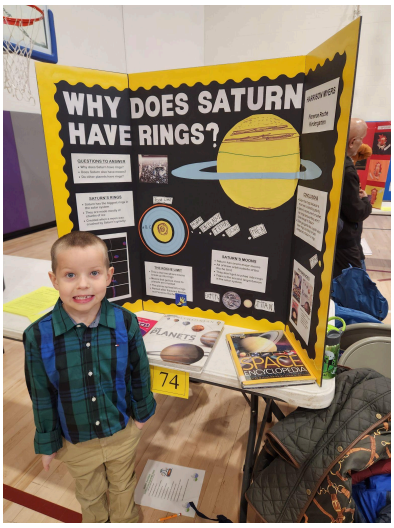




We had our seventh all-school meeting focused on kindness this week. We learned about how we can build empathy by listening deeply to and reflecting on people's stories. We thought about how we can ask thoughtful and caring questions to learn more about each other and deepen our relationships. See if your child can remember what their partner answered to the question, "What is your favorite thing about Flo Ro and why?" We also watched an **interview** with the star of Annie, Jr! Consider having your child practice their interviewing and listening skills at home by asking you what school was like for you as a kid, what your favorite thing to do outside of school was, etc.! We challenged each student to pick one person whom they don't know very well to ask two caring questions this month.



Second grade students explored different states of matter through the Boo Bubbles enrichment program this week. Students were highly engaged as they attempted to grow the largest bubble from a liquid state before it reverted back into a gas. Thanks to the Commissioners of Trust for funding this program.



The elementary science fair was a big success last weekend. Nearly 100 students from both Swallow Union and Florence Roche presented their projects to the judges and the guests in attendance. This was a huge volunteer effort, so thank you to all those who helped make this event so successful. We also want to acknowledge the generous sponsors for their support.

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Snapology

Here is a listing of all of the student award winners. Science Fair Student Awards

The Groton Public Library is diving into March Madness!

Will *Dog Man's* Reign Continue?

March Book Madness is happening at the children's room at Groton Public Library. Make your predictions and return a bracket to the public library no later than Sunday, March 22 and be eligible to win the champion prize. Voting starts on Tuesday, March 24. Track to find out if Dog Man will be the reigning champion or if there will be an upset and another book will take his spot!

Brackets are available to be picked up at Groton Public Library and

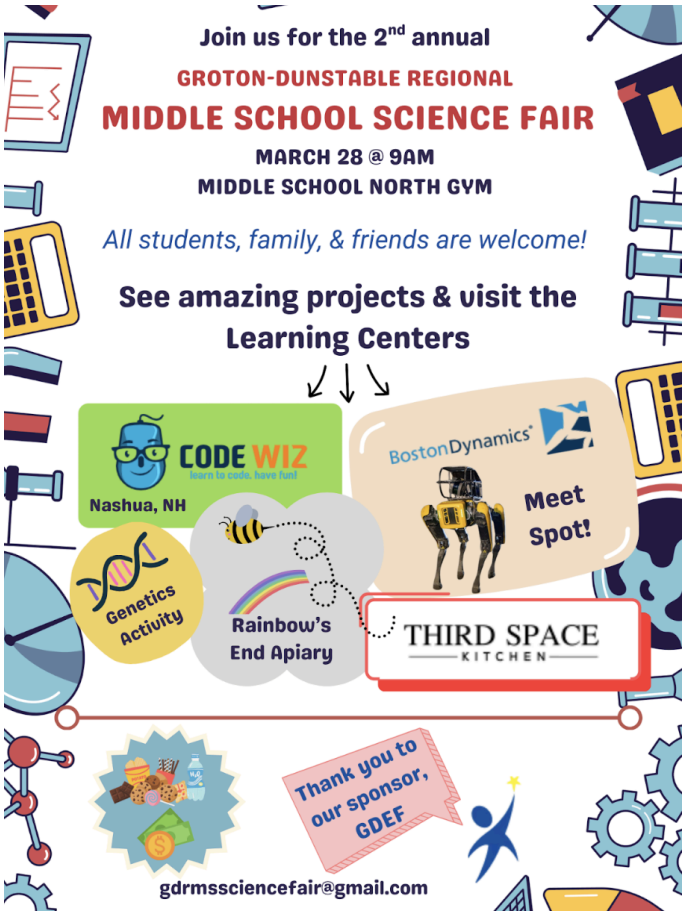
Florence Roche Library.

Groton-Dunstable Regional Middle School Science Fair

You are invited to attend the 2026 Middle School Science Fair! The fair will take place on **Saturday, March 28, 2026** in the Middle School North Gym. Join us to view AMAZING projects, cheer on classmates and friends, and engage in STEM activities at our Learning Centers, featuring Boston Dynamics' robot dog, Spot! Snacks will be available for sale. Doors open at 9am with judging set to begin at 9:30am. Prizes will be awarded for each grade level at approximately 10:45am. See flyer for more details.

We hope to see you there!

Science Fair Coordinators, Kathleen Bellorado and Colleen Neff



2026 MCAS
Grades 3 and 4

4/6 Grade 4 ELA Session 1	4/7 Grade 3 ELA Session 1	4/8 Grade 4 ELA Session 2	4/9 Grade 3 ELA Session 2	4/10
5/11 Grade 4 Math Session 1	5/12 Grade 3 Math Session 1	5/13 Grade 4 Math Session 2	5/14 Grade 3 Math Session 2	5/16

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This opportunity will be open to all community members and families.

Join us on campus Thursday, April 16, in the RMPAC from 7:00-8:00 PM.

For more information, contact Associate Head of School, Raquel Majeski-Roberge, rmajeski@lacademy.edu.

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Important Dates

- **3/20** - Term II ends
- **3/27** - parent/teacher conferences ½ day for students
- **4/1** - report cards available in the parent portal in SchoolBrains
- **4/6-4/9** - ELA MCAS testing for grades 3 and 4

Have a nice weekend.

Brian