MS Principal Summer Update

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Local Summer Activities

Splash pads, Waterslides, Pools, Ponds and Lakes

Worcester County Splash Pads

Artemus Ward Wading Pool
57 Orchard Street, Marlborough
Now Open!
A large, gently sloped pool with a misty mushroom-shaped fountain for play. There is a large shallow pool for non/new swimmers. Maximum depth is about 2.5ft.

Assabet Splash Park
Gale Street, Northborough
Now Open!
Roughly the same dimensions as a basketball court, it offers several different water features such as bubblers, misters and geysers. Also features swings, sandbox and other playground equipment. Open 10am-6pm. Closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Carbuncle Pond Splash Pad
12 Carbuncle Drive, Oxford
A beach for swimming and a zero depth splash pad for cooling off. Resident and non-resident

passes at the gate. Owned and operated by the town of Oxford. Typically opens the third week of June

Cellucci Skate & Splash Park
South Street, Hudson
Now Open!
Playground, award-winning splash pad, sculpted in-ground skate park, bocce court, gazebo pavilion and picnic area and summer concerts.

Fournier Water Park
525 Litchfield Street, Leominster
Now Open!
Sprinkler-like jets come from brightly colored fountains.

Ghiloni & Stevens Park Splash Pads
239 Concord Rd, Marlborough, MA
Now open!
This is Marlborough's new splash pad, Built in 2020. In addition to the splash pad they have playgrounds, fields, nature trails and a track. Daily 10am-5pm.

Stevens Park Splash Pad
10 Martin St, Marlborough
Now Open!
Includes a playground, fields and courts. Open daily 10am-5pm.

Parkhill Park & Splash Park
235 Pratt Road, Fitchburg
Check the website for opening information.
A zero depth splash pad. Almost completely fenced in and great for letting little kids run around and cool off in the summer heat. There are a few picnic tables and a playground as well. Typically opens mid June, check their social media page for updates.

Crocker Park Spray Pad
Westminster Street at the intersection of Wachusett Street in west Fitchburg near Waites Corner.
Now Open!
Crocker Park features the David M. Whitney basketball court, a modern playground structures, and perimeter walking path.
Fitchburg's newest water feature. Open daily 8-8.

Philbin Park Splash Pad
Berlin & Wilson Streets, Clinton
Now Open!
For kids ages ten and under, the splash pad has several spray structures to cool down kids. There is a playground and basketball court as well.Hours: 8am-8pm

Davis Farmland
145 Redstone Hill, Sterling
Now open daily

Davis Farmland has the largest zero-depth water parks in New England featuring a toddler area and multi-generational play area.

Swimming at Local Parks

Leominster State Forest
90 Fitchburg Road (Route 31), Westminster
978-874-2303

Rutland State Park
Whitehall Road, Rutland
508-886-6333

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd, Charlton

Douglas State Forest
Wallum Lake
107 Wallum Lake Road, Douglas

Dunn State Park
289 Pearl Street, Gardner

Lake Siog Recreation
Off Dug Hill Road, Holland

Wells State Park
159 Walker Pond Road, Sturbridge
Community & State Pools

Rutland Community Swimming Pool
Behind Town Hall
Now Open!
The Recreation Dept. operates a large pool and wading pool for preschoolers. Residents and non-residents can get a season pass, a 10 visit punch card or day pass. Open daily during the summer. Bathrooms and Snack Shack on site.

Philip J. Weihn Memorial Swimming Pool (Clinton)
50 West Boylston St
Opening on 6/22/2024
Open to the public daily 11:45am-6:45pm. Restrooms and showers on site. Free.

Gustave Johnson Memorial Swimming Pool (Fitchburg)
35 Wanoosnock Ave
Opening on 6/22/2024
A state-run pool open to the public daily 11:15am-6:45pm. Restrooms and shows on site. Free

Leominster State Pool
111 Viscoloid Avenue

Opens 6/22/2024
State-run pool open daily. Noon – 6:45pm. Typically opens late June

Waterslides
Breezy Picnic Grounds Waterslides
520 N Main St Douglas MA 508-476-2664
Family owned and operated recreational facility with picnic area, 3 waterslides, lake and beach.
Opening weekends starting June 8. Opens daily for the season on June 14th, 2024.
Breezy Waterslides Photo

City of Worcester Pools, Pads, Ponds (All beaches and pools typically open on 7/1)
Ponds & Lakes
Shore Park Beach on Indian Lake
115 Shore Drive, Worcester
A sandy beach staffed by a lifeguard. Picnic tables are available; a snack bar sells food, too.

Bell Pond
238 Belmont St, Worcester
Lifeguards staff this small beach. Restrooms and free parking nearby.

Coes Pond Beach and Bathhouse – No lifeguards
Mill St, Worcester
20 acres of parkland in the western part of the city. Includes a sandy beach, restrooms and a bathhouse, but no snack bar or picnic tables.

Regatta Point & Lake Part Beaches
North Lake Ave, Worcester
Quinsigamond State Park is 25 acres on the Worcester side with a nice sandy beach, lifeguards, picnic tables and restrooms. You will often see boats passing by on this long lake separating Worcester from Shrewsbury.

Indian Lake Beach
34 Sherburne Ave Worcester

Splash Pads
Greenwood Spray Park – Opened on June 26
Forsberg St, Worcester

Cristoforo Colombo Park (East Park) – Opened on June 26
Shrewsbury St, Worcester
Newest splash pad.

Swimming Pools
Crompton Park
Canton St, Worcester

Veteran's Memorial Pool (Bennett Field)
1270 Main St, Worcester

Shine Memorial Pool
146 Providence St, Worcester

Stay Safe! See our Water Safety tips.

Middle School Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

- Middle School doors open at **7:05 a.m.**
- First breakfast ends at **7:19 a.m.**
- Students arriving after **7:25 a.m.** are marked late
- Second breakfast ends at **8:06 a.m.**

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

Half Days: Student Dismissal begins at **10:35 a.m.**, with buses 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.

Middle School Traffic Pattern

Morning Parent Drop Off:

Morning parent drop off's for Middle School Students will take place **at the Elementary school parking lot.** Students **should not** be dropped off on New Bond Street (either side). Nor should students be dropped off in the parking lot to the left of the Middle School.

Parents can enter the elementary school parking lot via Brooks St and stay straight along the athletic fields to the front of the Elementary School. Parents will drop off and then take a left onto New Bond St and exit onto West Boylston Street.

Parents that enter New Bond St from West Boylston St will be directed down New Bond St past the Middle School turning right and directed around the building and athletic fields to the Elementary School parking lot.

Staff will be available to direct you to the right spots. Thank you for your cooperation and patience while we make these adjustments.

****Student should exit vehicles on the side closest to the sidewalk****

Please continue to follow the previous traffic pattern for afternoon pick-up.

Paper copies of the new drop off pattern with map were provided to all middle school students on Thursday, February 1st and are also available on the district website.

Please be sure to share this information with any family members or friends who may be dropping your child off or picking our child up from school.

Uniform Reminder

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).

Students and 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.

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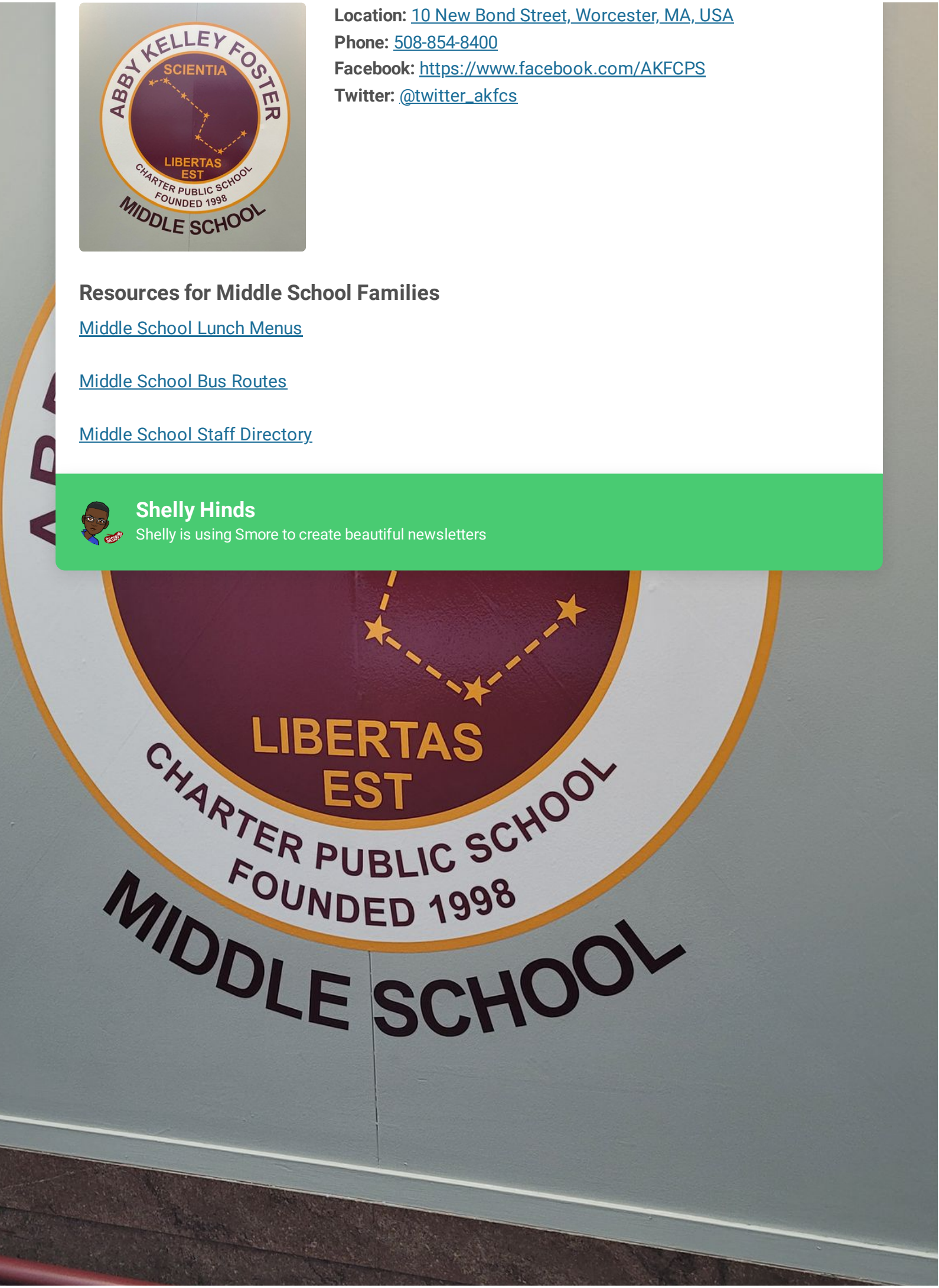

Location: 10 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA, USA
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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AKFCPS
Twitter: @twitter_akfcs

Resources for Middle School Families

Middle School Lunch Menus

Middle School Bus Routes

Middle School Staff Directory

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