Dear Florence Roche Families,



We had a fun ending to our week with Dress as a Favorite Book Character Day. This annual tradition is highly anticipated by students as well as our staff. We have great participation across the school and it's a really nice way to show off our school spirit. Great job everyone!

Thank you to our 4th grade parents for providing all of the delicious treats this morning. We appreciate your generosity and kindness!





Grade 2 and Kindergarten both had enrichment programs this week. Second graders learned about the different states of matter through the Boo Bubbles experience. Kindergarteners explored forces and motion through an Acton Discovery Museum program. They designed and built something that moved and needed to determine the force that caused their design to move. Both of these enrichment experiences were generously funded by the Groton Commissioners of Trust..





On Wednesday, a group of high school students visited our classrooms for the Day of Connection. During their classroom visits they read aloud books in support of identity, acceptance and belonging. It's always rewarding to see our former students now as high schoolers sharing such positive messages with our students.

Next week will be our first 4th grade Student Spotlight of the year. Mrs. Taylor leads this special activity with our 4th graders. Each week she selects one student from each of the 6 classrooms to feature on our lobby screen. The student announcements take place at the end of their lunch on Thursday. I always enjoy seeing their reactions when they get announced. The student then has their picture taken and completes a short questionnaire to share information about themself. Their images and information scrolls through on the screen, so we all can learn more about them during the following week. Make sure to check it out if you are in the building.

This week classrooms practiced an evacuation drill. This is a response we use if we needed to evacuate the building and grounds. This is the same procedure we follow when evacuating the building for a fire drill with the additional step of moving to the access road to leave the grounds. During the drill, we do not leave the grounds. An evacuation would be necessary for conditions such as a loss of heat, chemical spill, etc.





Important Dates:

- 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
- 11/23 & 11/24 - Parent/Teacher conferences
- 11/25 - Early Release
- 11/26 & 11/27 - Thanksgiving break

Enjoy the weekend!

Brian