

# Franklin D. Roosevelt School K - 8

## Big Time News

April 6, 2016

### Principal's Corner

Happy Spring Roosevelt families! Although our goal is to educate our children, we have many opportunities for adults to learn too! We recently held a **Parent Math Night** which was well attended and received. Parents in K2 to grade 5 came together to better understand how math is taught today and how to support their children. Another training is coming up in May where **Parent University** will teach us about how to improve students' vocabulary! We also have a Spanish **Bi-lingual Book Club** for parents and children starting soon. If your child is in grades 3-8 s/he will take the **PARCC** assessment in ELA and Math. Ms. Steele and I will lead a **PARCC Information Session** on Tuesday April 26th from 6-7:30PM. In addition the School Climate Survey was mailed, emailed and sent home to all Roosevelt families and we want to hear from you.

Thank you for your partnership in this work and I hope to see you at upcoming events. Mrs. Sheridan

### The core value for this month is Creativity

Creativity is the act of turning new and imaginative ideas into reality.

### Middle School News

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - The Max Warburg Courage Essay Contest

The Max Warburg Courage Curriculum's "Courage in My Life" sixth grade program is a language arts and character development curriculum used in Boston Public Schools.

The program "empowers students to realize that their actions and decisions can be powerful agents of change. Through reading, writing, and discussion, students discover and recognize the role of courage in the lives of the characters they read about, in the lives of those around them, and in their own lives—past, present, and future".

The writing component of the program has each student write an essay on the topic of "Courage in My Life." Each of the Roosevelt's 6<sup>th</sup> graders essays was submitted and the judges selected Natalie Trapanick and Maureen Baumiller to be 2016 Max Warburg Fellows. As a 2016 Max Warburg Fellow, these students will have their essay and photo published in *The Courage of Children: Boston and Beyond Volume XXV*.

In addition, they will attend an Annual Awards Luncheon at the Fairmont Copley Plaza.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - The Red Sox Scholars Mentoring and Scholarship Awards

The Red Sox Scholars is a program run by the Red Sox Foundation. The program was launched in 2003 and now provides mentoring, enrichment activities and college scholarships to over 250 Boston Public School students. Funded by the Red Sox Foundation, the Scholars' college scholarships of up to \$10,000 per student.

The Red Sox Foundation is now in the process of selecting the students chosen for this honor. We are pleased to announce that our own Danny Portillo is among the 20 finalists. We wish him well with his interview and hope that he will be chosen as one of the 10 award winners.

### The Showa Institute of Boston

On Wednesday, March 30th a group of nine students from Japan visited both third grade classrooms as a part of our study on Learning about Cultures through Literary and Informational Texts. Students engaged in learning to say Japanese words, writing their names in Japanese and about traditional foods of the country. Students discussed customs, geography as well as making origami. It was an enriching and exciting learning event.



### Parent University

Parent University is an opportunity for parents and guardians to sharpen their skills as they work in one of life's most important and demanding roles. Parent University provides parents and caregivers with information about their vital responsibility in shaping children's lives. Classes focus on child development, what children are learning in schools, advocacy, parent leadership and effective parenting skills. Saturday, April 9, 2016, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Madison Park High School, 75 Malcolm X Blvd, Roxbury, MA. Click here to register: <http://www.cvent.com/d/jfqx7d> Childcare is provided and children in grades 2 up will go on a field trip to the Science Museum for the day.

### Next SPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 14th at 630pm at the Upper Campus Library

FDR apparel is now on sale!! Parents should have received Order Forms by now. If you have not or you need additional copies, please contact Pam Bellamy at [blish3939@hotmail.com](mailto:blish3939@hotmail.com). We will be accepting orders until 4/15.

SAVE THE DATE for FIELD DAY 2016:

Lower Campus Friday June 10th

Upper Campus Thursday June 16th

We will be looking for parent volunteers at both campuses. We need your help to make this a success!!! More details to come!!!!

### Paint Night @ The Roosevelt School

Look out Monet the Roosevelt has shown its true colors during paint night last week. We held a lottery and 10 lucky students were chosen to take part with a parent in a night of painting and a lot of laughs. Everyone took home a beautiful original painting and a memory that will last a lifetime. Thank you to all that participated.



### Read Boston Book Giveaway

ReadBoston has provided us with new books to host a book giveaway event for students in grades K2-5th! Students will get to select two books of their choice to take home and keep. This event will take place at lower campus on Thursday, April 7th and at upper campus on Monday, April 11th. Keep an eye out for the new books your child selects and be sure to keep reading!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Happenings

Third Graders have been building on the work they did in their first Multiplication and Division unit to expand their skills and understanding. Now, they are not only able to work with bigger numbers (6-10), they are able to use properties of multiplication--commutative, distributive, and associative--to solve problems. Students are proud to have learned about using letters (variables) to represent missing information in multiplication and division problems, both impressing and surprising their middle school siblings and friends! For the next couple of weeks before April break, third graders will be applying their understanding of multiplication to solve problems about area. After the break, our next big study will begin: Fractions!

### Debate Mate Club Update

The Roosevelt has its first ever Debate Team at the Middle School. Under the leadership of a Curry College student the team scored in first place over all other BPS teams after our first Debate Mate competition! We recently attended our second debate and the final event will take place on April 29th at Harvard University! It's exciting to see our students learn and apply new skills and they align perfectly with our **Instructional Focus** this year of **Facilitating Academic Conversations!**

### School Climate Survey

BPS and the Roosevelt staff greatly appreciate your feedback. Each household should have received a school climate survey via email and US postal mail. We have also sent home a copy of the survey with a Roosevelt cover letter attached. In an effort to get a large return on these surveys we will have a drawing for a \$50 gift card! Please return the tear off sheet to say you have mailed, or emailed the survey back and your name will be entered into the drawing! Contact the office if you have any questions.

(UC [617-635-8676](tel:617-635-8676) or LC [617-635-9280](tel:617-635-9280)).

**Community Celebration  
Resourcefulness**

Scholars		Cores	
Yellow room	Sean	Yellow room	Kamari
Blue room	Brendan W.	Blue room	Jason K.
Red room	Rosemitha	Red room	Jarelys
Green room	Alex	Green room	Tommy C.
Orange room	Gabby	Orange room	Ajana
Purple room	Eric	Purple room	Neethan



**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>gr Art Show At Menino Arts Center**

The 4th and 5th grade art show at the Menino arts center opening on April 13, with an opening reception still waiting on the time (a flyer will be going out for the 4th and 5th grade students with the time and details. It will be up for all to view through May 4th. Thank you

**Drama Club Upcoming Events**

Item 1

"The FDR Drama Club will perform the one-act play, "The Dancers" by Horton Foote at FDR Upper Campus on Thursday, April 28th at 6:00pm. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Seating is limited! For tickets please see Ms. Fredericks or email her at [sfredericks@bostonpublicschools.com](mailto:sfredericks@bostonpublicschools.com)."

Item 2

"The Drama Club will be traveling to the Bromfield School in Harvard, MA on Saturday April 30th to perform "The Dancers" at the Massachusetts Middle School Drama Festival, a state-wide drama competition. FDR will perform at 11:00am. Tickets cost \$10 per person."

Item 3

"The Drama Club will host "Hat Day" at Upper Campus on Friday, March 15th. The cost is \$1 and will be collected by homeroom teachers. The Drama Club will also host a Bake Sale on Friday, March 15th during all lunch periods at Upper Campus. The bake sale will be held outside the cafeteria. All proceeds from these two events will help fund the Drama Club trip to Drama Festival. Thank you for your support!"

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		Scholar	Core	Math	ELA	ELL
Grade 2	Room	Danny P	Anthony G			
Grade 2		Kendal B	Christopher W			
Grade 3			Clive G	Arianna	Jayden T	
Grade 3			Lizzy H	Greg B	Victor	
Grade 4	204	Christopher B	Lilah F			
Grade 4	203	Josleny F	Joseph J			
Grade 5	201		Damarcus	Sage S.	Eli C.	
Grade 5			Liam	Kayla	Dorothy O	

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to find all general information about the school and classroom web pages.

**Spring Recess No School**

**Monday, April 18**

**Students return to school**

**Monday, April 25, 2016**