February 13, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,



It was a fun week leading up to our February break. The 4th grade Student Council planned a variety of spirit days that students and staff enjoyed each day. I hope everyone is excited for the break and finds some time over the next week to relax and have some fun with family and friends.



Our 2nd grade students performed for their families during last night's grade level concert. Their Valentine's Day themed program was memorable. Thank you to Mr. Wiesner and Ms. Hettinger for preparing the students for this performance.



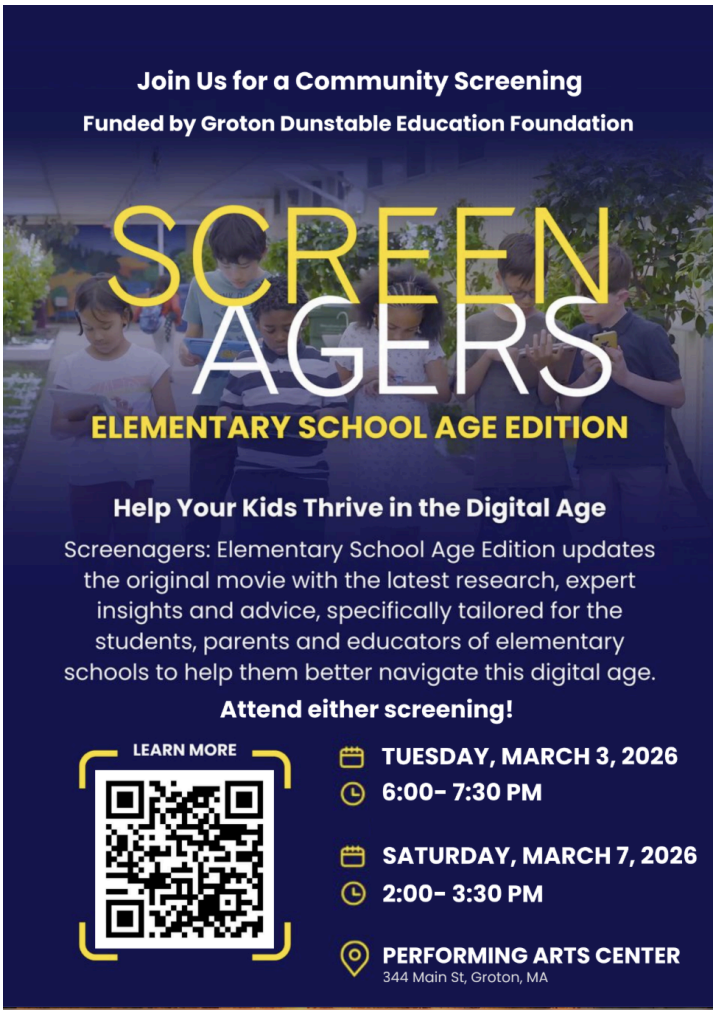
Grade 1 students learned about animal habitats in our area and how animals prepare for and adapt to the winter months. This in house program is presented by the Nasua River Watershed Association and is generously funded by the Groton Commissioners of Trust.



The Lawrence Academy Girls Varsity Basketball team is hosting their 4th annual Basketball Clinic. This free community event takes place at the Stone Athletic Center on campus at LA on Saturday morning February 21, 2026 and is open to anyone in Grades K-8. The QR code on the flyer can be used to pre-register or an adult can register their child at the gym that morning. All levels of basketball experience are welcome. Bring a water bottle, dress for participation and get ready to have a blast working on your skills with the team and coaches Emily Pratt and Donna Mastrangelo!

Join parents from the Groton-Dunstable community to view the movie Screenagers: Elementary Edition on March 3 or March 7!

See the flyer below for all the details!



Florence Roche PTA & Swallow Union PTO invite you to participate in the 2026 Groton-Dunstable Elementary Science Fair!

The fair will be held at Florence Roche on Saturday, March 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Students in grades K-4 are eligible.

Be a scientist for a day! Watch our 2025 Science Fair Video to see what it's all about. Students complete a scientific project at home, design a display, and share their discoveries with judges and peers. The day is fun, rewarding, and full of excitement!

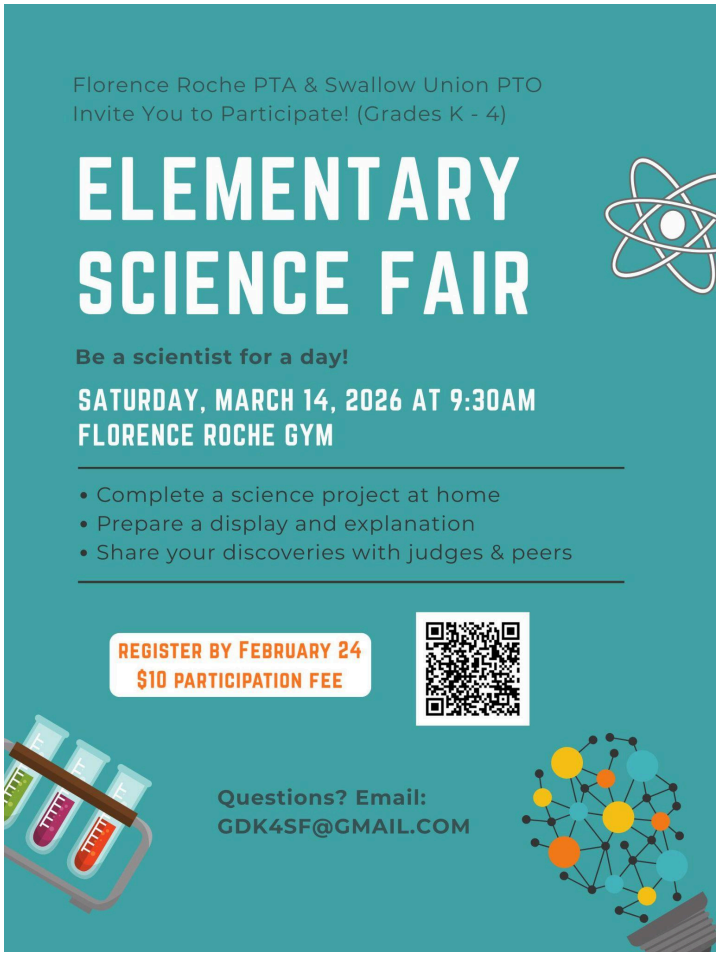
Families can explore hands-on Learning Centers hosted by community organizations. New this year, enjoy a Wacky Science Show while judges finalize awards! Snacks and pizza will be available for purchase.

Registration is open now through February 24. Space is limited to 100 students, so register early. Science Fair Registration

There is a non-refundable $10 registration fee to help cover the cost of the fair. If your family needs assistance with this fee, please reach out to your school principal. If you have any questions, please email gdk4sf@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

Bethany Vrouhas and Heather Gerteisen, Co-chairs



For the 10th year, the GDRHS Chapter of Best Buddies is presenting its talents on March 5th. The Show will take place on Thursday, March 5th, at 6:00 in the GDRHS Black Box. We're super excited for these wonderful talents! Concessions and Merch will be sold as well. The performers hope to see you there!



Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year

We are hosting our annual Kindergarten Information Night for parents/guardians of incoming kindergarten students on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Florence Roche Cafeteria. Registration for next year's kindergarten class opens on Friday, March 6th. Please share this information with any new families you may know of who are not yet attending Florence Roche.

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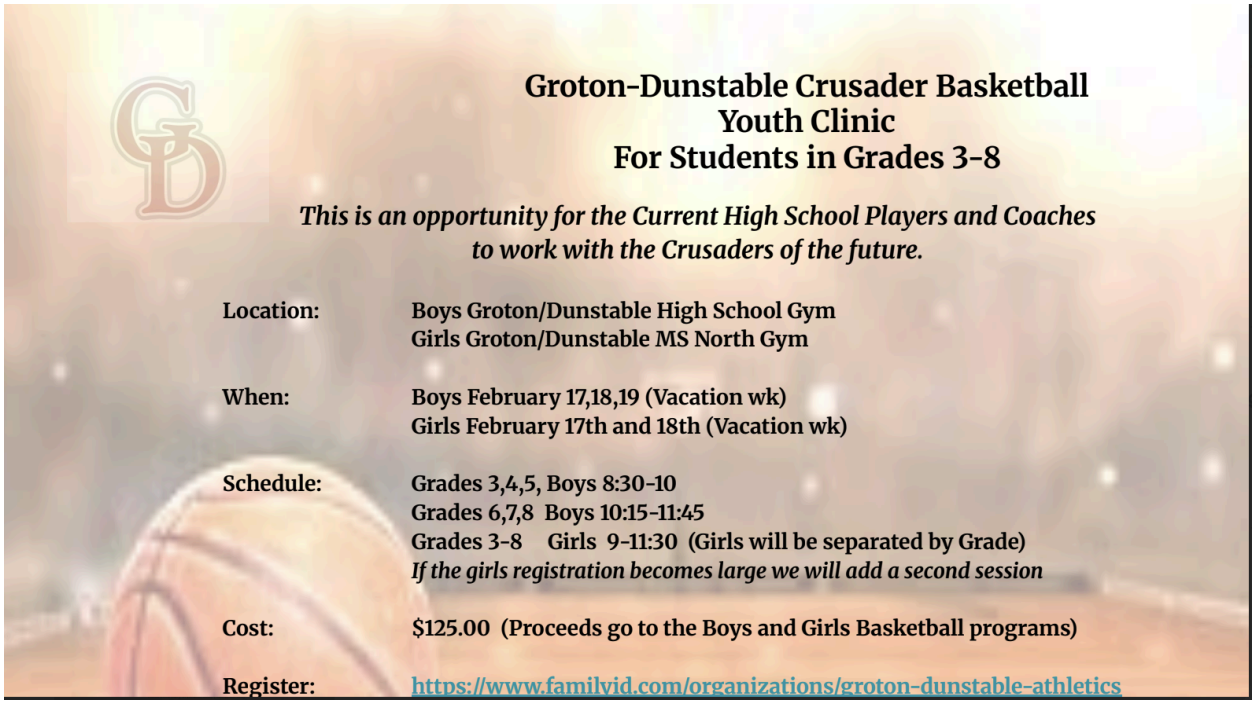
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This opportunity will be open to all community members and families.

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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Groton Dunstable Youth Softball Registration and Open House

Registration for the 2026 Spring Softball season is now open for grades PreK-11! Registration can be found on our website at http://www.gdysl.com

If you are new to softball or would like to learn more about the game, GDYSL is also hosting an Open House at the Peter Twomey Youth Center on Saturday February 7 at 330pm. Please email don@gdysl.com for any questions.



GD Youth Baseball Spring Registration Now Open!

⚾The 2026 GD Youth Baseball spring season is right around the corner!

Registration is now open for all divisions from T-Ball through Babe Ruth. The season runs from April through mid-June.

~ T-Ball (3.8-5 yrs) - One practice and one game a week on Saturday, typically at Cow Pond

~Rookies (6-8 yrs) - One practice and one game a week on Saturday, typically at Cow Pond

~Minors (9-10 yrs) - 1-2 practice(s) and two games a week, weekdays. Some travel involved.

~Majors (11-12 yrs) - 1-2 practice(s) and two games a week, weekdays. Some travel involved.

~Babe Ruth (13-18 yrs) - Games Monday-Sunday (scheduled to not conflict with school games) Some travel involved.

Registration extended to 3/2

Register now: https://gdyouthbaseball.sportngin.com/register/form/968848326

Family discounts available for 3+ players.

Important Dates

- **2/16-2/20 No School - February vacation**
- **3/5 Kindergarten Information Night @6:30pm**
- **3/8 Daylight Savings - Turn the clocks ahead 1 hour**
- **3/9-3/13 - Book Fair**

Have a nice vacation week!

Brian