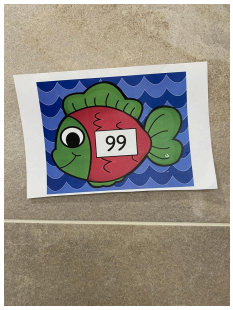
February 6, 2026

Dear Florence Roche Families,

We had a fun day showing our Patriots' pride and support for our other favorite teams during Super Bowl spirit day. I happen to join Mrs. Mercier's class for a highlight review of Super Bowl LI against the Atlanta Falcons. This 2017 Super Bowl victory was the great Patriot's come from behind overtime win. It was fun to experience these highlights with students who weren't yet born when it happened. It was an authentic history lesson that also reinforced our core value of resilience and never giving up.





We reached our 100th day of school this week. This is always a milestone day on our calendar. Students had fun exploring the number 100 throughout the day. Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Mulligan organized and set up a 100 fish scavenger hunt all around the building. Many classrooms took on the scavenger hunt challenge and moved throughout the building with their clipboards recording each fish found from 1-100.

Our 4th grade Student Council has some great spirit days planned for next week as we get ready for our February vacation week. We look forward to seeing students showing their school spirit!



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.

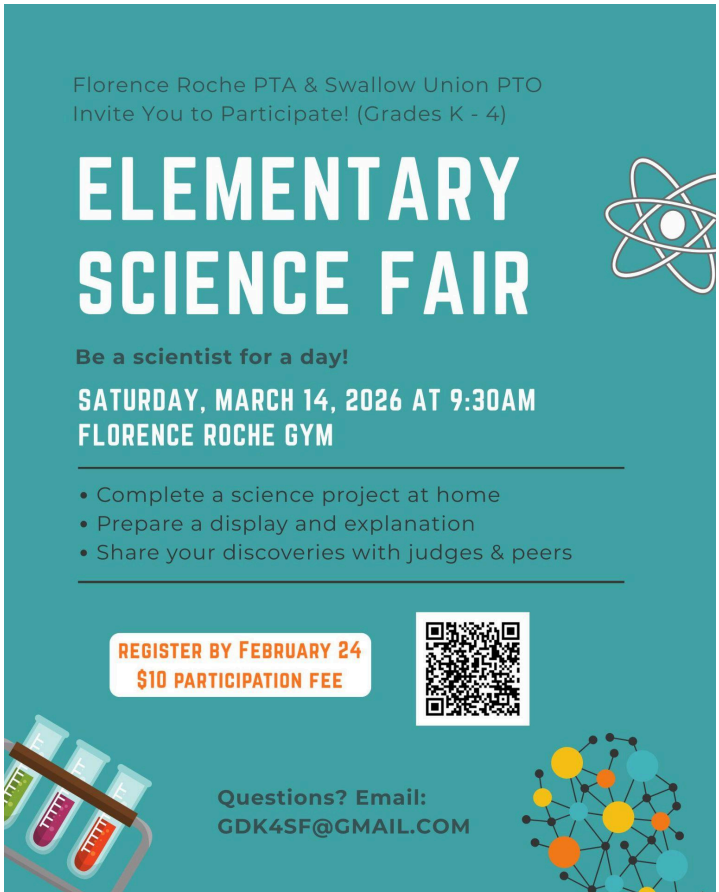
Be a scientist for a day! Watch our 2025 Science Fair Video to see what it's all about. Students complete a scientific project at home, design a display, and share their discoveries with judges and peers. The day is fun, rewarding, and full of excitement! Families can explore hands-on Learning Centers 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

We hope to see you there!

Bethany Vrouhas and Heather Gerteisen, Co-chairs

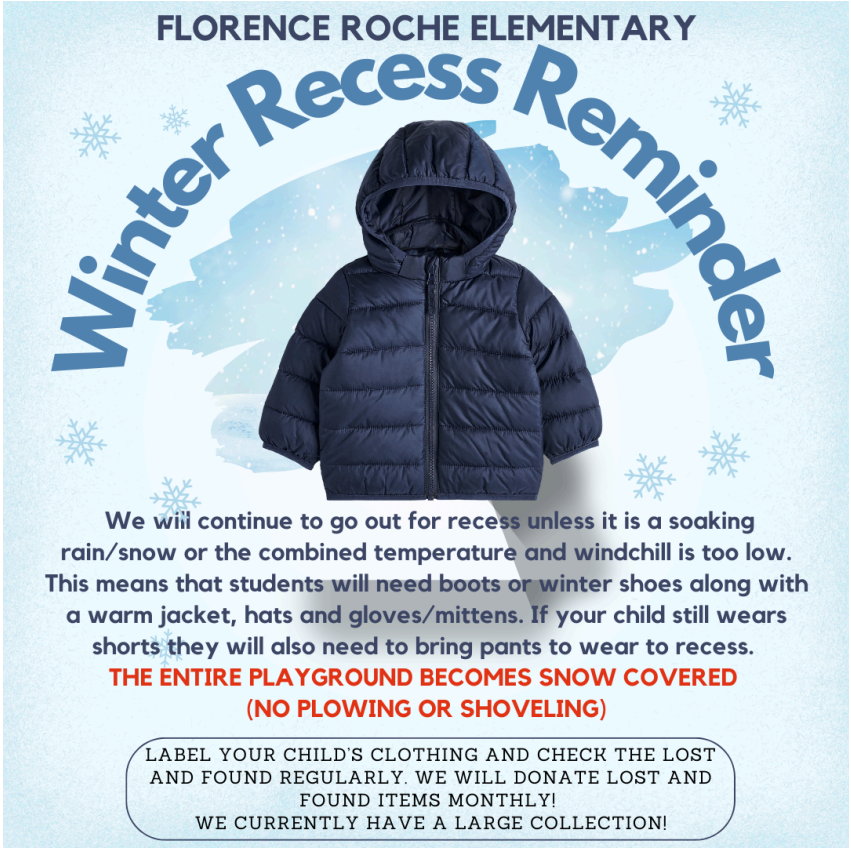


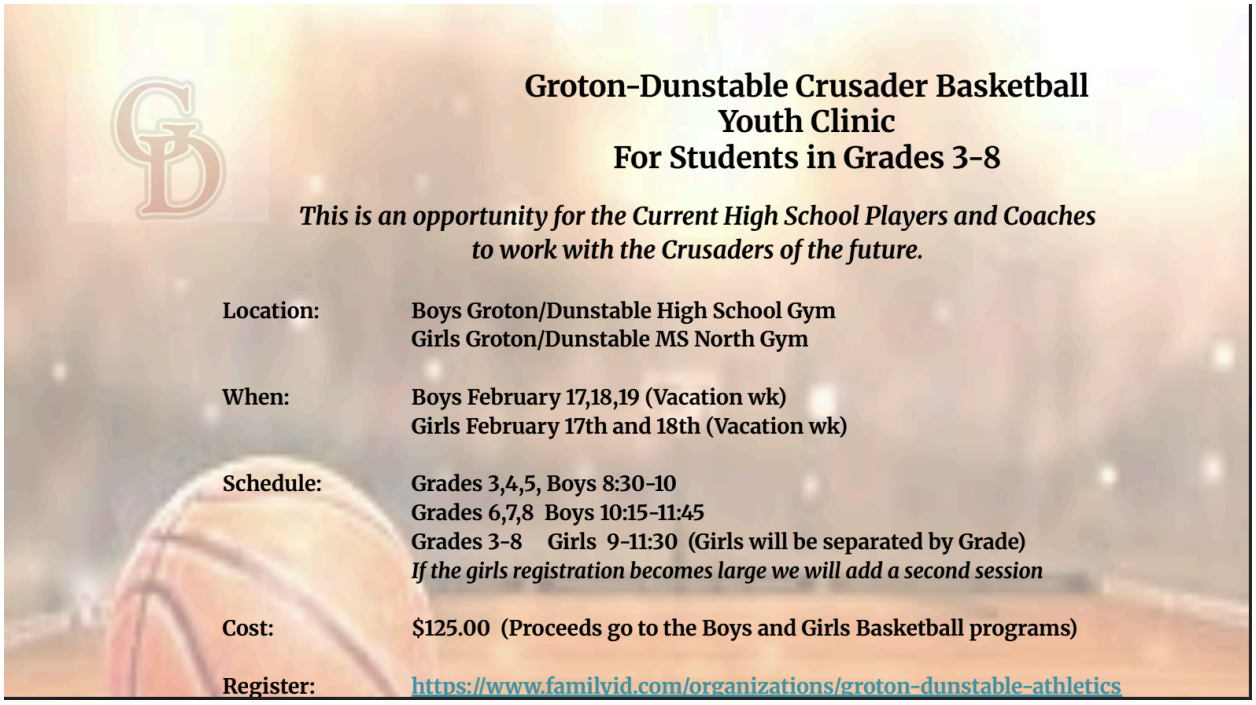
Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year

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





Groton Dunstable Youth Softball Registration and Open House

Registration for the 2026 Spring Softball season is now open for grades PreK-11! Registration can be found on our website at http://www.gdysl.com

If you are new to softball or would like to learn more about the game, GDYSL is also hosting an Open House at the Peter Twomey Youth Center on Saturday February 7 at 330pm. Please email don@gdysl.com for any questions.



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.

Important Dates

- **2/9-2/13 Student Council Spirit Week**
- **2/12 2nd grade concert in the PAC - 7:00pm**
- **2/13 Early Release Dismissal at 12:17pm**
- **2/16-2/20 No School - February vacation**

Go Pats!.

Brian