



ABBY KELLEY FOSTER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

10 New Bond Street Worcester, MA 01606

Phone: (508) 854-8400 Fax: (508) 854-8484

www.akfcs.org

September 13, 2004

Dear Parents,

Over the summer the school established a tax-exempt Foundation Board, separate from the governing Board of Trustees, whose primary duty will be to raise funds to enhance both the educational programs and the physical plant. This year's Entertainment Book sales will be the first major fundraiser for the Foundation, led by parents Lynn Heil at the elementary school and Cathy Ferabolli at the middle and high schools. Details will be arriving home with your children and/or at Back-to-School Night. In the past the school has earned more than \$10,000 from this fundraiser to augment the field trip budget, to buy special equipment for the classrooms, and to provide sound equipment for our assemblies. With the wide range of services listed in the Entertainment Book, you'll find it soon pays for itself, so please consider buying them for yourself and as holiday gifts.

Both Dr. Tychsen and Ms. Severin have prepared schedules for Back-to-School Night. They are attached to this letter and will also be available tomorrow evening, Tuesday, September 14. The program begins at 6:30 at the elementary school and 7:30 at the middle/high school.

Parents of elementary school students are reminded that the school day begins at 7:50 a.m.; students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 7:50 a.m. In the middle and high schools the school day begins for students at 7:40 a.m.; students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 7:45 a.m. For both schools, the school day ends at 3:00 p.m. Parents who arrive after 3:15 p.m. to pick up a child will be charged \$1.00 for every minute after 3:15 p.m. that their child is in the care of the school. Children in grades K-3 who have not been met at a bus stop by an older sibling or adult will be returned to the school and parents will be charged a \$25 bus-return fee.

"Donuts with Doris" is held on the last Thursday of the month either in my office or at the middle/high school conference room from 7:45-8:30 a.m. This is a time for informal conversation on a wide range of topics. Please RSVP to June Chapin at x2606 if you plan to attend on September 30 so we have enough treats on hand. All parents are welcome.

Attached is a schedule of visiting colleges for high school students. Parents are welcome to attend these visits to find out more about college choices for their students.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening. We will have additional surveys on hand regarding the distribution of the Monday letter and requesting your assistance with planning our parents' organization activities. Also, please continue reading the back of this letter for news of clubs and upcoming events including sailing club, classics club, instrument rental night and Abby's Cafés.

Sincerely,

Doris Schroeder

Doris Schroeder
Head of School

EVENT AND CLUB NEWS

Sailing Club

The AKFCS Sailing Club is once again underway. All students nine years old and above are eligible to learn how to sail at nearby Regatta Point Sailing Club. Sailing Club meets Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. during September and October. The cost of the program is \$50; financial aid is available. For further information, contact Mrs. Lee (x3652) or Mr. Meegan (x2633).

Classics Club

The Latin Department is pleased to announce that the first meeting of the Classics Club will take place after school on Tuesday, September 21. The club is open to all middle and high school students with an interest in Latin, mythology, and ancient cultures. More information will follow next week. Please speak to one of the Latin teachers if you have any questions.

Instrument Rental Night

Mark your calendars for September 23, the annual instrument rental night for students interested in being part of our wonderful band or strings program. Mr. Peer, our talented band instructor, is looking for eager students in the 4th Grade and higher to be part of this year's band. Mr. Parisi, our new strings instructor, is excited to offer strings lessons to students in the 3rd grade and higher. If your child has never played an instrument before and would like to start or is a seasoned musician looking to renew a rental contract, please attend this meeting. It begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the middle/high school cafeteria on Thursday evening, September 23.

Abby's Cafés for Elementary and Middle/High Schools

During the first week of October the Abby Kelley Foster Music Department will present the first Abby's Cafés of the year. This is a wonderful chance for students and faculty to perform on stage in front of their friends and family. The evenings for both age groups begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the middle/high school cafeteria. Admission is free, but please bring a snack or drink to share with the audience. Students are not permitted into the show without adult supervision. Anyone interested in performing at this event, should go to a rehearsal with all materials necessary for your performance. A rehearsal schedule will be posted by the music teachers.

	Rehearsal	Abby's Cafe
Elementary School	Monday, September 27	Monday, October 4
Middle and High School	Tuesday, September 28	Tuesday, October 5

If you require translation, please contact the school at 508-854-8400 x3681
Si usted requiere la traducción, avisa por favor la escuela en 508-854-8400 x3681
Jezeli wy wymagacie tłumaczenia, sprawiac prosze kontakt szkola przy (508) 854-8400 x3681
Se requer tradução, por ntra em contato com a escola em 508-854-8400 x3681