April 10, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,

We had a busy week with the MCAS administration for our grades 3 and 4 students. Everyone worked hard. With the exception of a few make up tests next week, the ELA sessions are complete. Students will complete the math assessments later in May.

A Note from our Health Office…

As a reminder, any student who needs to receive **prescription or over-the-counter medication at school** must have the proper documentation on file in the Health Office. This includes a **signed Parental Consent for the Administration of Medication form** and a **Medication Order Form completed by the prescribing provider**. These forms must be renewed each school year and are required for medications given throughout the school year, for long-term use (ten doses or more), or whenever the School Nurse determines they are necessary. Forms can be found here HERE

Please note that **a parent or guardian must bring the medication to school and give it directly to the School Nurse** in the original, pharmacy-labeled container. Any leftover medication must also be picked up by a parent or guardian.

In general, students are **not permitted to carry medication** to or from school or keep medication in their backpacks, cubbies, or on their person. Exceptions may include prescribed **inhalers, EpiPens, or other emergency medications** per the nurse's discretion.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Health Office.

Update on the Breakfast Program

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) sets the regulations for our free breakfast program. The latest guidance from DESE only allows us to serve juice 2x each week. This is a change from our current offering of juice 5x each week. Students can have milk every day.

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.

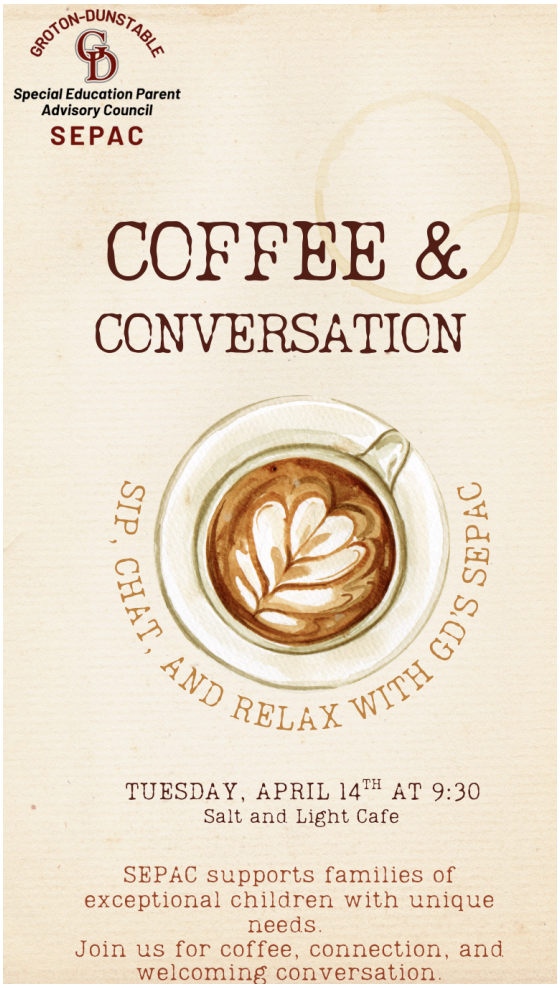
Remember to share your input by 4/17

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.



Groton - Dunstable SEPAC invites you to join a Coffee and Conversation event



Important Dates

- **4/20-4/24** - April Vacation

Have a nice weekend.

Brian