March 27, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,



Congratulations to our 3rd and 4th grade students who were part of last weekend's Annie Jr. musical. I am always impressed with our talented students and look forward to seeing them shine on stage. They worked very hard in preparation for the shows and should be proud of their performance.



First graders took the stage last night and impressed the packed audience with their choral performance. We even had a special appearance by some of our Annie Jr. performers who joined in on a song.



Kindergarten students learned about liquids and solids by designing a cooler to keep their ice cube frozen for as long as possible. The Acton Discovery Museum was here and working with our kindergarten classrooms this week. Thank you to the Groton Commissioners of Trust for funding this enrichment experience.



Our 3rd graders participated in an interactive learning activity facilitated by a Plimoth Plantation in house field trip educator. Students needed to work cooperatively to decide on what were the essential items to pack for a transatlantic crossing. These items needed to fit on their "ship" and be useful for their survival. Thank you to the Groton Commissioners of Trust for supporting this program.

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.

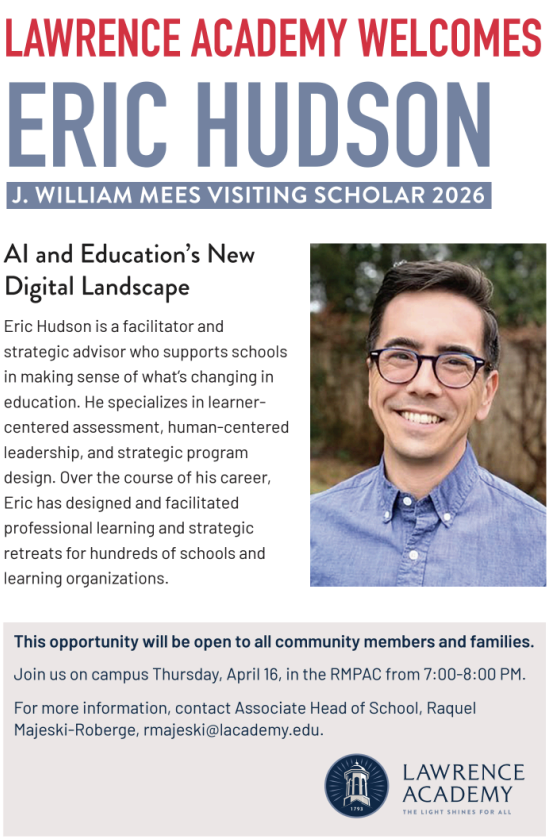


We are getting ready for the ELA sessions of MCAS testing for our grades 3 and 4 students. Students are assessed on the grade level learning standards determined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Teachers follow these standards when planning and assessing their instruction. At the elementary level, our students have their first experience with MCAS testing. We do our best to reassure them that this is just another way to show what they are learning.

To prepare for the MCAS testing at home, you can support us by making sure your student gets a good night's rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time.

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



Important Dates

- **4/1** - report cards available in the parent portal in SchoolBrains
- **4/6-4/9** - ELA MCAS testing for grades 3 and 4
- **4/20-4/24** - April Vacation

Have a nice weekend.

Brian