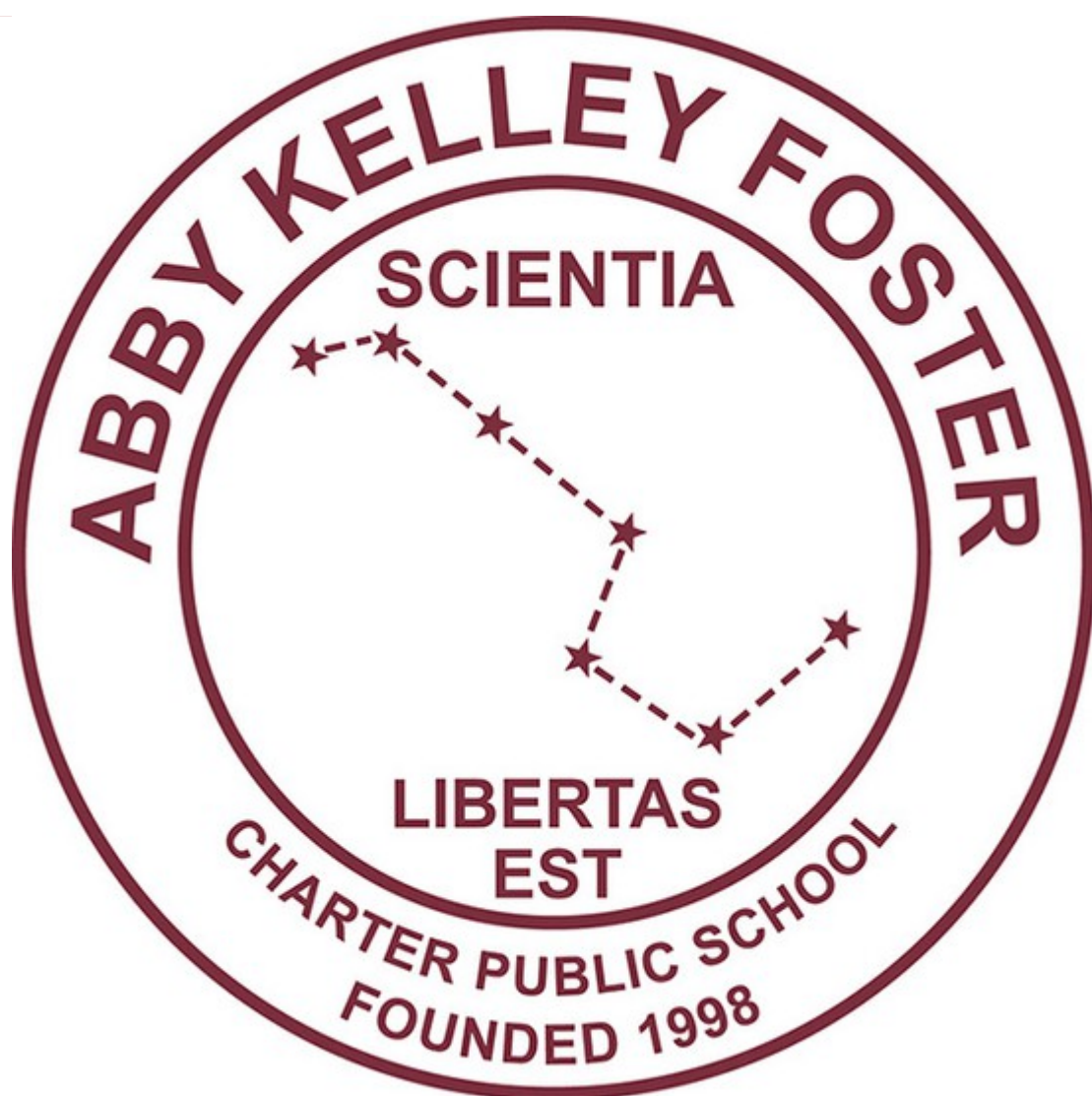


# Principal's Update

November 20, 2022



## Picture of the Week!

### Sorting and Separating Solids

Students from Mrs. Kleinknecht's class are sorting and separating solids. Our second graders love learning about science!



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## News from the Specialists

### Art:

Third grade painted a sunflower inspired by Vincent van Gogh. Second and Third grade learned about Parade Balloons and created their own Parade Balloon Cityscape. First grade drew and painted an owl. First graders learned about artist Yayoi Kusama and created a pumpkin in the artist's style. During STEM week Kindergarten used various gadgets to print a robot with paint. . Kindergarten practiced their cutting skills and created a woodland forest collage.

Library: The Book Fair was a huge success! The students had a great time and learned a lot about taxes and budgeting. In December, we will start to take library books home.

Will you please help me with the following things?

- Help me to find a special place where I can keep my library book so that it will not get lost or damaged.
  - Remind me I have to clean my hands when I read and to turn the pages from the upper right-hand corner.
  - Please send the book back to the library to be mended if it is damaged in any way.
  - Keep my library book safe inside my backpack (away from water or food).
  - Help me to remember to return my book on time so that I may check out another book.
- Grades K and 1 students may have only 1 book checked out at a time.

Grades 2 and 3 students may take out 1 book at a time (eventually will take out 2).

If a library book is damaged or lost, please contact me first at [kaarnold@akfcs.org](mailto:kaarnold@akfcs.org).

Music: Third grade has been practicing reading music. We will continue this practice so that we are ready for our recorders soon! Second grade has officially started reading rhythms and are practicing them on many different instruments. First grade and kindergarten have been exploring how to move their bodies in different ways that match the music as it plays.

P.E: Students have been busy in PE! Students wrapped up their soccer unit as the weather turned chilly. We are currently working on improving our catching and throwing skills. Students have been learning to identify their dominant and non-dominant (sometimes called their "goofy" side) sides. 3rd grade students have also been learning how to identify their dominant eye which can sometimes vary from their dominant side and how to overcome or work with this challenge.

Next we will be learning about different types of hockey while keeping an eye on the sky for snow! When it snows we will be heading outdoors to practice our winter sports! Please remember to send a winter jacket, snowpants, winter boots, and heavy mittens with your child(ren) whenever there is snow outside! Students will also be allowed to play in the snow at recess if properly dressed.

SEL: During Social Emotional Learning, students are learning that practice makes better when learning something new. When struggling, we can try again, make a small change, and ask for help. We are beginning to talk about emotions: why we have them, how to recognize them, and how to calm them down.

Technology: Grade2- 3 continues to practice intermediate keyboard skills. We have also continued to work on formatting a google document. We worked with google sheets discussing rows, columns, and cells to create an image. Grade 1 uses Seesaw, a platform to push out lessons, insert shapes, resize and change color to create an image. Grade K continues to practice using the trackpad on the Chromebooks. Many students are used to using touch screens, but they have been working hard at click and drag while exploring educational activities.



## **Cybersecurity Presentation for Parents/Guardians**

***Join virtually on Tuesday, November, 29th at 6:30 pm.***

Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr's Office is excited to bring our prevention programs to the parents/guardians of Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public Elementary School . Our

presentation includes defining bullying/harassment, and the various forms, including cyberbullying. The presentation is also tailored to parents/guardians who are actively using social media or have children who use social media as well. I will inform participants of current issues children encounter when using the Internet and their devices. Internet safety tips are provided. District Attorney Early's Office also provides parents/guardians with tips on how to recognize and resolve these situations. *[Presentation provided by Hope Rudzinski, Community & School Outreach Coordinator, The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr, Worcester, MA]*

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## 📖📖 Fall 2023 Scholastic Book Fair 📖📖

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Proceeds will go towards purchasing engaging, current books for our library.

The Book Fair will be open to all students on Monday and Tuesday of this week for last minute purchases.

The Book Fair will also remain open for families to shop during conferences on Monday, Nov 21 until **3pm** and on Tuesday, Nov 22 open until **2pm**.

**Thank you to Mrs. Arnold and all of the family volunteers that helped run a great Book Fair! 📖**

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## Messages from the PTO

Krispy Kreme Donut Orders Due on Monday, November 21st

**.Orders and payments are due back to school TOMORROW!**

Please consider using the PTO's Venmo account (@AKFESPTO) or sending in a check for all orders. Cash is welcome, but if it is lost, the PTO has no way to track it.

Donuts will be available for pickup on **Tuesday, December 6th**, more details to come!

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Family Bingo Night - December 1st 6:30-8:00 p.m. - Activity Center

The Elementary and Middle School PTOs are teaming up for a night of family fun and supporting those in our community by collecting non-perishable food items on December 1st. There is no charge for families to attend, although light snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Everyone who comes will receive a Bingo Card, but for every non-perishable food item you donate (up to 5 per person) you will earn an extra Bingo card!

Join us for some family fun and to help our community with food donations!

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Next PTO Meeting December 13th on Zoom Details to come

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## Frances Perkins Branch Library Calendar of Events.pdf

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## Upcoming Dates

- Monday, November 21st
  - Early Release Day for Family Conferences
  - Krispy Kreme Doughnut Orders Due
  - Food Donation Drive
- Tuesday, November 22nd
  - Early Release Day for Family Conferences
  - Food Donation Drive
- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday November 23rd-November 25th
  - No School

## Save the Date

- November 29th
  - 6:30p.m. Cybersecurity Presentation for Families
- December 1st
  - 6:30p.m. Family Bingo at the Activity Center
- December 6th
  - Krispy Kreme Doughnut Pick-up
- December 13th
  - Virtual PTO Meeting
- December 15th
  - 5:00-6:30p.m. Camp Abby Kelley

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## Helpful Links

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[Elementary Breakfast and Lunch Menu](#)

[Elementary School Bus Routes](#)

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## Enrollment Lottery 2023-24

The Enrollment Lottery is now open for the 2023-2024 school, through February 28, 2023. Each academic year we develop a new waitlist. If you are looking to enroll a student at Abby Kelley in the 2023-2024 school year, you must enter this lottery.

### Important reminders

- Students entering Kindergarten must be five by August 31.
- Enrollment is open to students through sixth grade.
- Applicants who have a sibling already enrolled in Abby Kelley get sibling preference in the Lottery.
- Enrollment in Abby Kelley is done strictly by lottery. At this time there are no open seats in grades 1-6 . Applicants will be placed on a waitlist, if and when seats become available families will be contacted.

To enter the lottery, or to learn more about the enrollment process visit the [Admission webpage](#).



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