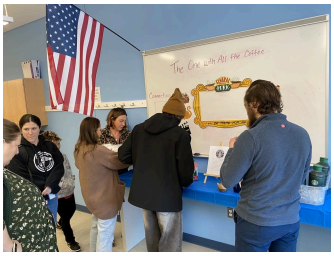
February 27, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,

Didn't you think the snow would be mostly gone when we returned from vacation? I guess I was hopeful and longing for spring. Monday's blizzard changed all of that. However, today's warm sunshine felt good and we are only one more day away from March.



Thank you to our 2nd grade families for providing the special coffee and treats this morning. It was a nice way to end the week. We appreciate your kindness.



We had our sixth all-school meeting focused on kindness today! The topic for today was listening deeply to others. We explained that listening deeply means showing interest when someone is speaking, trying to understand the other person's thoughts and feelings, and making others feel heard. This helps us all feel more connected and have more empathy for one another. We practiced listening deeply and read a book called *Quiet Please, Owen McPhee!* We ended by playing a quick game of Simon Says -- a fun way to practice those listening skills that you could do at home too!



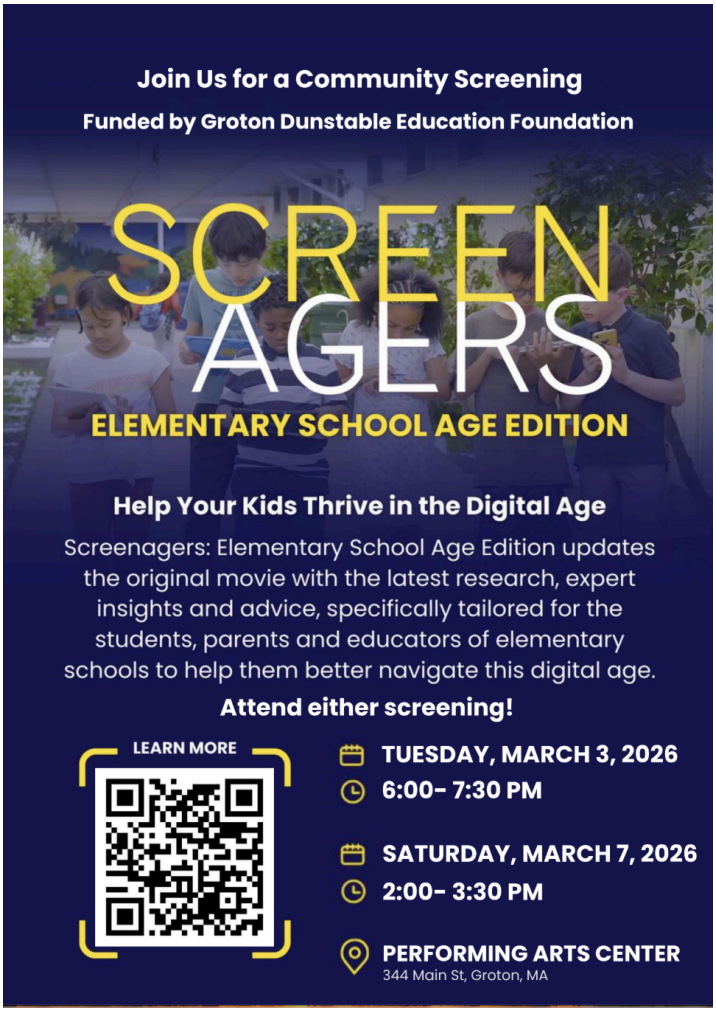
The Acton Discovery Museum visited us this week for a 4th grade in house field trip. During this program, students learned how sound and sound waves travel through different materials. It was a very hands-on and engaging experience for our students. Thank you to our PTA for supporting this enrichment program.



Kindergarten students were treated to the Word Play puppet show this morning. The performers engaged the students in a playful way having fun with words and letters. Thank you to the Groton Commissioners of Trust for supporting this experience.

Mr. Fahy's 4th grade class produced our February edition of the FloRo News. Here is the link for you to view it and get caught up on our school news. Enjoy!
February FloRo News

Join parents from the Groton-Dunstable community to view the movie Screenagers: Elementary Edition on March 3 or March 7!



Florence Roche PTA & Swallow Union PTO invite you to participate in the 2026 Groton-Dunstable Elementary Science Fair!

The fair will be held at Florence Roche on Saturday, March 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Students in grades K-4 are eligible.

Be a scientist for a day! Watch our 2025 Science Fair Video to see what it's all about. Students complete a scientific project at home, design a display, and share their discoveries with judges and peers. The day is fun, rewarding, and full of excitement! Families can explore hands-on Learning Centers hosted by community organizations. New this year, enjoy a Wacky Science Show while judges finalize awards! Snacks and pizza will be available for purchase.

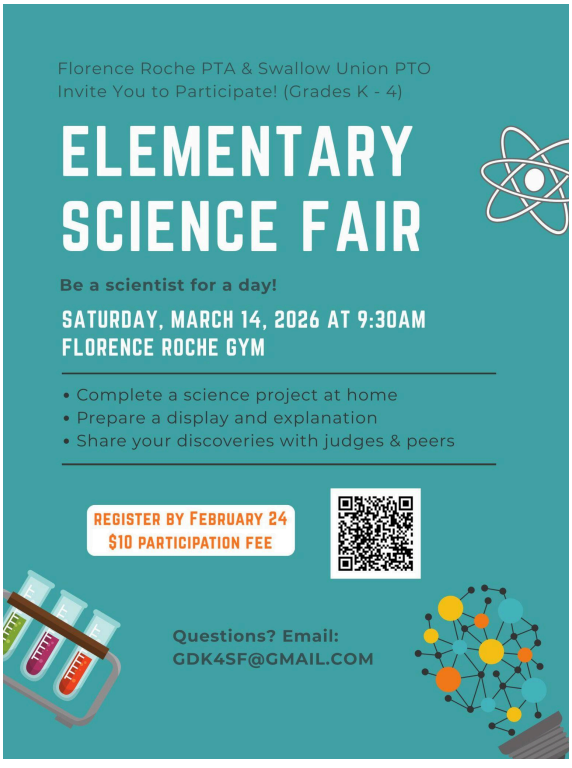
Registration is open now through February 24. Space is limited to 100 students, so register early. Science Fair Registration

There is a non-refundable $10 registration fee to help cover the cost of the fair. If your family needs assistance with this fee, please reach out to your school principal. If you have any questions, please email gdk4sf@gmail.com

There are still a few spots remaining so registration has been extended through 3/1

We hope to see you there!

Bethany Vrouhas and Heather Gerteisen, Co-chairs





Enter to win 4 tickets to the Florence Roche production of Annie JR (2 adult and 2 children) AND $100 credit towards any youth program at the Peter Twomey Youth Center!

Raffle tickets will be on sale until 3/14 and one winner will be selected on 3/15. Enter here! https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annie-jr-tickets-and-dollar100-ptyc-credit

Tickets can be used for one Annie JR production of your choice (6:30pm 3/20, 12:00pm 3/21, or 4pm 3/21). Browse available GD community education programs at https://gdrsd.myrec.com/info/default.aspx.

Proceeds will go to The Groton-Dunstable Education Foundation, a volunteer non-profit organization committed to enhancing the success of our public schools by providing private funding for innovative, inspiring programs and opportunities.

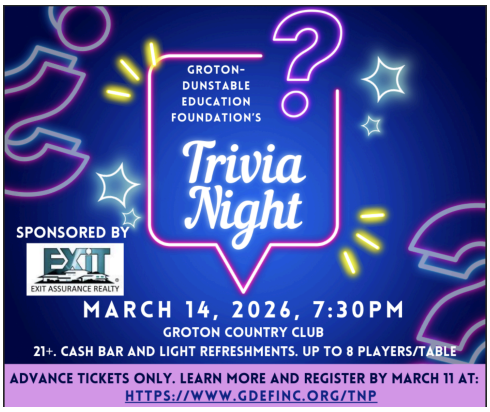
Don't miss out! Register now **for this year's GDEF Trivia Night!**

Doors open at 7:00 PM, trivia starts at 7:30 PM.Last year's event sold out, so don't wait to snag your tickets!

All proceeds support the Groton-Dunstable Education Foundation, funding innovative grants and programs across all five schools.

Good cause. Great company. Bragging rights included.

Can't make it? Make a donation to GDEF instead!



For the 10th year, the GDRHS Chapter of Best Buddies is presenting its talents on March 5th. The Show will take place on Thursday, March 5th, at 6:00 in the GDRHS Black Box. We're super excited for these wonderful talents! Concessions and Merch will be sold as well. The performers hope to see you there!



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

LAWRENCE ACADEMY WELCOMES

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AI and Education's New Digital Landscape



Eric Hudson is a facilitator and strategic advisor who supports schools in making sense of what's changing in education. He specializes in learner-centered assessment, human-centered leadership, and strategic program design. Over the course of his career, Eric has designed and facilitated professional learning and strategic retreats for hundreds of schools and learning organizations.

This opportunity will be open to all community members and families.

Join us on campus Thursday, April 16, in the RMPAC from 7:00-8:00 PM.

For more information, contact Associate Head of School, Raquel Majeski-Roberge, rmajeski@lacademy.edu.

LAWRENCE ACADEMY
THE LIGHT SHINES FOR ALL



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.

Registration extended to 3/2

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

Family discounts available for 3+ players.

Crusaders Youth Hockey

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR NEXT SEASON

Registration and Team Commitment Process:

Registration is now open for players seeking to compete at the Mite, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels for the 2026-27 season. The $125 registration fee will be applied towards the player's tuition. The payment can be made online.

Evaluation Process: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR EVALS

Please view the schedule above and check your registration confirmation regarding the evaluation dates applicable for your player. For each level, our on-ice evaluations will consist of a mix of skills and scrimmages.

*Players must attend both evaluation dates if their age level has multiple evaluation dates.

Tuition Explanation:

Crusaders Youth Hockey continues to be one of the most affordable and high-quality programs in the area.

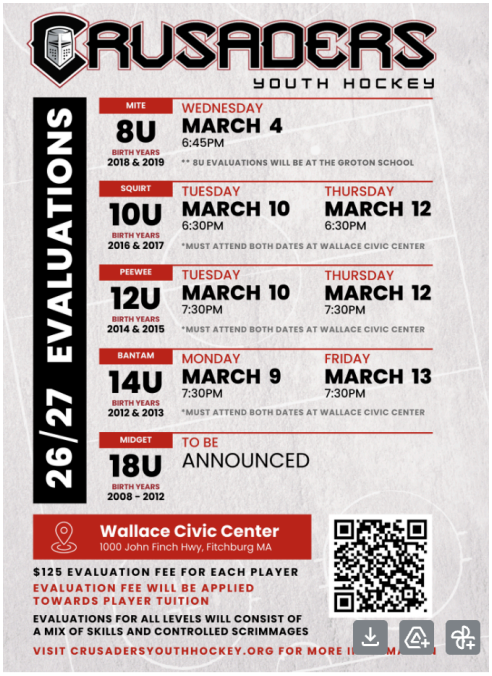
Tuition cost for the 26/27 Season:

Mite : **$1,350**

Squirt, Peewee & Bantam : **$2,150**

Midget (Half Season): **$850**

https://www.crusadersyouthhockey.org/register



Important Dates

- **3/5 Kindergarten Information Night @6:30pm**
- **3/8 Daylight Savings - Turn the clocks ahead 1 hour**
- **3/9-3/13 - Book Fair**

Have a nice weekend.

Brian