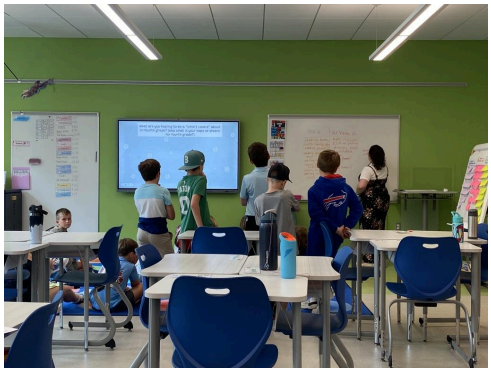
Dear Florence Roche Families,

We had a very positive start to our new school year this week. Students were excited to see each other and reconnect with the adults in our community. During these first weeks of school, we have a strong focus on practicing the many procedures and routines within our classrooms and around the school in support of a respectful and responsible community. This work pays off as we move through the year and students are able to demonstrate the expected behaviors of a responsible learner.





I want to give a special acknowledgement to our new kindergarten students. They started with us on Tuesday and quickly settled into the school routines. Beginning of the year kindergarten students always have such positive energy and enthusiasm. They are so excited to begin their school journey and I truly appreciate seeing them in their classrooms and around the school. There is nothing like the first few days of kindergarten lunch with so many 5 year olds. Thankfully, we have an amazing team of adults in our kitchen and cafe to support their various needs.

School picture day is coming on Monday, September 28th. Every student will have their picture taken whether you choose to purchase pictures or not. Order forms with the details from our photographer will be coming home with your student. Be on the lookout and check their backpack for the form.

The Florence Roche School Council has an opening for a parent/guardian representative. The school council is made up of school staff members and parents. The council supports the development of the yearly school improvement plan that includes our school goals. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please email me at bodonoghue@gdrsd.org for more information.

We are always interested in partnering with our families. Throughout the year there are volunteer opportunities within our classrooms and around the school. We always have room for any parent or guardian interested in volunteering to support recess or with our lunch process in the cafeteria. Please email me at bodonoghue@gdrsd.org if you are interested in learning more about any of our recess or lunch volunteer opportunities.

Groton-Dunstable Education Foundation

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- **School Wide Grants**
  - Screening of Screenagers: Elementary Edition
  - Parents Partnering for School-wide Social Success
  - Making Math Meaningful: Developing Mathematical Reasoning
- **Classroom Grants**
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- **Sponsorships**
  - Elementary Science Fair Sponsorship

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Important Dates:

- 9/4 & 9/7 - no school for the Labor Day holiday
- 9/18 - early release District
- 9/25 - early release PreK-4 only
- 9/25 - PTA Welcome Back event
- 9/28 - School Picture Day

Enjoy the long weekend!

Brian