



## ABBY KELLEY FOSTER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Last Thursday Commissioner of Education Dr. David Driscoll released the spring 2004 MCAS results by school and district.

### Abby Kelley Foster Grade 10 MCAS Results

ELA pass rate: 100%      Math pass rate: 95%

This was a tremendous accomplishment for our students and teachers. You will recall that students **must** pass the Grade 10 MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma. We are extremely proud of these results. This is the first year that our students were required to take this high-stakes test, and they were champions. What makes us especially proud is that this is the group that has been with us the longest; many of these students are now in their sixth or seventh year at Abby Kelley Foster. Congratulations, juniors!

The individual student results have not yet been mailed to us. Last spring students in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 took some portion of the MCAS. We will mail the results to you as soon as they arrive. Grade 3 results have already been distributed.

Parents of Title 1 students are invited to attend a meeting in the elementary library on Wednesday, October 13 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. to receive more information about the program. Refreshments will be served. Please plan on attending.

Over the past four years we've had an exciting Ski Ward Ski and Snowboard program thanks to the organizing talents of Anita Depatie, an Abby Kelley Foster parent. This year Anita must step down from these responsibilities, so we're looking for a volunteer to take over the duties. If you think you might be interested, please call me at x3600.

We remind you again that elementary school students must be in school by 7:50 a.m. or they will be marked tardy. If your child is late ten times he or she will receive an out-of-school suspension. The Department of Education looks at our attendance statistics as part of the determination of achieving adequate yearly progress (AYP), a status that we have achieved and do not wish to lose because of our attendance.

Please be responsible about picking up your children on time as teachers have meetings and other commitments after dismissal and children still in the building after 3:15 p.m. impact the staff's ability to meet those commitments. If you don't pick up your child on time from school or, for students in K-3, meet them at the bus stop, we will charge you for the time we have to spend caring for your child after regular school hours: \$1.00 per MINUTE after 3:15 PM at the school; \$25 as a BUS RETURN FEE if you don't meet your K-3 child at the bus stop.

We invite you to join us at Abby's Café next Monday, October 4 for the elementary performance and Tuesday, October 5, for the middle and high school show. Both events will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the middle/high cafeteria. Admission is free; please bring a snack or drink to share with the audience.

Please keep an eye out for midterm progress reports going home on Wednesday, October 6. Parents and guardians of all elementary students will receive manila envelopes containing notes from their child's homeroom, math and reading teachers. Please sign the envelope verifying receipt of the letters and return the envelope to your child's homeroom teacher. All teachers would like to meet with their students' parents the week of October 12.

Middle and high school students will carry home midterm progress reports for Quarter 1. You will receive a progress report if your child falls into one or more of the following categories:

- The student is performing at C- and below
- The student has moved a full letter grade up or down
- The student has a solid C but is clearly on a downward trend

Please sign the reports and return them to your child's advisor in the original envelope. All parents of middle and high school students are asked to call their child's advisor and set up a parent conference for the week of October 12. We look forward to seeing you then.

This Thursday, September 30, from 7:45-8:30 a.m. in the middle/high conference room is our first "Donuts with Doris," a chance to meet other parents and chat informally about the school and educational issues of the day. Please RSVP to June Chapin at x2606 so we'll have adequate treats.

Correction: Thank you for the reminders that the mayor of Worcester is TIM Murray, not TOM Murray. My apologies for the error.

Sincerely,

*Doris Schroeder*

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Head of School

The Abby Kelley Foster boys' soccer team congratulates the Douglas team following their game last Wednesday. The game ended with a score of 0 – 0.



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