



Franklin D. Roosevelt School

Big Time News- March 6, 2015

A Message from the Principal

March is finally here and hopefully the snow will begin to melt. This will be a very busy month for us at the Roosevelt. We hope you will shake off the winter blues at our Starlight Gala next Friday March 13th at Riverside Theatre Works, Hyde Park, MA. This is a FUNdraiser and will be a wonderful community event. The School Committee has decided that we will have school on Tuesday March 17th as a make-up day. Thursday March 18th I will hold a PARCC information session at Upper Campus from 9-10AM. PARCC assessments begin this month and conclude mid-April.

Congratulations to Roosevelt Girls Basketball team for winning Boston K-8 League Championship.

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball Team and Coach Sheehan on winning the Boston K-8 League Championship! Their hard work and determination resulted in an undefeated season.



Back row left to right: Briannah Hunt (team manager), Winnie Kenou, Ivyana Scott, Esther Oigny, Yvelyn Aridou, Andre Aridou (team manager). Bottom row: Carrie Mays, Alyanna Bonilla, Tracy Dertelus. Not pictured: Saidah Bienaime, Trinitee Williams.

Greetings from Grade 2

Second grade students have been learning about the life of Helen Keller. We learned about the challenges she faced being both blind and deaf. We learned about Braille, sign language, and alternate ways that people with disabilities learn to communicate. Helen Keller's story was very inspiring to our students! Comments about her included, "Her life was hard, but she learned how to read and speak." "Helen Keller is very inspiring because she helped people who had disabilities, because she knew what it was like to have one."

FDR Starlight Gala

FDR Starlight Gala will be Friday March 13th from 7-10PM at Riverside Theatre Works in Hyde Park. Sophia's Grotto will be providing us with a buffet dinner including salad, bread with hummus, bruschetta with tomato and mozzarella, vegetable pasta and pasta with chicken. There will be additional appetizers provided by Whole Foods and desserts from Boston Baking Company. Some additional items for auction: Breakfast basket from FDR specialists, Principal for a Day and Lunch with Mrs. Sheridan, 2 sets of 4 passes to Disney World, two paint parties after school grades 1-3 and grades 4-6 for up to 6 children with Gail Gefteas, bowling and ice cream date for 4 children with Ms. Antonelli and Ms. Gonzalez, Bake and Take afterschool with Ms. Antonelli for like 4-6 kids, day at the zoo with Ms. Gonzalez for 2 kids.

Live music provided by our own FDR parent, Louie Bello. There will be a cash bar too. Tickets are \$40 in advance at the school's offices.

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 SPC with any Questions at rooseveltspc@gmail.com.

Box Tops Contest Update:

The SPC Box Tops contest is in full swing and will continue until May 31st. So far the totals from the top two classes at both campuses are:

Lower campus: Green (160)
Purple (131)

Upper campus: Ms. Maynard (115)
Ms. McCann (289)

The top class from each campus will win a pizza party. Keep those box tops coming!

Parent Information Session: PARCC

On Wednesday March 18th from 9:00-10:00am, 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!

PARCC Assessment

Students in grades 3-8 will take the PARCC assessment beginning on March 23rd. There are 3 sessions (days) of English Language Arts and 2 sessions of Math and all tests will be taken on line. Please take note of the dates your child will take the test and make sure not to schedule any appointments on those days. It is imperative that your child be present for these tests. Calls will be made to your home if your child is not present on a testing day. We will begin testing first thing in the morning so students who are tardy will hold up the entire class.

What can you do to help prepare your child for success?

- Practice keyboarding skills. Free on line computer programs such as DanceMatTyping.com is a good one but there are many to choose from.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep
- Eat a good breakfast either at home or at school

Assessment Dates and Grades

Grade 3 March 30, 31, April 1, 9, 10
 Grade 4 March 23, 24, 25, April 9 & 10
 Grade 5 March 23, 24, 25, April 14 & 15 **April 2nd & 13th Make-Up Day**
 Grade 6 April 6, 7, 8, March 26 & 27 **April 16th & 17th Make Up Day**
 Grade 7 April 6, 7, 8, 14, 15
 Grade 8 March 26, 27, 30, 31, April 1

Note: Students are invited to bring in headphones to use with the Chrome books during testing. Please send them in a zip lock bag with the students name on it.

Community Celebration

Inclusion

Class	Core Value	Scholar
Grade 2	Uzziah Smith Jacinth Johnson	Caleb Idahor Anthony Pinto
Grade 3	Isabella Lilah	Grisselle Lebron Jayden
Grade 4	Caulghent Kelly Jaziel Ramos	Kendra Depew Angie Sanchez

Leadership

Class	Core Value	Scholar
Grade 2	Paul Aguero Aisha Alexis	Carlos Cuellar Michael McElmoyle
Grade 3	Adreanna Bowen Saray	Ladiamond Joshua
Grade 4	Sarah Galvez Emmanuel N.	Nakiyah Horton Sage Shuster-W

Lost and Found

Is your child missing a coat, a hat, their mittens, or a sweater? Our lost and found boxes are overflowing at each campus. Please ask at the office for Lost and Found and check to see if your child's items maybe there.

BOKS Registration

BOKs registration forms have been sent out for spring session. Lower campus begins Tuesday March 24th at 7:30-8:15am Upper Campus begins Wednesday March 25th from 7:30-8:15am.

Community Celebration @

Lower Campus

Perseverance Scholars

Edward- Purple Room
 Jenseen- Green Room
 Nicholas- Blue Room
 Liza-Red Room
 Giada- Yellow Room
 Brianna- Orange Room

Perseverance Cores

William- Blue Room
 Brenden W.- Red Room
 Gabby- Purple Room
 Bella- Green Room
 Gloria- Yellow Room
 Xionne- Orange Room

Perseverance and Inclusion Arts and Music Cores

Cameron K. Orange Room
 David W. – Red Room
 Aidan V. Green Room
 Lulu- Purple Room
 Aaron- Purple Room
 Janelle- Yellow Room
 Daphne- Blue Room
 McKenzie- Red Room
 Jayden G- Blue Room
 Josiah- Green Room
 Jaylanny- Red Room

Inclusion Cores

Mia- Blue Room
 Quincy- Green Room
 Aiyannah- Orange Room
 Robert – Purple Room
 Jaylanny- Red Room
 Madison -Yellow Room

Inclusion Scholars

Nolan- Red Room
 Kevin- Yellow Room
 Oluchi- Blue Room
 Zara- Orange Room
 Ayden G. –Green Room
 Jarelys- Purple Room

8th Grade Goes to John Adams Courthouse

The students in 8th grade visited the John Adams Courthouse on February 26th. At court, students had an opportunity to act as attorneys arguing the case of Tinker v. Des Moines, which deals with student protest during the Vietnam War. The pictures represent teams analyzing their best arguments before presenting ideas to the judge.



World's Finest Candy Sale

Candy Sale Update our Candy Sale is officially over. Congratulations to our top sellers: Lexica Taylor won a \$100 gift card, Aidan Vilsant won a \$50 gift card & Raiana Sumpter won a \$25 gift card! Our top selling classes were Mrs McCann's room (201) at the upper campus & Ms Antonelli's room (green room) at the lower campus. Thanks to all our wonderful families who supported the sale & the volunteers who helped fill orders. We raised over \$4200! The proceeds pay for Field Day in June.

Field Day: Save the dates!

Lower campus Field Day is June 5 (rain date June 9) & upper campus Field Day is June 12 (rain date June 16). We need lots of parent volunteers for this day to be a success. If you are able to volunteer for either day, please email fdffieldday@gmail.com. A field day informational meeting will be held on March 25th at 6:15pm in the Upper Campus science room. You do not need to attend the meeting to be a volunteer.

FDR In Need of Translators

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 if you can volunteer to translate at sgonzalez@bostonpublicschools.org.

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