April 3, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,



Happy April! I know the warmer springlike weather is coming despite these past few damp and raw days. Signs of spring are showing in a couple of our garden beds. It won't be long before the flowers begin to bloom.

This week we recognized and celebrated our team of paraprofessionals as part of Paraprofessional Appreciation Week. You may not realize the valuable role each of these caring and competent staff members play in the daily operations of our school. Honestly, we could not do what we do without them. Paraprofessionals are instrumental in all functions of our school. These are the individuals we go to when we need support. They are extremely flexible and understanding of the last minute changes that happen in their daily schedules. They are resilient and always willing to take on some of our most challenging assignments. I hope you will all join me in saying "Thank you" to our paraprofessionals.



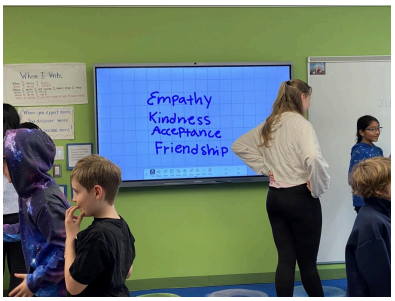
Mrs. Taylor and I enjoyed the company of Mr. Fahy and many of our 3rd and 4th grade students during last Friday night's FloRo Glow party. The PTA organized and hosted this fun event for students and their adult guests. It was a lot of fun for all of us.





Ms. Hunter's 4th grade students wrote and produced the March edition of the FloRo News. Here is the link for you to see what's been happening in our school community. March FloRo News

The Term II student report cards are now posted for your review in the parent portal of SchoolBrains.



Peer Leaders from the high school visited our 4th grade classrooms this week. They previously visited our 4th graders in the fall. This week they continued to reinforce the message of kindness and empathy and how our students can demonstrate these qualities.

Remember to share your input by 4/17

We will start our class placement process for the 2026-2027 school year in early May. In preparation of our process, parents/guardians are invited to share your input. If you would like to provide us with any additional information about your student, please include your input on the Parent Placement Form. Your input is due by Friday, April 17th.

With the changing seasons, we are seeing an accumulation of winter gear on our lost and found table. Please stop by and check it out if your student is missing something. Items remaining at the April vacation break will be cleaned up and donated.



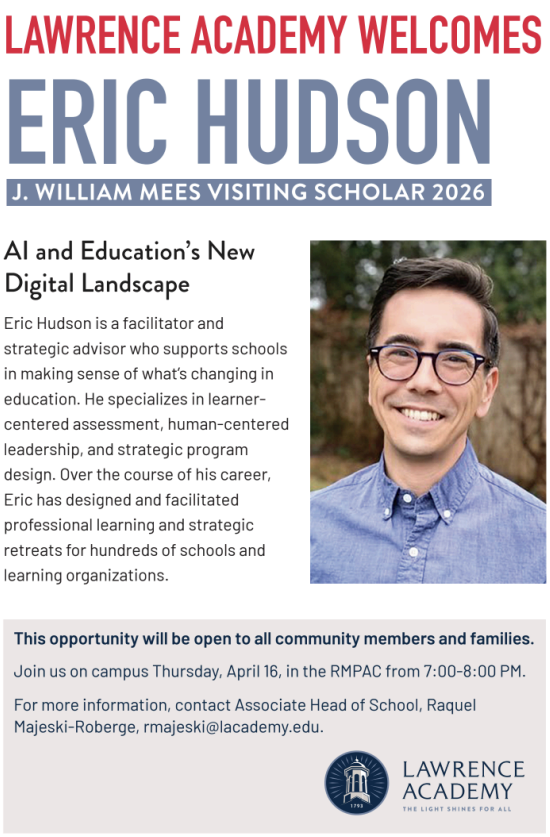
Next Week

We are getting ready for the ELA sessions of MCAS testing for our grades 3 and 4 students. Students are assessed on the grade level learning standards determined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Teachers follow these standards when planning and assessing their instruction. At the elementary level, our students have their first experience with MCAS testing. We do our best to reassure them that this is just another way to show what they are learning.

To prepare for the MCAS testing at home, you can support us by making sure your student gets a good night's rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time.

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



Important Dates

- **4/6-4/9** - ELA MCAS testing for grades 3 and 4
- **4/20-4/24** - April Vacation

Have a nice weekend.

Brian