
THE CONNECTION

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PRINCIPAL'S PAD

First of all, I have to congratulate the organizers of the wildly successful auction on Friday night. A special thanks to Heather Dias, Melissa Murphy and all of the parents who were instrumental in organizing this momentous event! It was wonderful to see so many parents and school staff members enjoying themselves together. That band was fantastic, although it did make me feel a bit old that some of the younger teachers had not heard of the J. Geils band! As I write this, I am still feeling full from all of those fabulous appetizers and desserts! What a wonderful event and such a successful way to both build community and to raise money. I will really miss this very dedicated parent community.

Have you been hearing about *Circle Maps* or *Tree Maps*? *Thinking maps* are a way of visually organizing information according to eight processes that our brains use to demonstrate and sort what we know. Last summer three of our staff members attended a week-long seminar focus on in this innovative program and have since trained our whole faculty. At every grade level children have been mapping their thinking with flow maps, circle maps, tree maps and more. I strongly encourage you to attend a special presentation about Thinking Maps at the March 20th PTO meeting. It will give you an opportunity to learn more about the material so you will be better able to support your children's learning at home.

Spring is almost here, and with spring comes MCAS. Periods of testing can cause anxiety for children and adults alike. It's important to work together and do what we can to make the testing a positive experience. Remind children that these tests are a way for them to show what they know. Maintaining regular bedtimes and eating a nutritious breakfast are two of the easiest things parents can do to help children be prepared. The testing schedule is as follows:

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| Mar 20 | PTO Meeting 7:30 pm |
| Mar 24 | Family Skating Day 3-4 pm |
| Mar 29 | Multicultural Day & Night |
| Mar 29 | Early Release |
| Apr 6 | Good Friday—No School |

Grade 3

March 19 (Monday) Reading
March 21 (Wednesday) Reading
March 22 (Thursday) Reading
March 23 (Friday) Make up day for reading
May 15 (Tuesday) Math
May 16 (Wednesday) Math
May 17 (Thursday) Make up day for Math

Grade 4

March 20 (Tuesday) Full Day ELA long composition
March 26 (Monday) English language Arts
March 27 (Tuesday) ELA
March 28 (Wednesday) ELA
March 29 (Thursday) Make up ELA
April 2 (Monday) Make up long composition
May 17 (Thursday) Math
May 18 (Friday) Math
May 21 (Monday) Make up day for Math

Grade 5

March 29 (Thursday) ELA Early Release
March 30 (Friday) ELA
April 2 (Monday) ELA
April 5 (Thursday) Make up for ELA
May 21 (Monday) Math
May 22 (Tuesday) Math
May 23 (Wednesday) Science
May 24 (Thursday) Science
May 25 (Friday) History & Social Science
May 29 (Tuesday) History & Social Science
May 30 (Wednesday) Make up date if needed

I strongly encourage you to make sure children arrive at school on time and ready to go.

Cynthia Marchand

NEWS FROM THE PTO

Franklin's Auction last Friday rocked!! **Over 200 people came and more than \$20,000 was raised for the school!!!!** Thank you to all the parents and teachers who came out to party and spend money! Not only was the band fantastic and the food to die for, but folks walked out with fabulous prizes in hand, from haircuts, jewelry, and camps to artisan furniture and a weekend at a beach house. One lucky parent won \$625 cold cash from the 50/50 raffle. Another made a fast \$100 from a \$1 scratch ticket. Congrats to all! Big thanks go to our

tireless committee chairs, Heather Dias and Melissa DeNucci and their wonderful team for putting together such a successful party: Maria Galvagno, Maria Rufo-Bueno, Maria Vitone, Janet Quinn, Julie Barbieri, Ellen Bradley, Terri Romanelli, Shelli Adam, Susan Boyer, Deb Rooney, Orsi Binkert, and Lisa Wilson. All your late nights, endless phonecalls, traipsing to stores, and husbands heading out to copy centers at 10pm, PAID OFF. And many thanks to Scott Holman, who created the sandwich board, Pat Capobianco, who designed the flyers, John Negrotti for donating all the door prizes, Danny Klein and Friends for great live music, Alderman Scott Lennon for auctioneering, Megan Mc'Anulty for web help, Laura Thompson, for getting the word out, Art teacher Robin Leed and her dad Tom Leed for orchestrating and crafting the Fifth Grade tile tables, and to all our teachers for their generous Teacher Treats! We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.

Good news – the PTO fun continues throughout the spring!:

- **Garden City Kindergarten and Pre-K Spring Soccer Registration ends Friday, March 16th.** The GCKS Spring Session runs from April 7- June 9th. There are two programs: one for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten and one for children 4 to 5 years old. Cost is \$60 per child. If you have any questions, contact gardencitysoccer@gmail.com or Deb Rooney. It's a great program!
- **PTO Meeting: Wednesday, March 20th, 7:30-9:00pm, Franklin Auditorium.** Heard of the Thinking Maps Program but don't know what it is? Several teachers will come and lead a discussion of this innovative program that is used in our classrooms. In addition, Stand for Children West will talk about the work they are doing to improve our children's education in Newton.
- **Original Works.** During the week of March 22, you will receive a large magnet with your child's artwork and an order form to purchase additional products like mugs, t-shirts, key chains, tote bags, and note cards. You may purchase the magnet, return it with no obligation, and/or purchase other products with your child's artwork. All products will be delivered to Franklin during the last week of April. Contact Carmen Pancerella, or Laura Thompson, with any questions. Browse more Original Works products at www.originalworks.com. These make terrific Mother's Day and Grandparents' gifts!
- **Franklin Family Skating Day. Saturday, March 24th,** from 3:00-4:00pm, Coffin Sports Center, Fessenden Skating Rink, 450 Crafts St. Grab the kids and come out for a FREE hour of skating fun. All ages welcome. Bring your own skates (inquire on discussion boards if anyone has skates they can loan/give your child). Friends and family are

welcome. We have the entire rink to ourselves for the hour. Contact Lorraine Miller for more information:

- **Multicultural Day. Thursday, March 29th,** 5:30-8:00pm. One of Franklin's most cherished family events, this is an evening to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up the Franklin community. Here are some of the ways you can get involved: **Make a family heritage poster** that shows where your family came from. Due Monday, 3/26. **Bring a dish** to our International Pot-Luck Dinner held in the auditorium throughout the evening. **Help with Crafts and Games** like origami. **Read a story** about different lands to the kids. Please let Sara Jauniskis know if you are attending and if you can help out that night.,

We would also like to warmly welcome new school secretary **Debbie Mastroianni**, "Mrs M." to Franklin. If you haven't had a chance to stop by and say hi, please do. I'm sure she'd love to meet you.

Principal Selection Update:

Surveys: We received over 75 surveys from parents outlining what they find important in the next principal. Thank you to all who participated. The surveys have been handed in to Jeff Young and will be used by the Selection Committee to create interview questions for the upcoming candidates.

Principal Selection Advisory Committee (SAC): The four Franklin parents picked for the committee are Jeffrey Dias, Michael Greenstein, Lorraine Miller, and Mary Reynders. Thank you to all who voted and thank you to all seven of the well-qualified applicants. We appreciate your commitment to the school. For the next few weeks, things will seem a bit quiet on the principal-search front as Jeff Young works privately with the SAC interviewing potential principals. However, once the search has been narrowed down to three candidates, we will hold three public meetings towards the end of April in which Franklin parents are invited to ask questions of each candidate. We'll keep you posted about the dates and times of these meetings as we get closer.

Enjoy the arrival of spring!
Elizabeth and Kim

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MCAS Testing Dates: All grades should note that MCAS testing requires that Tuesday, March 20 be a full day of school with dismissal at 3:00. On Wednesday, March 21, all students will be dismissed at 12:30. Kindergarten students in Group A will stay until 3:00 on Tuesday, and will be dismissed at 12:30 on Wednesday. Group B students will observe their regular Tuesday and Wednesday dismissal at 12:30.

Franklin School Multicultural Day 2007

Thursday, March 29th 5:30-8:00

This year's Multicultural Day will be different than years past, but we hope it will be fun and educational for all. Here are some of the ways you can get involved and be a part of the event:

Make a family heritage poster...

Make a poster to show how your family celebrates your cultural heritage, and we will line the halls at Franklin with our family histories. Where does your family come from, and have you visited there? Do you wear any special clothing or accessories? How do you observe holidays or special commemorations? Do you speak a language other than English with any of your family? Feel free to use pictures and maps to bring your family story to life. More information and paper to make your posters will be sent out separately.

Bring a dish to our International Pot-Luck Dinner

- The Pot-Luck will run all evening from 5:30 to 8:00 in the Auditorium
- Check-in your dish at the registration table and automatically get entered to win our International Raffle Prize Basket donated by Williams-Sonoma.

Some of the other activities that will be going on that evening:

- **Stop by the Gym between 5:30 and 8:00 to learn a dance from another country**
- Come by the Library to try some of these fun stations:
 - Crafts** – learn origami, make a paper fan, decorate a boomerang plus much more
 - Games** – test your geography skills with a challenging card game
 - Activity Centers** – try on an Indian Sari – try your hand at our chopstick game
- Take a break at our **Story Circle** outside the Kindergarten Rooms between 6:00 and 8:00 and hear a tale from another land read by a Franklin school parent.

Volunteers needed: we are still looking for volunteers to help out with the crafts and activity centers that evening so if you are available for 30 minutes that evening please contact
Mary Ann Buras

Franklin Family & Friends FREE Skate!!!!

All families and friends of the Franklin community are invited to the Fessenden Rink on **Saturday, March 24th from 3:00-4:00** for an hour of FREE ice skating. Be sure to wear your skates, a helmet and have fun!! No skate rentals available!



**Original
Works
Update**



The Original Works fundraiser has begun! We are participating in the Original Works magnet program. The students completed their individual artwork, with the guidance of Ms. Leed and Ms. Simkins. We sent the artwork to Original Works for production of custom, color 4"x5" magnets, one for each student. On March 23, you will receive your child's magnet package. This magnet package contains the preview magnet, a product brochure and price list, and an order form, with detailed instructions on how to place an order.

Families may purchase the preview magnet, return it with no obligation, and/or purchase any of the other items offered. There are a variety of items including notecards, pillowcases, and mousepads. To purchase the magnet and other products, simply complete the order form and return it in your child's folder with your payment, exact cash or check payable to "Franklin School PTO". If you do not wish to purchase the magnet, you must return it with your order form. **All orders must be returned by March 30!!!** The completed products will be available and ready for distribution during the week of April 27.

When we packed the Franklin masterpieces to be shipped to Original Works, we got a preview of the artwork, and there are definitely some budding young artists at Franklin – what talent!

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Carmen Pancerella
Laura Thompson
Co-chairs, Original Works fundraiser

Register now for Garden City Kindergarten Spring Soccer

GCKS provides a great introduction to the game of soccer; teaching a variety of basic skills in a fun, non-competitive environment. Team sizes are small, with 10 players in each group. We will only enroll 80 children per league. This format allows each child optimal time for on-field practice and game rotations.

GCKS Spring Session runs from April 7- June 9th. Practice/games will be held Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 am for the Kindergarten league and 10:45-11:45 am for the Pre-K league. Games are played on the field at Burr School, Pine Street in Auburndale. Volunteer parent coaches are needed. No experience is necessary and training will be provided.

Cost is \$60 per child for the season. GCKS is a joint venture of Franklin and Lincoln-Eliot School's Parent Teacher Organizations. Proceeds benefit both schools' PTO programs. To obtain a registration form, send an email to gardencitysoccer@gmail.com or call Franklin School parent Deb Rooney. Space is limited. Registration deadline is March 20th. The Pre-K program is full.

Ellen Goethels and Cindy Fitzgibbon put the "Science" back in Arts and Sciences!

Did you know that crabs have over 50 mouth parts? Scallops have dozens of eyes? Starfish can grow an entire body from one "arm"?

These were just a few of the interesting facts Franklin second and third graders took away from *Ellen Goethel's* marine biology program "Explore the Ocean World." During the hour-long workshop, students were invited to touch, smell, and explore a variety of sea creatures and plant life, including shark teeth, whale baleen, and several different live specimens that Ellen brought down from her tank in New Hampshire. The students enjoyed the hands-on experience that the program provided, as well as Ellen's evident enthusiasm for her work and commitment to ecology. One child described the program as "the best creative arts she ever had!"

Later the same week, Grade 5 enjoyed a visit from Fox 25 meteorologist and science reporter *Cindy Fitzgibbon*. Cindy's multimedia presentation on "How Weather Works" was well-paced, interactive, entertaining, and informative. She used students to demonstrate how the sun affects our weather and the seasons, balloons to show how high and low pressure weather systems affect and move each other, and an anemometer to show how wind speed is measured. Coolest of all was when she produced a cloud in a bottle! A clip from the program aired on Fox 25 News early the following morning. Did any of you manage to catch it?

We've got a few more programs scheduled for the spring, including a sound program for kindergartners, physics for grade 5, and an amazing storyteller who's currently performing at Lincoln Center. Stay tuned!

Upcoming meetings on next year's School Budget

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm, and are in room 210 of the Education Center, at 100 Walnut St., unless otherwise noted.

March 19— Budget Discussion: Straw Vote on FY08 Budget

March 22 — Public Hearing on FY08 Budget - at F.A. Day

March 26 — Final Vote on FY08 Budget

March 29 — Extra Date for FY08 Budget Discussion if necessary

For more information, see:

<http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/schoolcommittee/budget/budget08.html>

READ THE NEWTON PTO COUNCIL SCHOOL NOTES

Includes a summary of the recent school committee meeting. Sorry, 2+ pages, I can't reprint, so check it out:

www.newtonptocouncil.org/Topics/Topic.cfm?TopicName=Emails&EmailId=23

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCSC APRIL VACATION SPRING SKILLS

CHALLENGE Looking for something fun for your child to do during their school vacations? This April Vacation NCSC will be heading to Hale Reservation for A spring skills team challenge. For more detailed information or to register go to www.ncscweb.org or contact Jennifer Capello McAuliffe at 617-969-5906 Ext. 224 or email jcapello@ncscweb.org.

Newton Symphony Orchestra SUNDAY, MARCH 25,

2007: TITAN AND TWO BASSOONS! John Miller, Principal Bassoon of Minnesota Orchestra, Mahler's great Symphony #1, Concerto # 2 in Bb for Two Bassoons, by Christian Ludwig Dietter, Beethoven's Overture to the Consecration of the House. The concert will take place at the Rashi Auditorium, 15 Walnut Park, Newton Corner at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and \$30, with a \$5 discount for students and seniors, and groups over 10. Children under 16 get in for \$10. Steven Ledbetter, former annotator for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will give a free pre-concert lecture at 6:30 pm. There will be a post-concert reception, at which the audience is invited to meet the soloists, the orchestra and the conductor. For tickets contact the NSO office at 617-965-2555 or visit the NSO website at www.newtonsymphony.org.

NewKids Spring Registration is now underway for Spring classes through Newton Community Education. Coming up at Franklin are Ready, Set...Draw on Tuesdays, Combat Sambo on Mondays and Wednesdays, Pottery on Thursdays, Chess on Thursdays, and a new session of Mad Science on Mondays. We have two adult-child cooking classes on Saturdays at Newton North: the ever-popular Chocolate Connection, and Cookie Decorating. Also on Saturdays we offer T-Ball, and Soccer (Soccer for Moms too!). For 5th graders we have Create a TV Show on Fridays at NewTV, and Babysitting on Saturdays at North. Now's the time to plan your spring vacation; we have the following great options for you to choose from: Innovations, Multi-Sports, Basketball, Babysitting,, Marble Madness, and Fencing. For more information or to view our complete course offering (including summer), call our office at 617-559-6999, or visit our website at www.newtoncommunityed.org.

Summer Speech and Language Program Emerson College, Dept. of Communication Sciences & Disorders, is planning to offer a 6 week speech and language therapy program to students in the City of Newton with documented need for services. Supervised graduate students in speech-language pathology will provide individual, one-on-one therapy, twice a week from July 2th through August 10th at a Newton location yet to be determined. The fee is \$325.00 for 11, one hour sessions. Spaces are limited. Applications will be available from school speech-language pathologists in March or by contacting Shelley Lipschultz at Emerson College: (617)824-8314 or shelley_lipschultz@emerson.edu

Solar Panels for Newton Schools Help create more clean wind power and earn a free 2kW solar panel array for a Newton school. If 150 Newton households or businesses join New England Wind Fund by March 31, 2007, the Mass Technology Collaborative (MTC) will provide a solar panel array for a Newton middle school. This is a worthy initiative to help continue building support for alternative energy sources. **Each one time \$100 or \$5 a month donation** will count towards the solar challenge grant. So far 80 contributors from Newton have joined. Each contribution signifies that approximately 2000 kilowatt hours of energy will be generated by wind, not coal or oil, and that 2204 lbs. of CO2 will not be expended into the atmosphere. What's key about this initiative is that for a limited time, only until March 31, the donations will be matched by Mass Technology Collaborative, and the 2KW solar array will be provided to a Newton middle school. Be sure on your donation to state that it for Newton, so that credit is given appropriately. Cambridge and Lexington have already achieved the 150 new member goal. Go to www.NewEnglandWind.org or (800) 287-3950 to sign up.

Open House and Book Fair at Temple Ohabei Shalom (Reform) Religious School in Coolidge Corner. Your family is invited to come see what all the excitement is about,

Sunday morning, March 18, 2007, 10:15 – 11:15am. Good coffee, good bagels, good books, good conversation and a chance to see first hand why our kids—who come from far and wide---love their Hebrew School. (Pre-K through High School) 1187 Beacon Street, Coolidge Corner, Brookline. Information: Shari Churwin or Jeff Wexler, 617-739-9200 or www.ohabei.org.

A Good Time for a Good Cause On Saturday March 24 at 6pm, St. John's Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Parish of St. Paul, will hold an evening of **"Jazz and Jambalaya"** at St. John's Church, 297 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville. In preparation for an aid trip to New Orleans, this family event will feature dancing to live music provided by "Pauli B's Allstars", mask making, and lots of good food in the Mardi Gras tradition. Costumes are encouraged. The recent children's book, "The Storm", will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the effort. "The Storm" author, Barbara Barbieri McGrath, will be on hand to sign copies. Suggested donation is \$25.00 per person, \$50.00 maximum per family. Although the fundraising is being organized by the two churches, it is a non-denominational endeavor by the entire Newton community to **reach out to the people of New Orleans and show them that they have not been forgotten**. 100% of funds raised will be used to purchase tools and supplies for the rebuilding effort, and gift cards to be donated to persons in need. Those aren't able to attend the party but would like to help the people of New Orleans can make a tax deductible donation of money or a gift card that will be used for the re-building effort. It's been 18 long months since Hurricane Katrina, but the passage of time has neither brought the devastated Gulf Coast areas back to "normal". As much as 65% of New Orleans' homes are without electricity, the population is a fraction of what it was pre-Katrina, and only 1 in 1,000 homeowners who has applied for money to rebuild has received aid. Parishioners are reaching out with their hands and hearts to those whose lives were upended by the storm, and who continue the struggle to put their communities back together. Over the course of the week, volunteers will salvage belongings, gut damaged homes, fix and deliver meals, help in providing preventative medical services, and offer respite care, listening to people's stories and giving them a break from the difficulties of daily life in a devastated area. For more information, contact St. John's Church, 617 964 2591 www.saintjohnschurch.com, or The Parish of St. Paul, 617 527 6642 www.parishofstpaul.org

NPS Integrated Preschool Enrolling for the 2007-2008 School Year The Integrated Preschool Programs are provided by the Newton Public Schools. Our eight Integrated Preschool Classrooms for 3, 4 and 5 year old children enroll 15 to 16 children per classroom. Integrated classrooms include children with and without disabilities. Each classroom is taught by a Masters Level Teacher and supported by 2-4 assistant teachers. A variety of therapists (occupational, physical, speech & language) spend 1-3 days

in each classroom. The curriculum is developmentally appropriate, challenging and based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Additionally, our program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Visit our website at: <http://www.newtonpreschool.com/>

Free Admission—25th anniversary KIDS' Karate Exhibition Children and their parents and friends who might be interested in trying our KIDS' KARATE Beginners Karate Course in the summer or fall (entry ages 1st thru 5th grades) are welcome and invited to attend our annual KIDS KARATE Exhibition at Boston College, Conte Forum, Saturday May 19th 10:00-11:30 am. See the program in action; current students, Beginners thru Black Belts, perform some of the karate they are learning for parents, friends, and relatives. Regular classes are held at Trinity High School in Newton For more information, please leave message at 617-527-8052, for Rich Jacobs, KIDS' KARATE director.

April Vacation Ice Skating Camp: Join the Sheryl Franks-Pelligrini Creative Skating Academy April 17th to April 20th for spring camp. Spaces are limited. Camp is held at the Fessenden skating rink. Applications are available at the rink, or call (617) 699-4736 for more details.

ArtsPower National Touring Theatre will present the children's classic: **Harry the Dirty Dog**, Sunday, April 1, 1:30 PM at the Newton North High School Auditorium. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs. Reserved Seating: \$10 in advance \$12 at the door. Call 617 796-1540 to reserve tickets Harry has everything a white dog with black spots could want. There's just one problem: he hates taking baths. He hates them so much that one morning he runs away. This new musical based on the classic book by Gene Zion, captures the humor and dedication to family found in Harry's story.

23rd Book and Author Luncheon. Friends of the Newton Free Library are proud to present Megan Marshall, author of *The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism* and Matthew Pearl, author of the bestseller *The Dante Club* and his latest novel, *The Poe Shadow*. The luncheon will take place April 13 at noon at the Newton Marriott, 2345 Commonwealth Ave at Rte 128. Please send your check for \$32.50 per person, payable to the Friends of the Newton Free Library, to Book and Author Luncheon, PO Box 600533, Newtonville, MA 02460. Please specify the names of those who will attend the event and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Indicate your preference for chicken, fish or vegetarian lunch entrée. Tickets and table assignments will be mailed two weeks before the event. Reservations received after Mar 31 will be held at the door. Early reservations are recommended. Seating is limited. No tables or seats will be held without payment. For more information, please call 617-997-7942 or email bookandauthor@gmail.com

Flamenco Dance Lessons with Carmen Alvarez of Granada, Spain Lessons for all levels, children (beginning at age 5) and adults Classes begin May 7th, 2007 Contact Carol Reichert at The Dance Studio at 617.332.2717 for more information Checkout Carmen's website at www.flamencogranada.net

NCSC SUMMER DAY CAMP HAS LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE. Come join us at Hale Reservation in Westwood where campers enjoy fun-filled days of boating, Red Cross swim lessons and free swim, arts and crafts, fishing, archery, ropes challenge course, nature activities, sports, cookouts, special events, fieldtrips, overnights and more. Camp begins on June 25th and runs through August 24th. Camp begins at 8 a.m. and the bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. for Hale Reservation and returns to the Newton Community Service Center at 4:30 p.m. Extended Camp is available until 6 p.m. The cost for a two-week session is \$500. For more detailed information or to register go to www.ncscweb.org or contact Jennifer Capello McAuliffe at 617-969-5906 Ext. 224, or jcapello@ncscweb.org.

Joani Geltman Adolescent Psychology: The Parent Version Joani Geltman, LICSW, an expert in teen-parent relationships, will speak on the physical, cognitive, and social emotional changes that occur in adolescence, and how these changes affect relationships with parents, friends and school life. March 29th, 7:30-9:00 pm Newton South High School Lecture Hall There is no charge to attend. All are welcome. This session is relevant for parents with children in grades 5-12. Learn how to . . .Set appropriate limits. Identify and deal with experimentation with sex, drugs and alcohol. Identify risk factors for depression and anxiety. Identify high expectation vs. unrealistic ones. Why Come? Get concrete tips on successfully parenting your tween or teen. Share ideas with other parents and community leaders who work with your children. Stay ahead of the game. Parent your teen or tween with knowledge, not fear.

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Franklin family-owned and loved Cape Cod house for rent this summer. East Sandwich, Sandy Neck Road location off 6A. ¾ mile to beach. 2 bedrooms with extra sleep space in lower level, 2 baths, deck, gas grill, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Quiet, peaceful, low-key atmosphere (read: no TV or video games!). Nice base spot minutes from Route 6 from which to explore all of the Cape. Contact the Cartwrights at koelddridge@verizon.net or call 617-332-2346.

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will create a book, learn about animation, develop characters and much more while also learning a variety of approaches. References available. Please call Mark (617) 244-2648.

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Dr. Judie Magidson, Newton educational consultant experienced with 20 + years teaching/counseling students (every subject/grade with a concentration in study skills and reading/writing is beginning small workshops for students-all grades- in study skills, writing, ESL. Relaxing environment, enjoyable! Please e-mail me/call as soon as possible to let me know which group your son/daughter will join. Also offering support groups for adult family members of children who have ADD/ADHD or other related disabilities. Groups are filling up fast, so please e-mail me/call as soon as possible. EMagids@aol.com (617) 527-6654

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