

Middle School Principal Update

Friday, October 20, 2023

Dress appropriately for the weather!



Please make sure that your child's sweater is labeled with first initial and last name.



Dean of Students - Student Spotlight

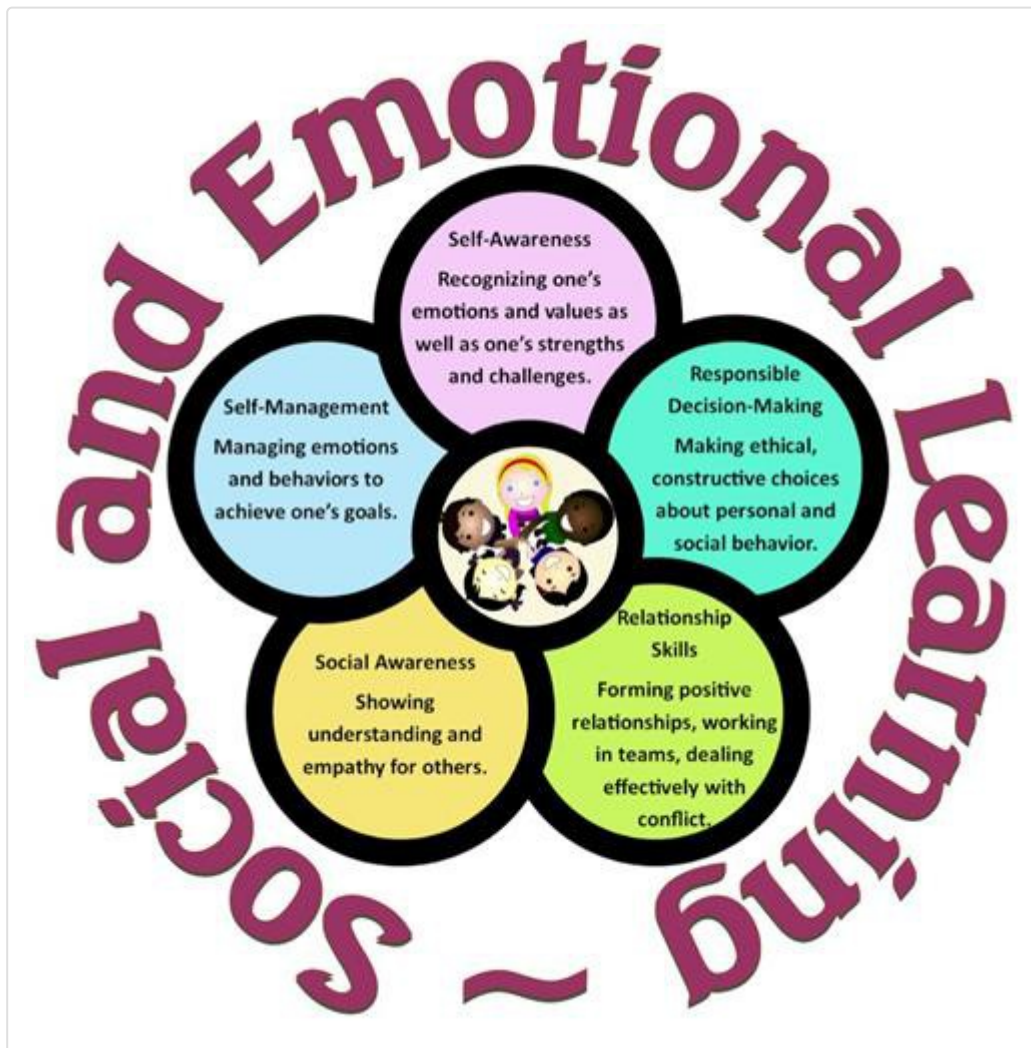
The following 5th grade students are recognized for being positive role models.

Grade 5:

Aida A.

Sophia N.

Jayna O



SEL Parent Workshop Discussion Series with Jim Dunn and Dr. Carrie Cole

Topic: Anxiety in Children and Adolescents

When: Thursday October 26th, 2023 at 7 PM

Where: Zoom: <https://akfcs-org.zoom.us/j/99749965964?pwd=MXYvYnhOaklYK2J6cktLQXV2VnI1dz09>

Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES*
BACK TO**

**ABBY KELLEY FOSTER CHARTER
PUBLIC SCHOOL (MIDDLE
SCHOOL)**

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

70 Worcester Providence Turnpike, Millbury, MA 01527

October 26, 2023*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

Red Robin Fundraiser : Thursday, October 26th

How It Works:

- For orders to count towards the fundraiser, supporters must:
 - Show the fundraiser flyer, email, text, website or social post to your server in the restaurant, or
 - Add the fundraiser to your cart ("Fundraiser To-Go") if you're ordering online (find this at the bottom of the menu categories on our online ordering homepage or mobile app).

Paper copies of the fundraiser will be provided to students early next week



Message from Nurse Ariel

The health office will be performing state-mandated screenings beginning in November. Vision screenings will be performed for all students in grades 4 and 5. Height and weight screenings will be performed for all students in grades 4 and 7.

If you do not want your student to participate, please inform Nurse Ariel before November 1st. (Email for notifying the nurse is astricker@akfcs.org)



Musical Instrument Donation Drive

Message from Mr. Mercier:

We are looking for band instrument donations of all shapes and sizes. Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Bassoons, Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Baritones, Tubas (Someone is chillin' with one of these in a closet. We all know it.). Working or repairable condition. We are not looking for drum equipment, guitars or keyboard/pianos at this time.

With the explosive growth of our band program this year, we are recognizing that many students who wish to participate do not have the ability to rent an instrument. Because of our dedication to musical competency here at AKFCS, we have made the decision to maintain a school inventory of band instruments for students who would otherwise not have the opportunity to try band. While we will continue to expand our inventory in the upcoming years, Too many kids and not enough instruments is a problem we can solve faster together!

Donations can be dropped off at AKFCS Middle School office during regular school hours or arrangements can be made for instrument pickups by contacting Mr. Mercier at jmercier@akfcs.org



Afterschool Club Schedule

Monday

- Mandarin Club with Ms. Young

Tuesday & Thursday

- Girls on the Run with Mrs. Culkeen/Mrs. Lombardi/ Mrs. Bagley

Wednesday

- Coding Club with Mr. Pelletier
- Art Club with Mrs. Hager

-Girls Group: Carmen Grant

Thursday

- Dungeons and Dragons Club with Mr. James
- Math Olympiad with Mr. Jacobs
- Continental Math League with Ms. Cuddeback
- STEM/Media Club with Mr. Biggins
- Book Club with Mrs. Heil

- Penmanship Club with Ms.Bond

Important Reminder: Students must be picked up by **3:00 p.m.** from clubs. Late pick- up's may result in your student being removed from club participation.

Upcoming Dates and Events...

October 23th : MASS Academy Visits AKFCS Middle School

October 26th: Coffee with the Principal (7:30 AM to 8:00 AM)

October 26th: Character Virtue Breakfast (8:00AM to 9:00 AM)

October 26th : Bingo for Books

October 26th: Red Robin Fundraiser (The middle school will receive 20% of online or in person orders with the flyer)

October 30th: Nature's Classroom - Grade 7 Trip

November 3rd - November 8th: Report Cards

November 8th - STEM Day

November 14th -17th - Nature's Classroom - Grade 6

November 20th - Early Dismissal / Parent Conferences

November 21st - Early Dismissal / Parent Conferences

November 27th - School Picture re-takes

November 27th - Tentative date for Basketball Try-outs

November 30th - Character Virtue Breakfast & Coffee with the Principal

Nature's Classroom Payment Due Dates

Grade 6:

- Payment #3 due on / before **October 27th** (\$114)

To confirm receipt of payment, please contact the main office at ext. 3634

See school website and calendar for additional dates / information <https://www.akfcs.org/>



UGGS Slippers



Crocs

Reminder: UGG Slippers and Crocs - Not Allowed As Part

of the Middle School Uniform

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School Parent/Student Handbook

Please refer to the 2023-2024 Parent /Student Handbook (Page 16) for the middle school uniform policy.

Closed toe, closed heel only. (No Crocs, sandals, flip flops, dress shoes with heels, or open toe shoes allowed).



Parent Pick-Up

In an effort to maintain a safe environment during parent pick-up we again ask families to follow the dismissal procedures each day.

Cars should not be parked across from the middle school in the Saint Gobain parking lot or on the Saint Gobain side of the street as parked cars are blocking buses making their way to West Boylston Street. The Saint Gobain parking lot is not AKFCS property. For the safety of our students, they should not be crossing New Bond street.

Please see the end of the newsletter for additional middle school Arrival & Dismissal Information.

Middle School Arrival and Dismissal Times

Doors open for students at **7:05 a.m.** Students arriving after **7:20 a.m.** will be marked late.

Student dismissal begins at **2:00 p.m.** with busses leaving the Middle School at approximately **2:15 p.m.**

Half Days: Student Dismissal begins at **10:35 a.m.**, with busses leaving the Middle School at **approximately 10:42 a.m.**

****Any requests for same day transportation changes should be made before 12:30 p.m. on full days and before 9:30 a.m. on early dismissal days.**

****Family Requested Early dismissals** should occur before 1:00 p.m. on full days and before 9:30 a.m. on early dismissal days.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Student Social Media - FAMILIES WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please monitor your students **social media & gaming accounts** at home. Negative social media & gaming exchanges between individual students and student groups are impacting relationships within our school environment.

Remember:

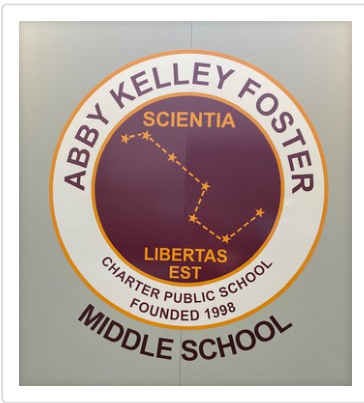
- Manage your privacy settings.
- Remember: once posted, always posted.
- Build a positive online reputation.
- Keep personal info personal.
- Protect your computer /tablet /phone
- Use strong passwords.
- Be cautious on social networking sites.

Resources for Middle School Families

[Middle School Lunch Menus](#)

[Middle School Bus Routes](#)





[Middle School Staff Directory](#)



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