



Franklin D. Roosevelt School

Big Time News- January 20, 2015

A Message from the Principal

Beginning Friday January 23rd, I will have lunchtime book talks with students in grades 2-8. Classroom teachers will select 2 students to spend lunchtime with me. Each student must bring a book they have read or are reading and be prepared to discuss their book. I will provide a pizza lunch and of course I will share my favorite books too! I look forward to launching these lunch time book talks and getting to know a little bit more about your children as readers.

First Annual FDR Trivia Night

Join us for a night of fun and competition between friends, family, staff and all supporters of the FDR Community! Friday, January 30th from 7-10pm at American Legion Fogg Post 56 Harvard Avenue Hyde Park, MA. Registration fee will be \$120 for a team of six, cash or checks made payable to FDR K-8 and can be dropped off with the registration form to either campus' main office. Registration will close after the first 15 teams have registered. Individuals can sign up for \$25 and will be placed on a team. Cash Bar, Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams. Additional Prizes for Best Team Name and Bonus Questions. For more information contact Mr. Patel at: npatel@bostonpublicschools.org.



FDR Core Value

Our core value for the month of January is **Inclusion**. Each month we embody the Roosevelt School's Core Value so that we can learn and achieve. We ask families to partner with us in celebrating students when they are including all peers in play and learning.

Things to Note!



- Tech Goes Home- Jan. 21st, 28th 5:00-7:30pm.
- K1 goes to: Children's Museum- Jan. 23rd
- 8th grade goes to: John J. Moakley Courthouse Jan. 30th
- FDR Trivia Night Jan. 30th 7-10pm.
- Middle School: Grades Close Jan. 30th

Lower Campus Arrival and Dismiss

Arrival: A reminder to our families that drop off time is 8:15-8:30 AM through the gym doors. After 8:30, your child will need to enter through the main door and must be escorted by a parent to sign in as tardy.

Dismissal: If your child needs to be dismissed, please be sure to send in a note in the morning. Please keep in mind we do not dismiss after 1:45 PM; this helps to maintain a safe dismissal process. In order to maintain our strong security procedures, parents are reminded that they must sign in at the office and should not escort their children to classrooms unannounced.

We appreciate your support with this! Thank you.

Greetings from K1

The K1 classrooms are moving into a new unit: Wind and Water. In this unit, lots of hands on learning opportunities will happen. The children will learn about water and how it can take on different forms, including ice and steam. The children will also test the effects of wind using fans on a variety of objects, light versus heavy and their ability for wind to move them. On Friday, the K1 classrooms will visit the Children's Museum where lots of fun and exciting learning will happen!

Greetings from Grade 4

In order to prepare for the upcoming PARCC online, please allow your child to learn and practice as many computer skills as possible at home. Keyboarding is important - there are Keyboarding Programs on the FDR Website, as well as other Educational websites. Using online tools, students can write essays, stories and narratives that may follow a similar line to those they have read. Manipulating 2 screens at once, while reading and comparing online texts, will be a major part of the ELA test. "First in Math", "Ten Marks" , "MathisFun.org", "IRCMS – Fourth Grade Reading Passages", and those listed on our website, are good places to start. Go to www.bostonpublicschools.org/roosevelt.

Greetings from Middle School

6th Grade English Language Arts: Students have just begun writing essays about a time when they or someone they know has shown courage. These essays we will be submitted to the 24th Annual Max Warburg Courage Essay Contest, and one winner from the school will be chosen. The winner will attend an awards luncheon, and will have his or her work published in a book with all of the essay winners from across BPS. (Ms. Hannon-Foley participated in the first Courage Essay Contest when she was in sixth grade at the Timilty Middle School, and has made it a part of her sixth grade curriculum every year since she started teaching at the Roosevelt.)

7th & 8th ELA students are getting prepared for the PARCC examine. Currently we are analyzing texts to determine how the theme is developed over the course of a short story and writing multi-paragraph expository essays to convey our learning. To publish our writing, we are utilizing technology in creative ways!

Roosevelt School: Annual Candy Sale

Our World's Finest Chocolate Sale will run from January 26-February 13. Look for information and order forms to come home next week. This annual fundraiser pays for FDR Field Day, held in June at each campus. In order for the sale to be a success, we ask that each student try to sell at least 1 variety pack. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 sellers school wide. 1st place seller \$100, 2nd place seller \$50, 3rd place seller \$25. In addition, the top selling class at each campus will win a pizza party! Prizes will be awarded in the form of a gift card of the winner's choice. Prizes will be given out at the end of the candy sale. Parent volunteers are needed to help fill candy orders 1-2 mornings per week. For additional information, please email rooseveltspc@gmail.com. Thank you.

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