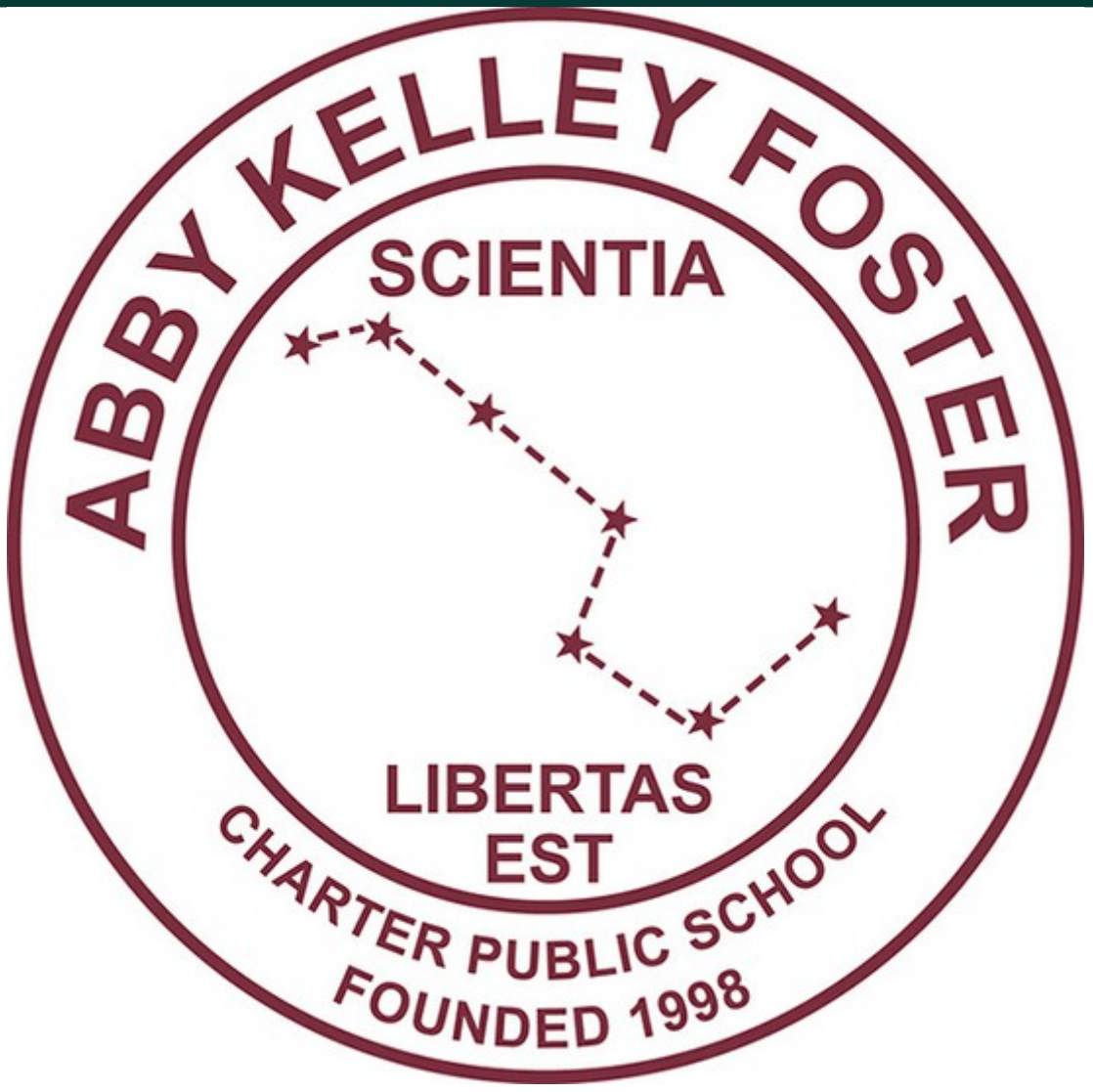
# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

April 12, 2024



**Pictured Above:**

Congratulations to the 32 students pictured above and listed here for joining AKF's National Honor Society.

Hannah Ahiabu
Sherise Aikins
Oluwalayomi Akintan
Lindsay Ankomanyi
Magdalene Appiah
Kevin Asante
Lawrencia Awortwi-Mensah
Avery Bartulis
Valerie Boatemah-Kuffour
Annaliese Bonsu
Kevin Cutra
Stella Dunham
Magdalene Essien
Dwayne Gitobu
Kelsey Ho
Connor Huynh
Michael Kariuki
Ohemaa Koduah
Karen Koranteng
Kimora Kuffour
Antoinette Kum
Fiona Muturi
Makayla Ofori
Alisha Owiredu
Mame-Yaa Owusu
Sophie Phan
Yvette Quayson
Kayla Quintanilla-Estrada
Giselle Rodriguez
Janelle Sefah
Eugenia Tieson
Stacey Twum-Barimah

**HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE:**

Congratulations to our 8th grade students, who completed their first MCAS exam for the year. Please pay attention to the dates below for the remaining MCAS schedule.

**MCAS Testing Dates:**

May 7-8 - 8th Grade Math
May 14-15 - 8th Grade Science
May 21-22 - 10th Grade Math
June 4-5 - 9th Grade Biology

Please join us for our musical, *Once on this Island,* which is on April 25th and 26th.

**Senior Update**

**IB exams** (Seniors only) begin April 25th and continue through May 15th. All students taking IB exams have been given their schedule of exam dates.

**Senior dates for the remainder of the year:**
4th Quarter Progress report - April 26
4th Quarter Report Card - May 24
**Final Exam dates for Seniors:**
May 20 - A&B exams
May 21 - C&D exams
May 22 - E&F exams
May 23 - G exam

**Jr./Sr. Prom** - May 3rd @ the Manor in West Boylston

**Senior Awards Night** - May 23rd @ 6:00 PM

**Graduation** - May 29 @ 6:00 PM on the Soccer field at AKF

**SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

**THE IEP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THE NEW IEP**
The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) recently made updates to the Individualized Education Program (IEP) form. These changes are intended to strengthen the IEP process and improve the educational outcomes and experiences of students with disabilities in the Commonwealth.

The IEP Improvement Project is intended to provide schools, districts, and families with more than newly designed and updated forms. It is also intended to provide opportunities for families, schools, and districts to work together to build better systems that more effectively support students with disabilities.

Abby Kelley Foster will be implementing the new IEP for the 2024-2025 school year. We will host a parent information session in May as we transition to the new IEP. Please check your principal's newsletter for the time and date.

For more information regarding the upcoming changes please visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website.

https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/ImproveIEP/default.html

SAVE THE DATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT WORKSHOP

- March 28, 2024 at 4:00 PM High School Lecture Hall
- Parent Special Education Workshop

**Message from Nurse Sara**

Allergy season will be sneaking upon us quickly, if your student takes allergy medicine for known allergies, please make sure that this is being done at home. This medication cannot come to school with your student, and the nurse does not carry allergy medication.
If your student is unwell, please keep them home and call the main office to make the school aware of their absence.
Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

**College and Career Office**

Thank you for all our presenters at Career Day.

**Athletics**

Congratulations to our Track and Field teams, who won their first meet. This is the first time in AKF history that both the boys and girls' teams won the same meet!

All sports schedules are located on our website at
https://www.akfcs.org/schools/high/departments/athletics/

Any parents that may be interested helping with the Booster Club this year should email Mr. Morse at bmorse@akfcs.org

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the front desk and Mrs. Fitzpatrick will direct your call accordingly. #GoBears

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