



ABBY KELLEY FOSTER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We had a great turn-out for last week's Back-to-School Night. I heard many positive comments from parents and teachers about this year's opening. Evenings like last Tuesday remind us of the extraordinary progress we've made from our no-door, no-floor, only-one-stairwell days of the fall of 1998 to our current position of two well-appointed buildings where nearly 1100 students achieve extraordinary things.

Congratulations to Jin Soon Brancalhao who placed 2nd in her age group in an environmental essay contest. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Environmentally Preferable Products Purchasing Program received more than 425 compositions last spring. English teacher Ann O'Connor and Jin Soon's parents have been invited to the award presentation later in October. Mayor Tim Murray will present the awards, and each student will have a photograph taken with him. Jin Soon will receive a certificate of recognition and two tickets to a Boston Celtics game; Damola Ogunjobi, a student of Sandy Paradis, received Honorable Mention.

We're looking for parents to volunteer as language interpreters to assist our non-English speaking Abby Kelley Foster families. Please contact me at 508-854-8400 x 3600, if you're interested.

Invitations have been mailed to the parents of students who have been found eligible to receive Title 1 services. Parents are requested to return those forms to Pat Soule. A parent meeting will be held in October to meet with the Title 1 teachers. Please watch upcoming Monday letters for the date.

We will be administering the Stanford 9 tests to all students from September 29 through October 9. Students should be in their respective buildings on time – 7:50 a.m. for elementary school and 7:45 a.m. for middle/high school; testing will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.

The middle and high school homework hotline is now available. To access the homework hotline dial 508-854-8400 followed by the appropriate extension listed below. The homework hotline is updated daily by 4:00 p.m.

Grade	Extension	Grade	Extension	Grade	Extension	Grade	Extension
5 th	2687	7 th	2689	9 th	2691	11 th	2693
6 th	2688	8 th	2690	10 th	2692		

Sincerely,

Doris Schroeder

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Head of School

EVENT AND CLUB NEWS

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.

Classics Club

An inaugural session of the Classics Club will meet in Room 202 at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21. There will be refreshments! This club is open to all middle and high school students with an interest in Latin, mythology, or the world of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Possible activities will include trips to museums, theatres, and the Massachusetts Junior Classical League spring convention. Parents will need to pick up their children at 4:00 p.m. The club meetings are scheduled for every other Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

MIDI-Lab Club

Students will meet in the keyboard lab to work on original song writing on the computers using MIDI based "micrologic" software. The club will meet from 3:00 – 4:30pm, 2 days a week, days to be determined by interested students' availability. The subjects discussed and demonstrated will include but are not limited to: midi production; pop ensemble arraignment; drum beat construction; mixing and panning; song structure; pop harmony and voicing; recording engineering; and general MIDI based programming. This club will have a focus similar to last year's MIDI- Lab elective but with more freedom of choice for the students. Students will work each quarter towards creating an original song that will be recorded onto a CD. To sign up see Mr. Laven in room 116.

Varsity Soccer Schedule: please come support the teams

Boys

September 22 Douglas @ home 4:00pm.

October 6 St. Mary's @ home 3:30 pm

October 19 Whitinsville Christian @ Whitinsville 4:00pm.

Girls

September 22 Douglas @ Douglas 4:00pm.

October 4 St. Mary's @ home 3:30pm.

October 11 St. Mary's @ St. Mary's 3:30pm.

October 15 Parker Charter@ Ayer 3:30pm.

Our home field is the soccer field at Quinsigamond. Directions for the away games are available on the school website.

If you require translation, please contact the school at 508-854-8400 x3681
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Jezeli wy wymagacie tłumaczenia, sprawiac prosze kontakt szkola przy (508) 854-8400 x3681
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