

Dear Florence Roche Families,



Thank you to our PTA and the many volunteers who supported our successful book fair this week. This is always a highly anticipated event for our students as well as our staff. We certainly appreciate the generosity of our families for supporting the teacher wish lists and growing our classroom libraries.

The celebration of books and our favorite characters continues next Friday with our Dress as a Book Character Day. I look forward to seeing these book characters come to life in the halls and classrooms of Florence Roche!

DRESS LIKE A BOOK CHARACTER

The book fair is coming to Florence Roche and we are excited to celebrate reading and our love for books!

Do you have a favorite book or a character that you love? Maybe it's a character that loves the same sport as you. Or a book that reminds you of where your family is from. Or perhaps it's a book about an animal you like. Or a character that enjoys the same activities that you do!

On Friday, October 30th
you are invited to dress as a book character!

No need to go shopping or to buy a costume - you can make one!
Here are some ideas to get you thinking!

Love Pete the Cat?

Make cat ears out of a headband and a tail made out of paper!

A fan of The Little Old Lady that Wasn't Afraid of Anything?

Use your own clothing, wear a big hat, add a little straw and leaves coming from your sleeves and you are a scarecrow!

Maybe Charlotte's Web

is your all time favorite - wear some pink and use some facepaint.

The possibilities are endless!

Please remember that all costumes should be school appropriate and should not include weapons of any sort.

Additionally, you need to be able to move freely and safely around the school so, no masks.

Teachers were engaged in a professional development activity on Wednesday afternoon with author Ralph Fletcher. Ralph has published several books ranging from memoirs, poetry, realistic fiction, non fiction and professional books for teachers about writing. He asked teachers to think about their own “Wri-dentity” as how they see themselves as writers. Ralph will be back with us on November 5th to share his writing process and experience with our students. Thank you to GDEF for funding our



“Creating a Community of Writers” grant to bring Ralph Fletcher to Florence Roche.



The enthusiasm for writing carried over into our classrooms as 4th graders started to explore their “Wri-dentity”. Second and fourth grade buddies collaborated on a haiku writing project inspired by the beautiful and peaceful outdoor environment.

Safety Reminder

Please remember to drive slowly and safely when traveling up our driveway especially if you are dropping your student off for the before school program. Staff members cross the driveway after parking in the morning and have noted some parents driving too fast. Please also remember that the parking spaces are for staff parking during the school day. Parents dropping off and picking up students during the school day can use the 15 minute parking spots at the top of the driveway. Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe.



SEPAC Dessert & Discussion

Special Education Parent Advisory Council
(SEPAC)

No set agenda, just a time for connection

Join us for an informal night of dessert and discussion. Families of students with IEPs or 504 plans, as well as anyone interested in learning more about SEPAC, are welcome to attend. Feel free to bring a dessert to share, but it's certainly not required!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 7 PM

Peter Twomey Youth Center (PTYC), Classroom Area

PTA Information:

Book Fair Wrap Up

If there was a title or item from the book fair you missed during your trip - you may be able to get this at our online shop which is open until 11/1 for FloRo! The link is: <https://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/parent-store-2.html?fairId=6222634>
Thank you to everyone who made this week a success!!

Last Call!

-Membership Drive: Runs through 10/31 - Grade with most sign ups wins a hot cocoa party become a PTA member today - <https://form.jotform.com/262027285272153>



LEARN TO SKATE

LEARN TO PLAY

IS YOUR CHILD READY TO FLY ON THE ICE?

JOIN OUR BEGINNER-FRIENDLY "LEARN TO SKATE" PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR FIRST TIME PLAYERS WHO WANT TO LEARN BALANCE, EDGE CONTROL, AND THE BASICS OF ICE SKATING AND HOCKEY!

IS YOUR PLAYER EAGER TO SHOOT & SCORE?

SIGN UP FOR OUR INTRODUCTORY "LEARN TO PLAY" PROGRAM AIMED TO TEACH THE FUNDAMENTALS OF HOCKEY IN A FUN, SAFE, AND HIGH-ENERGY ENVIRONMENT!

PROGRAM SESSIONS:

LEARN TO SKATE :
10 WEEK SESSION (LATE NOVEMBER - MID FEBRUARY)

LEARN TO PLAY :
18 WEEK SESSION (LATE OCTOBER - EARLY MARCH)





**Saturday and/or Sunday
morning ice sessions**



Groton School Rink
282 Farmers Row, Groton MA

REGISTER NOW:




**VISIT CRUSADERSYOUTHHOCKEY.ORG TO
REGISTER & FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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PLAY**

Important Dates:

- 10/30 - Dress as a Book Character Day
- 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

Enjoy the weekend!

Brian