April 17, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,

I hope everyone enjoys this well deserved vacation break. We all need some time away to recharge and get ready for the homestretch of our school year.

Thank you to our PTA for sending everyone off with some fresh supplies to set us up for a successful and healthy finish to the year!





Grade 4 students went out this week to visit the Concord Museum. Students learned about the northeast Native culture through the exploration of various artifacts. This hands-on learning experience was generously funded through the Groton Commissioners of Trust.

Thank you to our PTA for providing an engaging learning experience for our kindergarten students this week. The Tanglewood Marionettes were here to perform their version of the fairy tale classic Cinderella. Students and adults were amazed by the quality of this program.



Ms. Stoddard and Mrs. Kostich (art educator at GD High School and also one of our kindergarten parents) collaborated on a student art exchange. A group of Florence Roche students and a group of high school students exchanged requests for personalized pieces of artwork. After taking time to create their pieces, these students came together in Ms. Stoddard's art room for the exchange.



We had our eighth all-school meeting focused on kindness today! We learned about positive self-talk and read *Who I Am: Words I Tell Myself*. Families can help students internalize this skill by narrating out loud when you are using positive self-talk to encourage themselves. For instance, if you are trying to make a new recipe and it didn't turn out right, you might say, "I tried my best, and it didn't work out this time. I bet next time, I'll get it! I can do hard things!" Notice the things you say out loud about yourself and whether they tend to be negative or positive. How can you be compassionate to yourself, like a good friend would be? How might you encourage your child to do the same?

An Invitation from the Groton Commemorations and Celebrations Committee

In honor of the country's 250th birthday, the town is hosting a special ceremony at **The Old Burying Ground at noon on Saturday, April 25th** to commemorate the lives of the minutemen who died at The Battle at Bunker Hill in 1775. Of special significance, the town is symbolically transferring the remains of 11 of Groton's minutemen, who were unceremoniously buried in a mass grave in Boston, back to Groton. They will be laid to rest with honor among the other 105 Minutemen and Women who gave their lives for this country at The Battle at Bunker Hill. The town invites all to attend this historic and meaningful event.

Save the date - The District Arts Festival is scheduled for **5/18-5/21** in the Middle School South. Student artwork will be displayed throughout the week and student concert performances will take place as well. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



Important Dates

- **4/20-4/24** - April Vacation
- **5/11-5/15** -Math MCAS for grades 3 and 4
- **5/20** - Memorial Day Assembly @9:20
- **5/21-5/22** - Kindergarten Screening for 2026-2027 - no school for K students
- **5/25** - Memorial Day - no school

Enjoy the vacation week!.

Brian