January 23, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,

Winter made a comeback this week! The frigid temperatures kept us in for recess at the beginning of the week, but students were able to enjoy the snow at the end of the week. Remember the snow gear for next week as the forecasted heavy snow this weekend will add to our snow covered playground.



We had our fifth all-school meeting focused on kindness today! We read the book, The Circles All Around Us, and learned about how to expand our circles of care. A Circle of Care is the group of people you think about, care about, and want to offer kindness to. We challenged everyone to think about one person they'd like to add to their circle of care this month to help our community feel more connected and cared for. We are also proud to show off our Gratitude Tree. Last month, students learned about what gratitude is, and then we "grew" a Gratitude Tree in our lobby.

Grades 3 and 4 students got into the spirit of the winter Olympics during their work in the iLab this week. They designed, built and tested bobsleds in anticipation of the February games in Milan. Students enthusiastically cheered on their bobsleds during the runs down the test track.



Grade 4 students visited the Boott Cotton Mills Museum in Lowell this week. This National Park is a great local resource for our students to learn about the industrial revolution and how manufacturing advanced with the developing technology. Thank you to the Groton Commissioners of Trust for supporting this experience for our students.



The Acton Discovery Museum presented a program about the forces of magnetism to our 3rd graders. Students were very engaged throughout this hands-on experience. They were challenged with creating a toy that could move by the force of magnets. Thank you to our PTA for funding this program.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year

We are hosting our annual Kindergarten Information Night for parents/guardians of incoming kindergarten students on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Florence Roche Cafeteria. Registration for next year's kindergarten class opens on Friday, March 6th. Please share this information with any new families you may know of who are not yet attending Florence Roche.

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

A Message from our Student Council

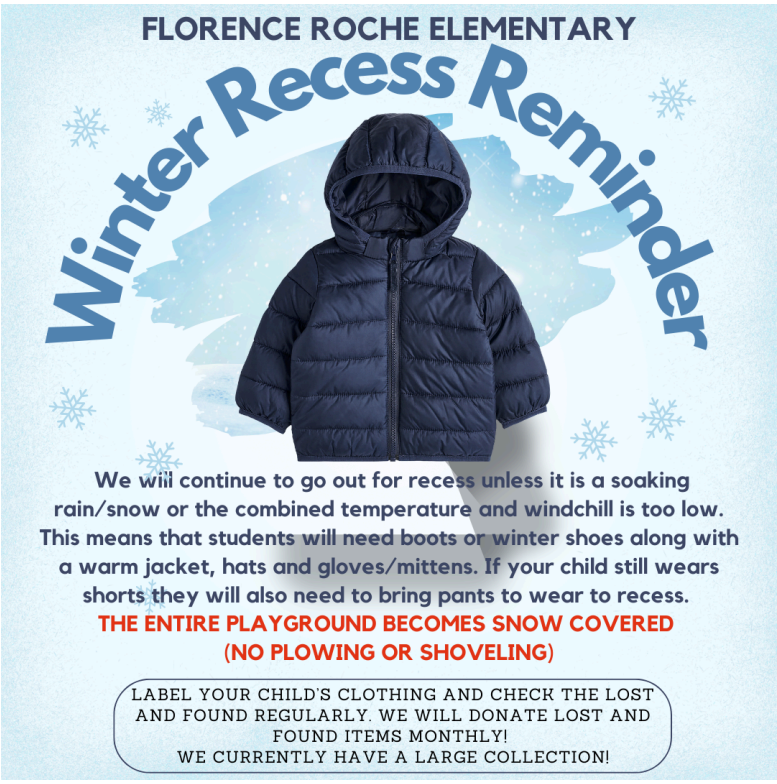
Hi FloRo!

We want to let everyone know that the Student Council will continue our partnership with Loaves and Fishes to collect food for our community. The food we collect helps provide meals to families in our area who may not always have enough food. Every donation makes a difference and helps ensure that members of our community have healthy meals.

Each month, we will visit project areas to collect food donations. Please continue to bring in food donations. Our next collection will take place on **Friday, January 30th**.

Thank you for supporting our community and helping us make a positive impact!

~ The 4th Grade Student Council





GD Youth Baseball Spring Registration Now Open!

⚾The 2026 GD Youth Baseball spring season is right around the corner!

Registration is now open for all divisions from T-Ball through Babe Ruth. The season runs from April through mid-June.

~ T-Ball (3.8-5 yrs) - One practice and one game a week on Saturday, typically at Cow Pond

~Rookies (6-8 yrs) - One practice and one game a week on Saturday, typically at Cow Pond

~Minors (9-10 yrs) - 1-2 practice(s) and two games a week, weekdays. Some travel involved.

~Majors (11-12 yrs) - 1-2 practice(s) and two games a week, weekdays. Some travel involved.

~Babe Ruth (13-18 yrs) - Games Monday-Sunday (scheduled to not conflict with school games) Some travel involved.

Don't wait—registration closes February 27th!

Register now: https://gdyouthbaseball.sportngin.com/register/form/968848326

Family discounts available for 3+ players.

Important Dates

- **1/30 Student Council food drive collection**
- **1/29 4th grade concert in the PAC - 7:00pm**
- **2/3 Florence Roche School Council Meeting - 8:15am**
- **2/12 2nd grade concert in the PAC - 7:00pm**
- **2/16-2/20 No School - February vacation**

Enjoy the snow this weekend. Go Pats!.

Brian