



Franklin D. Roosevelt School

Big Time News- February 12, 2015

A Message from the Principal

Winter has really arrived! I appreciate your support in getting your child/ren to school under some challenging conditions. We will continue with the new arrival and dismissal procedures in order to streamline the process. I want to send a huge Thank You to the families for your diligence in following the new traffic patterns and to the staff for going above and beyond to assure the safety of all students. I will alert you of any further changes to these routines via email and phone calls. We ask for your patience at this time as safety is our greatest concern. Enjoy the school vacation and please remember to read with your child every day.

Roosevelt K-8 Starlight Gala

The Friends of the Roosevelt have been hard at work planning our upcoming +21 evening gala at the Riverside Theater Works in Hyde Park. The event is scheduled for Friday, March 13th at 7pm- *Save the Date!!* Flyers will go home with all students next week and tickets will be for available for purchase by contacting Ms. Lucia at clucia@bostonpublicschools.org to arrange having them sent home. The evening will include live music provided by our own parent Louie Bello, raffles, a fabulous silent auction with many great items up for bid, food from Sophia 's Grotto in Roslindale and a cash bar. This event is a whole school fundraiser designed to support many enrichment and technology initiatives that were prioritized by the Friends of the Roosevelt. The more funding we raise, the more we will be able to provide for ALL grade levels.

Some of the items that will be up for raffle and bid that night include: *A one-night stay at the luxury boutique hotel XV Beacon worth over \$500. Four One-Day Park Hopper passes valid at the Magic Kingdom® Park, Epcot®, Disney's Hollywood Studios®, or Disney's Animal Kingdom® for one day valued at \$530, Celtics Tickets, Super Bowl Champion Patriots Pre-Season Tickets, Restaurant gift certificates and much, much MORE!!!*

We are still gathering donations and would appreciate any help. If you have any connections to share or any tickets, etc. you would be willing to donate – please reach out to Ms. Lucia or Maria Farrell. All help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you and we will see you March 13th!!!

FDR Newsletter: Translation

In an effort to include all families in our community, we would like to make the school wide newsletters accessible in Spanish and in Haitian Creole. We are seeking volunteers who can help us translate our newsletters on a regular basis. We are hoping to recruit at least 4-5 volunteers per language in order to make the work load lighter throughout the year. Please email Ms. Gonzalez (sgonzalez@bostonpublicschools.org) if you can volunteer to translate.

Things to Note!

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- SPC Meeting, Upper Campus: Feb. 11th 6:15-7:30pm.
- Tech Goes Home: Feb. 11th , 25th 5:00-7:30pm.
- President Day- Feb. 16th No School.
- February Recess- Feb. 17th -20th
- Parent Information Session: PARCC- Feb. 24th 6:30-7:30pm

School Parent Council Meet

The next SPC meeting will be held on Wednesday March, 11th from 6:15-7:30pm at the upper campus science lab. Come out to share your ideas and learn more about field day and other topics! Childcare available upon request. Please email rooseveltspc@gmail.com with any questions.

Trivia Night: Update

Our trivia night was snowed out in January and so we are looking to reschedule sometime in April. Stay tuned for updates in our next newsletter.

Roosevelt Chorus

Thanks to the Fairmount Arts Collaborative grant we are able to offer a *free After School Chorus* for students in grades 5-8. It begins on Monday, February 9th and runs from 2:45-4:15PM through April 13th. There are still seats available and time to join in the fun! Call the office at 617-635-8676 to reserve a spot.

Greetings from K2

During the month of January, Kindergarten 2 students were read many versions of the Gingerbread Man story. They engaged in a host of activities that included dramatic play, storytelling, construction and cooking. Families made fun creative gingerbread people that were shared with the classroom community. For our culminating project, we constructed and decorated gingerbread candy houses at school.

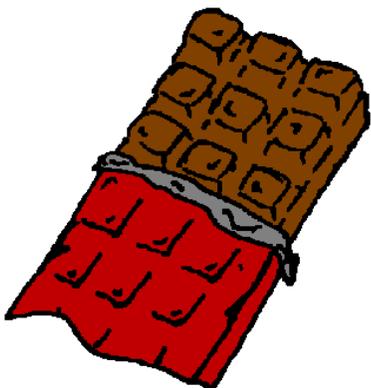
Interview with Mr. Maher by Kiara Bailey and Bryanna McLain, Grade 5

Our grade 5 team is thrilled to introduce our newest member of the Roosevelt School, Mr. Timothy Maher-Grade 5 Paraprofessional.

1. What did you do before you started teaching?
"I worked at a grocery store called Whole Foods in San Francisco."
2. Did you go to college? If so which one?
"I went to college at Georgetown University."
3. What do you like to do in your free time?
"In the summer I like to go to the beach with my family."
4. What is your favorite dance move?
"It's called the Bernie-Lean from the movie *Weekend at Bernie's*."
5. Why do you like working at the Roosevelt?
"I like working at the Roosevelt because the students are really fun to work with, the staff are supportive, and a very welcoming community."

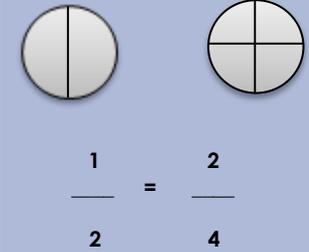
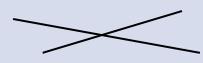
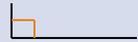
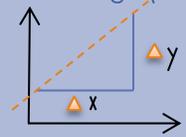
World's Finest Candy Sale

Thank you to all the families who have already sold candy! You're doing a great job. Due to snow days and a slow sales, we are extending the candy sale an additional week. The sale will end on Feb 27. We ask that each student commit to sell at least one \$60 variety pack. The profits from the Candy Sale pay for our school field day in June and classroom needs. Thank you for your support.



Math Vocabulary WORDS

We have a school wide effort in improving math scores this year please review these vocabulary words with your child.

Grade 2	Expanded Notation- Writing a number to show the value of each digit. $200+90+3=293$  Expanded Notation
Grade 3	Equivalent- equal in value or amount. 
Grade 4	Parallel lines- two lines on a plane which never meet and are always the same distance apart.  Intersecting lines- two or more lines that meet at a point.  Perpendicular Lines- lines that meet at 90 degree right angle. 
Grade 5	Decimal System- a number system in which whole numbers and fractions are represented using base ten.
Grade 6	Variable- a symbol for a number we don't know yet. It is usually a letter like x or y. $4x - 7 = 5$ X is the variable.
Grade 7	Slope- the number that expresses the steepness of a line; a ratio of the vertical change (rise) to the horizontal change (run). 
Grade 8	Systems of linear - two or more linear equations that represent constraints on the variable used. Collinear- points that lie on the same line.

Uniform Policy Update

At the School Site Council meeting on February 4, 2015, the proposed school-wide uniform policy did not meet the approval to move forward. A dedicated committee of parents and teachers had worked on a creating a uniform policy for consideration. It was sent out to the school community for feedback, and suggestions were incorporated into the plan. After a motion for approval was passed at the SSC meeting, members held a thoughtful and respectful discussion regarding the uniform proposal. Teachers presented comments from faculty and parents presented feedback from families. Members acknowledged the efforts of the uniform committee in developing a comprehensive plan and appreciated the transparency of the process. A vote for approval was taken and the majority of members did not approve the uniform plan. It was noted by a member that it is strength of our school that we have people willing to take on the hard work of planning and that we are open-minded and consider all viewpoints in our decision making.

Extended Learning Time

BPS is offering a limited number of schools the opportunity to extend the school day. Teachers and parents on the School Site Council carefully considered this option, however, the overriding concern was the timeframe to adequately plan for a successful implementation of an additional 40 minutes for enrichment and academic enhancement for all of our students. Given the Roosevelt's experience with a thorough, well-researched, and community-involved planning process that took over a year to develop and implement our full inclusion model, the FDR did not feel it could create an ELT model to meet the school's needs in the 5 months before the end of the school year. As such, we have elected not to apply to be in the first cohort of schools but rather to begin immediately to plan for implementation of ELT to begin the school year 2016-2017. The Roosevelt's start and end time will remain the same for the 2015-2016 School year.

Parent Information Session on PARCC

On Tuesday February 24th from 6:30-7:30 pm, Mrs. Sheridan will host a parent information session about the new PARCC Assessment. The PARCC (Partnership for Academic Readiness for College and Career) Assessment will be taking the place of MCAS this year for Reading/ELA and Math. Last year the Roosevelt Grade 3 was a test site for the online PARCC assessment, and this year, all students in grades 3-8 will take this assessment. Please join us!

Lunch Time Book Talk

Mrs. Sheridan has begun meeting with students on Fridays to have a Grade Level *Lunch Book Talk*. During this time students discuss a book they are reading or have read and Mrs. Sheridan treats them to pizza for lunch. Last week it was the girls turn. Here's what students think about it: "Book Talk is good because you get to hear about other people's books and you can be persuaded to read different books and try something new." Arianna Bellamy. "It's fun to learn about new books and if you are interested you can buy the book yourself or go to the library to get it." Jackie Walsh.



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