
THE CONNECTION

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NEWS FROM THE PTO

Franklin has the best teachers ever! They create innovative lesson plans to really reach our kids. They bundle them up for recess and watch over their illness and allergies like they were their own kids. And they do it all with humor and grace and patience. So, we stop each spring to treat the Franklin faculty to a little tender, loving care by hosting a **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**. We parents will decorate the auditorium, whip up a delicious lunch of four-star caliber, and serve them like royalty. Please let Heather Dias know how you can help in set up, food preparation or clean up this May 15th. Just send her an email.

Spring is also the time of year we encourage legions of parents to play hooky from work. **Color Day** is coming up on Thursday, June 7th. Many, many parents are needed from 8:30 – 12:30 to run relay races, time competitions and generally organize the fun of Franklin's annual field day. If you can join the kids for the whole morning, or just part of it, contact Mary Beth Mc'Intyre or Shelli Adam. Your kids will think you are the greatest! Remember to check your CORI status with Mrs. Mastroianni in the school office.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is also swinging back through town May 7- 11, just in time to pick up some great summer reading. Check the backpacks or franklinpto.org for times when it will be open. If your shelves are bursting with books your kids have outgrown, please consider donating them to our Used Book Bin. You'll be helping kids find good reading at a discount. Proceeds will be used to buy new Scholastic Books for Franklin's classrooms and library. Simply drop off the used books when you come in to shop. Also at the Book Fair, you'll find raffles raising funds for the Fifth Grade Graduation Fund and the Franklin

May 6	Walk For Hunger-Franklin team
May 7-11	Scholastic Book Fair
May 10	Early Release--ADDITIONAL
May 15	Staff Appreciation Lunch
May 19	Franklin Yard Sale
May 21	4 th Grade concert 10 am & 7 pm
May 30	PTO Meeting 7:30 (last one!)
June 7	Color Day

Technology Fund. Take a chance on some great prizes, and support these important efforts.

Would you like to get rid of all the stuff that's taking up your precious space in the closets and bookshelves, on the porch or in the garage? The things that have life left in them don't have to add to our landfills - they can be donated to the Franklin Tag Sale scheduled for May 19th. See Nancy and Eleanor's announcements for what they need and when to drop it off. Also consider volunteering for an hour or the morning to help sell everything - you might find a special treasure for yourself!

We hope the mugs and aprons and notecards bearing the inspired art work of our students is bringing joy to all lucky enough to be on the receiving end of the **Original Works** efforts. We'd like to thank Carmen Pancerella, Laura Thompson, and their dedicated committee for all the hard work organizing this fun fundraiser. A special thanks go to Robin Leed and Rachel Simpkins for helping our children achieve museum-quality results!

The **Understanding Our Differences** Program, designed to show our kids how physical or developmental differences present unique challenges to some, and how we can befriend and support each other, has wrapped up for this year. Our thanks to the dozens of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents who have taken the time to volunteer on Thursday afternoons. Special thanks go to Mary Beth Mc'Intyre who has coordinated this program for many, many years, and whose devotion to Understanding Our Differences will likely not end with her son Sean's graduation from Franklin this year.

As these final weeks of school wiz by, make sure you've marked your calendar for all the special events coming up including the **4th Grade Concert** (10am and 7pm) on **May 21st**, the **End of Year Picnic** on **June 13th**, and the **5th Grade Concert** on **June 14th** (10 am and 7 pm). Our **last PTO meeting** of the year will be Wednesday, May 30 at 7:30. We hope you can make it between Little League, recitals and all the rest!

Kim and Elizabeth

Please help show our gratitude to the teachers and staff who help our children all year long...

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007

We need your help to make this event possible. We would like to be able to serve a variety of hot and cold dishes, salads, and desserts to the faculty. If you can cook or donate a food item or can help with set up/clean up, please contact Heather Dias. Thanks for your help.

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PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Project Bread's

WALK FOR HUNGER

Sunday May 6, 2007

1 pm

JOIN THE FRANKLIN TEAM!!!!

HELP CARRY THE BANNER FOR FRANKLIN
SCHOOL!!!!

Just ONE mile, through NEWTON, from Eliot Church to
Daly Field

We will help register you to walk on Sunday and make sure
you get a pledge sheet!!!!!!!!

Please call or email:

Jocelyn Scheirer

Julie Youdovin

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FRANKLIN SCHOOL YARD SALE Saturday, May 19 from 9AM to 1PM.

We need bric a brac, costume jewelry, dishes, toys, books,
furniture, etc.

Any good junk will be accepted as long as it is clean and in
working order.

Donations can be dropped off in front of the school from 7-9
AM.

Sign up to volunteer for an hour or two and you get first
option to buy.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please call or
email

Nancy Solari or Eleanor Boschert-Ambrosio

Color Day is Coming June 7th!

If you haven't volunteered for Color Day before, reserve your
calendar for Thursday, June 7th from 9am-12:30pm (this is
an Early Release Thursday!). Think of it like your own
personal play date. We have a lot of fun... you will help run
games, serve water, line dance, run races and more. All ages,
all grades, fun for all. We hope you can join in the
excitement this year. The rain date will be Tuesday June
12th, same time, same place. Let Mary Beth McIntyre or
Shelli Adam know if you are interested. You will need to
have a valid CORI form to participate. Please check in with
the office in advance, forms are on the website. Mark your
calendars. Thank you!

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Mark your calendar for the Franklin School Scholastic Book Fair

which will be held in the Gym from **Monday, May 7th to
Friday, May 11th**. The Book Fair will be opened after
school every day, as well as two extended Family Days on
Tuesday, May 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 and Thursday, May 10th
from 5:00 to 7:00.

As always, the Book Fair could use some help. If you are
available to help, please email Maria.

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Used Book Bin at the Scholastic Book Fair



**Do you have a children's bookshelf bursting with like-new
books that the kids have just outgrown, or maybe never
even found interesting? Would you like to find these
books a new home to make room for what your kids are
reading now?**

With so many reading choices that tickle every fancy, the
Scholastic Book Fair is an exciting event for our kids.
However, we all visit the Book Fair with a budget in mind,
and our children can find it difficult to buy something special
with 50¢ or \$1 left to spend. The PTO would like to provide
an offering of books value-priced in this range to satisfy these
Book Fair patrons.

Please consider donating to the school your used but like-new
books for the elementary school ages. We'll sell these
hardcover and paperback donations at a significant discount.
Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the
classrooms and the library/media center.

Donations can be dropped off at the Book Fair when you
come in to shop. If you have any questions, please contact
Kim Freedman or Maria Galvagno.

Understanding Our Differences

The **Understanding Our Differences** (UOD) program has conducted six workshops at the Franklin School this year. This nationally recognized program is part of the Newton Public Schools' curriculum and takes place in all 15 elementary schools each year. The goal of the program is to increase information, understanding and acceptance of people with disabilities and individual differences in our community. This program is organized and led by parents with support from the school, the grade level teachers and the specialists.

UOD would like to recognize the many parents who have taken time from their days to help our children grow socially and learn to respect others: Mary Beth Mc'Intyre, Janna Zwerner and Kim Freedman as Program Coordinators; Joanne Caruso, Robyn Wolff and David Roll as Unit Leaders; and Julie Barbieri, Pat Doolin, Ellen Whalley Eckenrode, Karen Eldridge, John Fitzpatrick, Ellen Forman, Marianne Greco, Alice Kelly, Pat Larson, Sheila Lenihan, Richard Malmberg, Megan McA'Nulty, Jen O'Brien, Cathy Palumbo, Mary Reynders, Michelle Roover, Elizabeth Roll, Terri Romanelli, Jennifer Roy, Greer Swiston, Pam Wright and Regina Zegarelli for their time and compassion.

The program also sincerely thanks the Franklin faculty who works so hard to support the workshops. Thank you to the teachers who help with scheduling, grouping the children, and reinforcing the learning in classroom discussions. Special thanks go to the specialists and aides who help the parent volunteers manage the students through our tight schedules and keep them focused and well-behaved.

Thank you!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast-- Understanding Our Differences

Friday, June 8, 2007

Where: City Hall - War Memorial

Time: 8:30- 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy breakfast - with Mayor David Cohen and Superintendent Jeffrey Young as "we" thank you for your commitment to the Understanding Our Differences program. Special Presentation by one of our guest speakers All current and past volunteers welcome!

R.S.V.P. by June 4th to carol_weigert@newton.k12.ma.us

The next Connection will be published on May 18th. To submit something, send by email or leave it in the Connection mailbox in the school office. The deadline is Monday, May 14th, NOON, but feel free to send it to me early. Ads are only printed as space allows, so meeting the deadline is not a guarantee of ad placement.

Franklin Office 617-559-9500

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighbors Who Disappeared: An Exhibition Looking into the Past and Toward the Future by Students from the Czech Republic. Coordinated by the Jewish Museum of Prague. "What happened to the Jews of our community? What do you remember?" Czech students ages 12 to 21 asked these questions of their parents and neighbors as they created Neighbors Who Disappeared, 12 collage panels capturing the lives and fates of Czech Jews in their own home towns during the Holocaust. Suitable for mature middle-school students and older. Free to all. Groups welcome for special tour by appointment. On display April 17 through May 13 at Temple

Reyim 1860 Washington Street (Rte. 16), Newton (617) 527-2410. Info: <http://www.zmizeli-sousedede.cz/ajindex.html>.

CONGRATULATIONS! WE DID IT! Newton received over 150 donations to the **Solar Panels for Newton Schools** program by March 31 so we've earned a free 2kW solar panel array for Oak Hill Middle School. **We did it once, we can do it again.** If 150 Newton households or businesses join New England Wind Fund by April 30, 2007, the Mass Technology Collaborative (MTC) will provide another 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. 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. 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, click on Solar Challenge for your Community, then Newton in the list, or (800) 287-3950 to sign up.

The Newton Symphony Orchestra performs Brahms Violin Concerto and Dvorak Symphony No. 7 May 6th. This concert is in memory of Gertrude Lasker, who died March 23rd. Gertrude was one of the founding members of the orchestra's board and she and her husband were instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Newton Symphony as a vital part of the cultural life of the Boston area. The concert features critically acclaimed violinist Tobias Steymans, once a student at the Longy School of Music, who went on in 2001 to win the audition to become the Concertmaster of the Zurich Opera House. The concert will take place at the Rashi Auditorium on Sunday May 6th at 7:30 pm.

Announcing the third annual Waban Village Day, to be held on Sunday, May 20 from 11AM to 3PM. The Family Fun Run 5K begins at 10AM. Visit the web site to register. On going throughout the day will be a petting zoo, amusement rides, games and activities for children, as well as handmade crafts, gifts and jewelry for sale. Live music provided by Julia Priest and World Beat. The Dance Academy and Siagel Productions will provide Hip Hop Instruction and entertainment. The grills start at 11AM with great food all day long. More information can be found at www.wabanimprovement.org.

Sign Up K-10th Graders for 2007-2008 Religious School at Temple Sinai, Brookline: Temple Sinai, a small, friendly Reform congregation located in the heart of Coolidge Corner, is currently enrolling students for the 2007 - 2008 religious school year. Our K - 10 curriculum emphasizes the basics of Torah, Hebrew reading and comprehension skills, social

action and Jewish studies. We cultivate a hands-on approach to learning, with parents taking an active role with children at family events and Shabbat services. To register, please contact Director of Education, Heidi Smith Hyde, at school@sinaibrookline.org. Temple Sinai is located at 50 Sewall Avenue in the Coolidge Corner neighborhood of Brookline. Advance registration is recommended. Call 617-277-5888 or go to www.sinaibrookline.org for more information.

Representative Balser will be leading a walk through her district on May 20 to promote walking. The walk will pass by various landmarks in her district. I have included an announcement, below, which she is hopeful that you would publish in your newsletter (particularly if serving people in the 12th Middlesex district). If you have any questions, please feel free to call Representative Balser's office at 617-722-2060. Of course, Representative Balser also hopes you can attend!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED Worldwide International Student Exchange (WISE), a non-profit educational organization is seeking families to host Spanish exchange students coming to the Brookline/Newton and surrounding areas from July 2nd to July 29th 2007. The students, both male and female, range in age from 14-17 and come to the U.S. with solid English skills and the desire to experience life as part of an American family. During the week the students attend ESL classes followed by afternoon activities. Evenings and weekends can be spent getting to know one another, sightseeing and experiencing American life. Please note, the students arrive with their own spending money to be used for any expenses outside of room and meals. As a host family you will be asked to provide sleeping accommodations for the student. While the students do not need their own rooms, they do need their own bed. Additionally, you will be asked to drop off and pick up the student each day at the designated meeting point. If you and your family would enjoy participating in this intercultural program or know of anyone who may be interested please contact Jennifer Reed at (617) 347-8901 or via email at BrooklineJenR@Yahoo.com

SPORTS

HOOPS 360 BASKETBALL CLINICS Liz Leonard, Newton South Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and former Bentley College star player, is offering a series of basketball clinics for boys and girls in grades 6-12. The clinics are on Friday nights from April 27 to June 15 at Newman School in Needham: 6-7:30pm for grades 6-9, 7:30-9pm for grades 9-12. The cost is \$30/session or 5 sessions for \$125. Limit of 15 players per session. Bring a basketball and water. For more information and registration, contact Liz at 339-927-0426 or Hoops360@hotmail.com.

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technology programs for ages 7-17 at 50 prestigious universities in 22 states. This includes MIT, Smith College, Merrimack University, Brown University, Columbia University, and more. Create video games, experience game modding, improve your gaming skills, build robots, design websites, film and edit digital movies, create your own comic book, learn programming and more. With one computer per student and an average of five students per staff, campers are given the attention they need to excel and take home a project at the end of the weeklong course. Additionally, teens can travel to Spain for our Documentary Filmmaking program or participate in iD Gaming Academy for an intensive 3 weeks of game development. Visit www.internalDrive.com or call 1-888-709-TECH (8324).

SUMMER CAMPS

Explore Japan! comes to Newbury College this summer. Explore Japan, a **FREE two week day camp and exchange program**, is coming to Newbury College this summer. In Explore Japan, students learn about the many facets of Japanese culture from July 25 – August 9, 2007. The camp includes workshops on Japanese language, arts and crafts, cooking, martial arts, calligraphy and a variety of interesting cultural exercises. This will be the 15th year Explore Japan has been offered in MA. Last year, over 75 area families participated in the program. Explore Japan is held in conjunction with the visit by a group of Japanese students to the area who will stay with host families during the two weeks. Each morning, students will learn about Japanese culture while their Japanese counterparts study English. In the afternoon, the Japanese students and American students embark together on field trips and participate in fun activities. The visiting students are girls from Osaka Jogakuin School, a prestigious private school in Osaka, Japan. Osaka is the second largest city in Japan and its busiest port. Explore Japan is for girls ages 8-16. Students learn in small groups (broken down by age) under the guidance of Japanese teachers, both from Japan and from the local area. For families who host a visiting Japanese student during the camp, Explore Japan is FREE for one of their children! That is a two and ½ week camp, 9AM – 4:00PM, Monday- Friday, including admission and supervision on afternoon field trips – for free! Students will embark on the afternoon field trips with the Japanese students to the MFA, Boston Harbor Cruise, Canoeing, Bowling, Harvard University and much more. For More information, call 781 828-2800 or enroll online at www.americanlearning.com

The Chestnut Hill School Creative Arts and Sports Program has recently "kicked" off a **specialized soccer camp**. The program will be held at The Pine Manor College Soccer Field from July 9-13 and/ or July 16-20. Hours are 9:00a.m.- 3:00p.m. Families may sign up for one or both of the listed weeks; \$325.00 one-week /\$600.00 two-weeks. Program is offered to both boys and girls entering grades 2 -6 this fall. Soccer instruction is provided by experienced

coaches. Optional lunch buffet provided by the Pine Manor cafeteria. Please call (617) 566-4394 ext 623 for further information and to request a registration form or visit our website at www.tchs.org

Summer Youth Theatre to learn "the Sound of Music"
Arts in the Parks, Newton Parks and Recreation Department is taking registrations for the Summer Youth Theatre program of "the Sound of Music for children in Grades 1 - 6, Monday through Friday; 8:45 AM - Noon; June 28 - July 25. Fee: \$650 Melissa Salz Bernstein, Director, has a Ph.D in Theatre, University of Colorado at Boulder, Masters of Fine Arts, Emerson College, Boston and brings 20 years of experience to this program in it's first year with Arts in the Parks. Youngsters learn the A-Z's of putting on a play including rehearsing scenes, planning costumes, painting scenery, music and dancing. A terrific opportunity for kids to develop poise and have a great time. Performance will take place on the last day of class. Enrollment limited to 30 to allow parts for everyone. For further information or to register by phone, call 617 796-1540 of 617 527-8283.

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Would you like your children's homework to be done by 6PM? Homework@Home is now accepting applications for this Fall. We are within walking distance of the Franklin School. We will pick up your 2nd to 4th grade child at the close of the school day. We will be available Monday through Friday for any number of days you wish. Homework@ Home will provide homework assistance, fun

activities, lunch and snacks. When you pick your child up by 6 PM, their homework will have been completed. Your evenings are now free to spend time with your children. For further information about this exciting program, please call Karen at 617-244-2648. Space is limited.

Please send resume to: Director, Burr Cooperative Nursery School, 64 Hancock Street, Newton, MA 02466 Or email to job@burrcooperative.org

I am a Social Work graduate student at Simmons College, and I am **looking for a full-time nannying position this summer**. Prior to the summer (and during), I am also available to spend some evenings and weekends with your children if you would like. I have 13 years of extensive experience with children from infancy through adolescence, including day care, babysitting, residential treatment, and my current internship in an elementary school. I truly love children, and I look forward to forming a relationship with a great family! I am more than happy to create art projects, spend time outdoors, cook (with or without the children), and find new and fun activities throughout the summer. Please contact me if you think I may be a good fit for your family. I am happy to provide references. Thank you! Amy Krasner amykrasner@yahoo.com

TUTOR-Experienced tutor available for this SUMMER! Elementary level for the following subjects: Reading, Written Expression and Math. I work in the Wellesley Public Schools and live and tutor in Newton. My approach is motivating for your child. Please contact me for a free consultation: Haralie Alpert, M.Ed., MS (617)630-0608; Haralie@gmail.com. References available.

Preschool Lead Teacher Position Preschool BCNS starting September 2007. Five days/week, 8:30 – 1:30, school-year schedule, with competitive salary and 5 1/2 weeks paid school vacation days/holidays. Qualified candidates should have a degree in Early Childhood Education, EEC Lead Teacher Certification and classroom experience.

Preschool Assistant Teacher/Teacher Position Preschool BCNS, starting September 2007. Three days/week, 8:30 – 1:30, school-year schedule, with competitive salary and 5 1/2 weeks paid school vacation days/holidays. EEC Preschool Teacher Certification and classroom experience a plus.

Burr Cooperative Nursery School is seeking a creative, nurturing teacher, committed to fostering children's love for learning, exploration, and experimentation. BCNS is celebrating over 20 years providing an enriching and nurturing first school experience for our young students. BCNS is a small cooperative preschool with a strong emphasis on fostering the developmental growth of each individual child through learning, playing and interacting as a group, and empowering children to feel increasingly confident in their ever-widening world. BCNS offers a supportive, reflective, team-oriented and professional work environment. Staff meet, plan, and reflect together on a regular basis. Parent involvement and the teacher-parent partnership are a highly valued component of the school. Competitive salary based on education and experience.