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This month, The Principal Pad is being written by Steve Kanode, third grade teacher and administrative intern at Franklin. Communicating with families is an important part of Steve's internship.

These are exciting times at Franklin. This excitement is captured nicely in the school vision statement which can be read on our updated website. Part of that statement reads, "Franklin is a place where people feel connected to and care for their school." I have seen this to be true during my five years of being a third grade teacher here as well as my time spent as an administrative intern this year. There are two recent events that clearly illustrate the connectedness and caring mentioned in the vision statement. The first of these events is the PTO auction, which is always one of the most anticipated and exciting events of the year. I would like to extend a thank you on behalf of the Franklin staff to everyone involved in the work that goes into this event. It was a great night of live music, food and bidding that benefited the Franklin PTO. Even though my wife and I were unsuccessful in our bidding attempts, we had a great time and look forward to attending again next year.

May 25	No School
June 2	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
June 4	Color Day & Early Release
June 18	Family Picnic

I also want to extend a thank you to the Franklin PTO and the Pollution Solutions Club. These two groups applied to Newton SERVES to have Franklin as a site this year and their application was accepted. On April 26th, volunteers helped clean-up the field, put wood chips around the play structures and mulch around the trees and gardens. The school grounds look great and we thank you for your service to your community and school. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

There is also a sense of excitement among the Franklin staff this year as we continue to focus on student learning and high achievement. We have been working hard to differentiate our instruction, especially in math, and many staff members have visited colleagues at other schools to observe lessons. These visits to other classrooms have allowed us to collaborate and share best practices with other teachers across the district. Teacher collaboration is an important part of what we do and it is great to see so much of it taking place at Franklin.

The teachers here have also been collaborating as part of a partnership we have with Boston College. We have been meeting to create Power Standards for the school. Defining these standards together has opened up a forum for rich discussion among the staff about expectations at each grade level and how these expectations build upon each other from grade to grade. We hope these conversations will now help drive our instruction in the classroom as we prepare our students for the future and hold them to high standards.

This summer, 35 Franklin staff members will spend a week being trained in The Responsive Classroom approach to learning. This is a way of teaching that emphasizes community in the classroom and school and works to promote social and academic growth. This training is yet another example of the dedication being shown by Franklin teachers towards meeting the needs of each of our students. The Irish poet William Yeats once wrote, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." At Franklin, the fire has been lit and the staff is very proud to be part of the exciting things happening here.

MCAS Round 2

Just a reminder that MCAS testing will begin again the week of May 11 and will run for one and a half weeks.

Here is the schedule:

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Monday, May 11- Math Grade 5
Tuesday, May 12- Math Grade 5
Wednesday, May 13- Math Grade 4
Thursday, May 14- Math Grade 4
Friday, May 15- Science Grade 5
Monday, May 18- Science Grade 5
Tuesday, May 19- Math Grade 3
Wednesday, May 20- Math Grade 3

Make-Ups:

Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

Tuesday, May 26

News from the PTO

We hope that you enjoyed your Spring break and are refreshed and ready to tackle the last eight weeks of the school year! It is hard to believe that we are only eight weeks away from our Summer break. With this in mind, we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their participation in recent events and remind you of those that are upcoming and as always, seek your assistance, ideas, involvement and enthusiasm.

First, our thanks to all of those who came out to Franklin on the last day of our break to participate in **NewtonServes!** We thank our very own Environmental Club, **Pollution Solutions**, spearheaded by **Julia Wolfe** and **Laura Thompson**, and all of you for pruning and weeding, collecting trash and lost clothing, and sweeping the sidewalks and steps clean. The school really looks great!

If you have not yet volunteered for Color Day, please do if you can. It is scheduled for Thursday, June 4th. Hopefully, you have already marked your calendar. That's an Early Release Day, with students being dismissed at 12:30 p.m. If you'd like to volunteer, please make sure that your Cori Form is on file with Debbie Mastroianni.

Also coming up on Tuesday, June 2nd, the **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** is an opportunity to show our Franklin faculty how deeply we value their efforts on behalf of our children. Volunteers are needed to contribute a favorite luncheon dish, help organize and serve the luncheon, and to decorate and clean-up. Please let us know if you would like to help.

We are also in the planning stages for the end of year **Family Picnic**. We have scheduled it for Thursday, June 18th. Look for information on ordering pizza and drinks soon.

Thursday night was our last PTO Meeting of the year. Thanks to everyone who came out to hear the presentation on bullying and cyberbullying. The Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center has some great information for parents trying to get up to speed on and deal with these issues. For more information, check out their website at <http://webhost.bridgew.edu/marc/>

We also wanted to make you aware of a new fundraiser that we are participating in. **CityTownInfo.com** (CTI) is offering to provide Franklin with \$20 for every family that completes an online career survey and an additional 25% bonus if we get 50 or more surveys! That would be \$1,250 for our school! CTI is owned and operated by Moving Traffic, Inc., a Massachusetts-based company. Local resident and Burr parent L.J. Urbano is one of the founders. The company is dedicated to providing its site visitors with comparative information about local U.S. communities and services found in those communities. The source of their information includes surveys like this. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete, it's safe because no personally identifiable information is required and results are published anonymously. The information collected is used to provide career information to folks in the community that are interested. Burr and Lincoln Elliot schools have successfully participated in this fundraiser. Check it out at

<http://www.citytowninfo.com/franklin.shtml>

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With the school year coming to a close, the PTO is beginning to plan for next year, and we really need your input and most importantly, your participation. We are looking for new Board members to work with us next year. If you'd like to investigate how you can help Franklin in small or large ways, please contact Tracy Soehle, Eva Zervos Enselek, Deb Rooney or Lisa Chedekel.

Warm Regards,
Tracy, Eva, Deb and Lisa

Survey Fundraiser for Franklin School

Take 20 minutes to make \$20 for Franklin

We've just launched a great new fundraiser that just requires you to fill out a simple survey about your career. Here are five reasons why you should participate:

1. It's safe - No personally identifiable information is required. Responses are published anonymously on CityTownInfo.com, a well-respected web site owned by a Newton resident.
2. It's fast - It takes about 20 minutes to complete
3. It's easy - Nothing to buy or sell - just fill out a simple form
4. It supports Franklin - The school gets \$20 per survey - plus a 25% bonus if we get 50 or more surveys
5. It helps others - Students and career changers will learn about real world careers like yours.

To get started, just visit this page:

<http://www.citytowninfo.com/franklin.shtml>

Thanks for helping out!

Burr and Lincoln-Eliot have successfully run this survey fundraiser and raised a lot of money for their PTO's.

Let us know if you have any questions.

-Franklin PTO

Original Works Corrections and Late Orders



help you.

All Original Works orders were delivered last week. Please open your order and check for defects in merchandise, incorrect printing of artwork on items, and/or missing items. We will be submitting a corrected order next week. *If you do not open your order now and find problems at the end of May or June, I am unable to*

Additionally, we will be placing one late order to Original Works from Franklin at the same time. If you never placed an order, but changed your mind, you can still place an order. If you placed an order but want to order additional items, I will need your child's artwork again. In either case, email me or call me and I will get you a new order form and list of items.

Carmen Pancerella

From the Health Office



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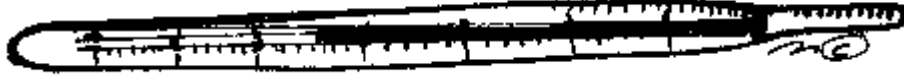
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Please keep your child at home if he or she has:

1. a fever over 100° during the past 24 hours
2. a cold in the active stages, i.e. coughing, running, sneezing
3. a sore throat and/or swollen neck glands
4. an undiagnosed rash or skin eruptions
5. vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
6. head lice that haven't been treated



Please make sure your contact information is current so we may reach you in a timely manner if your child becomes ill or is injured at school and we need to reach you.

Please review hand washing and proper cough etiquette with your children.

Box Tops Update

Last call for Box Tops! The contest is winding down. Officially, the final day was May 1st (last Friday), but the counting continues. If you intend on getting your Box Tops in for the contest, you can still do it.

Good luck everyone!

Jennifer Roy

A "Cause For Paws" comes to Franklin

By: Kara Fucci

Greetings Franklin families! Please keep your eyes open over the next few weeks: the Franklin fourth graders are up to something inspiring! In the upcoming weeks, you will be hearing a great deal about an incredible fundraiser called "A Cause for Paws". This amazing project is part of the Newton Community Service Learning program.

The fourth graders have spoke with and interviewed representatives from the Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham, MA, which is just one part of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. The students will be learning about caring for animals, and about the over-population problem that stems from pets not being neutered or spayed. The students will be making informative brochures that will be going home with your children. These brochures will educate families about the issues that homeless animals may face, and what we can all do to help.

Finally, beginning in May, the fourth graders will hold a fabulous fundraiser! You can donate many things that animal shelters may need such as: blankets, food, treats, toys, used towel, and even money. The fourth grade held this fundraiser for the past 2 years, and it was very successful. So, please keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open, because "A Cause for Paws" is coming soon to Franklin School!

Registration for Fourth Grade Instrumental Music Lessons Coming Soon

Students entering fourth grade in September may elect to participate in the *Instrumental Music Lesson Program* where they will learn how to play a band or orchestra instrument. This fee-based program (\$150) is a unique opportunity for students with little or no experience playing a musical instrument to receive a weekly 30-minute group lesson during the school day. For many children, this program marks the beginning of a lifelong endeavor as a musician in Newton Public Schools and beyond.

During the months of May and June, our instrumental music teachers will be conducting a special

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demonstration/information session for all third grade students in their schools. The teachers will provide an information packet with registration forms for students to bring home to their parents and guardians on the day of their demonstration.

By June 1st, all of the information about this program will be posted on the district website including registration and financial assistance forms that can be downloaded. The registration deadline is August 31st. If you have questions about this program, please contact Richard P. King, Fine Arts Coordinator by June 23rd at 617-559-6149. Newton Public Schools website: www.newton.k12.ma.us

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CelebrateNewton! is accepting applications for the eighth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival. This juried craft show to be held December 6th at Newton South High School from 10 am- 4pm. The day will feature 60+ artisans with ties to Newton. The artisans in the show are Newton residents, teachers, parents, students and more. There will be live music, children's activities and food. This Citywide PTO-sponsored fair raises money for ALL Newton schools. Visit our website: www.celebratenewton.com to download an application or email info@celebratenewton.com. Please submit samples of your work with an application. You may also call 617-243-0261 and speak with Denise Joseph, for an application. Final date for submission is June 1.

Market: May 16th, 9am-4pm on the Lawn of City Hall. Oodles of Plants for your Garden – All New England Grown, Plants for Shade or Sun, Essential Garden Gear and Gifts, Fun for the Kids in the "Kids Tent", "Ask a Master Gardener", Free Lectures and Discussions. Info: www.newtonpride.org or 617-527-8283. Rain or Shine!

23rd Annual Newton METCO Community Scholarship Celebration and Fundraiser: Since 2000 over \$165,000 in scholarships have been granted to over 145 deserving students in Newton. Friends and Supporters are invited as this year's high school graduates are awarded their scholarships. Sunday May 17th from 4-6pm at Myrtle Baptist Church, 21 Curve Street, West Newton. To donate to the scholarship fund, please send checks payable to: "Newton METCO Community Scholarship Fund", P.O. Box 600053, Newtonville, Ma. 02460.

Newton Schools Foundation "Honor Thy Teacher 2009": Great teachers are truly priceless! Join the Newton Schools Foundation in our 12th annual "Honor Thy Teacher" celebration as we honor the inspirational teachers, administrators and educators of the Newton Public Schools. The Newton Schools Foundation is a private non-profit organization dedicated to supporting innovation and creativity in the Newton Public Schools. For the next three years, the Foundation will support the Newton Public School strategic plan to invest in 21st Century classrooms in all 21 schools. Our goal is to impact each child's education by providing Newton Public School educators with the technology, skills and tools for 21st Century teaching and learning. Ask your children who they honor and send your honored teachers' names with your donation to the Newton Schools Foundation. Your donation to Honor Thy Teacher thanks your teacher twice by celebrating their excellence and supporting their creativity. To learn more or to donate, please visit our website at www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org or phone (617) 559-6120.

Mother's Day Recital, May 10th at 4pm: Harpsichordist Vivian Montgomery, Soprano Emily Eagen and Sarah Mead on the viola de gamba are giving a short, sweet and free Mother's Day performance. "O Let Me Weep! Let Me Laugh! Let Me Sing!", a one-hour performance with lively commentary, revolving around musical characterization of women impassioned, entertained and under pressure. 4pm at Brandeis University's WSRC in the Epstein Building. Flowers for all Mothers to be distributed. For more info, contact Bigelow parent and harpsichordist Vivian Montgomery at vmontgomery@verizon.net or 617-223-1627. This is the final event of this year's Women and Music Project calendar, presented by the Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center.

Circus Smirkus, New England's internationally acclaimed traveling youth circus, takes its razzle-dazzling aerial, clowning, juggling and acrobatic act on the road this summer in "Smirkus Ever After: A Big Top Fairytale" with 70 shows in 15 locations. Circus Smirkus will be in Wellesley July 17-19

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for 6 shows at Elm Bank. For a complete schedule and to buy tickets on-line visit www.smirkus.org. If you are interested in being a home-stay host for two or more circus performers while they are in Wellesley please contact Robin Maltz robinm@comcast.net or 617-969-1554

Saturday Drop-In Art at the New Art Center Need something to do on Saturday mornings? Stop by the New Art Center for our Saturday Drop-In Art class. Parents can either drop off their children or stay and create art together. A fun and exciting art project each week! Saturdays 10-11:30am, \$15 cash/check. Class meets: May 30, June 6, June 13. Call for more information 617-964-3424 or visit us online www.newartcenter.org

"The Producers" playing at Newton's only full-time live theatre: Turtle Lane Playhouse! Come see Mel Brooks' hysterical musical comedy for less than the price of one ticket to a show in Boston, you can bring the whole family --- and parking is free! Cabaret-style seating with full bar service and snacks. May 8 through June 7. Turtle Lane stages top-notch programs featuring professional actors and only live orchestras. All productions' sets, lights and costumes are created in-house. Order tickets on-line at www.turtlelane.org or by calling 617-244-0169. Turtle Lane, 283 Melrose Street, Newton. (Turtle Lane, a registered non-profit, offers workshops, classes and internships and provides support to the community through donations of tickets, resources and theatre space. And teachers --MTA members-- always get a \$2 discount)

27TH ANNUAL NEWTON HOUSE TOUR: The Newton Historical Society is presenting the 27th Annual Newton House Tour on Sunday, May 31 from noon to 5 pm. Eight private homes throughout Newton will be open to display examples of outstanding architecture, interior design, and landscaping. Two of the homes have been awarded LEED certification. Tickets prices through May 29 are \$25 (\$20 for members); on May 30 or 31, they are \$30 (\$25 for members). NEW THIS YEAR! Buy your tickets online www.newtonhistorymuseum.org

SUMMER LIFEGUARDS NEEDED (WSI a plus) PLOWSHARES SUMMER PROGRAM at NEWTON NORTH H.S. POOL. Preschool and K - 3rd grade Swimming Lessons. Dates: July 6th - August 21st Hours: 2:30 - 5:30pm Monday – Friday. Salary - \$10/Hour - Lifeguard, \$11/Hour - Lifeguard and WSI [additional hours may also be available as a Classroom Aide in our K - 3rd grade program] CONTACT: Lou Arcovio, Director, Plowshares Childcare at Franklin School, 125 Derby St., West Newton. Ma. 02465 Phone: 617-244-9330 or send Resume to: louarcovio@aol.com

Mathnasium Learning Center SUMMER is a great time to catch up, keep up and get ahead in Math. Mathnasium Learning Center in Newton Highlands offers flexible math summer programs in a fun, relaxing environment. Schedule your 12 tutoring sessions (\$495) around your vacations and camps. Save \$50 when you register before May 31. (617) 340-3665 or www.mathsummer.com

Support Across The Spectrum: Helping parents Understanding Autism: A new information and support group for parents of young children (2-5 yrs) diagnosed with Autism Spectrum disorders, including Autism, PDD-NOS, and Asperger's Syndrome. Tuesdays starting May 26, 9:30-11 Am for six 90min. sessions. Co-led by Carole Slipowitz, Psy.D. and Joan Murray, Ph.D. Group meets at WarmLines, 225 Nevada Street, Newton \$75 for 6 sessions. Learn more at www.warmlines.org or 617-332-3666 x 123. Registration in Progress.

Explore and More Learning – Beyond Tutoring: An affordable alternative to private tutoring. Explore and More Learning is a small group, short-term intervention for kindergarten, first and second grade students who need extra support with learning to read and write. Eight children will work once a week in a 90 minute session with two veteran teachers. Studies have shown that incorporating movement-oriented activities enhances academic success through kinesthetic learning so we will be offering an integrated, multi-sensory approach where children will develop skills while having fun. What will each 90 minute session look like? 15 minutes of movement activity – running, obstacle course, parachute, etc. 45 minutes of small group work using the following techniques: reading known stories, reading a story that was read once before, writing a story, working with a cut-up sentence and reading a new book. 15 minutes of independent or partner work based on individual needs. 15 minutes of free choice activity like play dough, Legos, blocks with a closing routine Two sessions are offered: Tuesdays, May 5 – June 9, 2009 4:00-5:30 pm; Wednesdays, May 6 – June 10, 2009 4:00-5:30 pm;

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\$250.00 per session - Sign up by April 25 and get \$25.00 off ! Only \$225 per session. Where: Burr Park Recreation Bld. Contact: Explore and More, Inc. 57 Eddy Street West Newton, MA 02465

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Tennis time! Newton Parks and Recreation offers Spring 2009 Tennis, for kids (ages 4 through high school!) and adults of all levels. Registration deadline has been extended but sign up quickly. Classes are starting now. Please visit www.newtontennis.com for more information or to download an application. If you have still have questions, you may call (617) 661-PLAY. See you on the courts!

Youth Football Instructional Event (Ages 7-14 yrs old) Featuring Local College Coaches & Players as Instructors. Take your game to the next level by learning & participating in football drills needed for football success!!! Date: Friday, June 12th 2009; Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM; Location: John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton; Address: 675 Watertown St, Newtonville, MA 02460; Telephone # 617.630.2066; Coordinator: Rafael Rivera, Athletic Director; Wear: T-shirt, Shorts, & Basketball Sneakers; Cost: free; Agenda: 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM: Keynote Speaker: Newton Football!!; 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM: Session #1 Offensive Drills; 7:30 PM - 8:15 PM: Session #2 Defensive Drills; 8:15 PM - 8:30 PM: Keynote Speaker: Are You Ready www.newtonpopwarner.org

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PLOWSHARES SUMMER CAMP at NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL Plowshares Child Care is now enrolling children for it's Summer Day Camp Program for children finishing Kindergarten - 3rd Grade. We move our school-age program from Franklin School in the summer to Air Conditioner rooms at Newton North. We also teach Swimming Lessons (and have free swim) at the Newton North Pool and offer weekly Field Trips. Daily Activities include Arts and Crafts, Games, Arts, Literacy Activities, Sports, Daily Hours are from 8a.m. - 5:30p.m. Dates are June 29 - August 21. (There may also be a few extra days offered June 24-26 or August 24-26.) There is a minimum enrollment of 2 weeks. Cost - \$315/week or \$1245/month (Scholarships are available) For more information contact: Lou Arcovio, Director at Plowshares Child Care at Franklin School at 617-244-9330, or call Plowshares at Newton North High School - 617-527-3755

Excel Basketball Clinics is now registering boys and girls, ages 9-17, for another exciting summer of basketball clinics at Oak Hill Middle School: August 3 - 6. Register before May 15 to receive NPS student discount. Applications available at www.excelbasketballclinics.com or contact Coach Roberts for more info at Robertsgwa@aol.com.

The Paul Green School of Rock (<http://www.schoolofrock.com/boston>) will be hosting 3 Rock Star Boot Camps in July & August. Session I (7/6-7/11), Session II (7/27-8/1), and Session III (8/17-8/22) all run from 9:00 am-3:00 pm weekdays and are open to students ages 6-17 who play bass, guitar, drums, piano, or vocals. No experience needed! Please call 617-923-3434 or visit our website for more information. Registration closes on June 1st.

Thundercat Sports in Newton this summer! Thundercat Sports (www.thundercatsports.com) is partnering with Newton Recreation to bring several camps/clinics to Newton this summer. Sports include: Basketball, Baseball, Flag Football, Soccer, Sports Jam (multi-sport) and Kiddie Cat Jam (multi-sport for ages 4 - 6). Thundercat Sports follows a basic philosophy of participation, teamwork, sportsmanship, and FUN while relating sports skills. We do this through unique games/drills/activities and enthusiastic well trained instructors. More information can be found at www.thundercatsports.com or calling 617-499-4820.

Sharks Swim Camp at Simmons College: Co-ed age 9-17. August 10-14. 331 Brookline Avenue, Boston. Info: www.simmons.edu/athletics/programs/camps or call 617-521-1032

Summer Arts in Action at the New Art Center for students entering grades 1-5 Our popular children's vacation arts program provides students with the opportunity to try a variety of art mediums and develop new skills in a fun, safe, and supportive environment! Ten art-filled weeks available! June 29-September 4, Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:30 pm. Register for one week, two weeks, or all 10! Call for more information 617-964-3424 or visit us online www.newartcenter.org

NCSC Summer Day Camp at Hale Reservation; Boys & Girls ages 5 - 14 June 29 - August 28
Worried about the economy? Afraid to commit to summer camp? NCSC can help! Newton Community Service Center is working with families to keep summertime fun by offering flexible registration options: Flexible payment plans, Multi-session discounts, Need-based refundable deposits. http://ncscweb.org/s_camp.html

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TUTOR-Experienced tutor available this summer! Elementary level. Subjects include: reading, writing and math. I work in the Wellesley Public Schools and live and tutor in Newton. Continue the progress your child has made this year; jump start your child with work for the following grade. My teaching approach is individualized, fun and geared to your child's interests. I have previously tutored students from Franklin. Please contact me: Haralie Alpert, MS, M.Ed. 617-630-0608, Haralie@gmail.com

Drawing/Illustration- Enrich your child's academic achievements while he/she is having fun. Improve your child's ability to concentrate and visualize. Experienced children's book illustrator for Disney, Cartoon Network, Nickelodeon will tutor your child in your home. Your child will create drawings, learn about animation, develop characters and much more while also learning a variety of approaches. References available. Please call Mark (617) 244-2648.

Restorative Muscle Therapy for Chronic Pain and Tension Relief. Linda Hsu, LMT, CPT and Franklin parent. My approach combines therapy with education for long-term relief from pain caused by chronic tension. Visit my website at restorative.massagetherapy.com for more information. My practice is conveniently located at 73 Lexington Street (corner of Lexington St. and Rumford Ave.). Call 617-913-9477 with any questions or to schedule an appointment. Mention that you are a Franklin parent and receive an extra 15 minutes of session time at no additional charge.

ActiveMinds Tutoring, LLC: Your source for in-home tutoring. Effective, Personalized and Convenient. All grades/all subjects, including test preparation (MCAS, SAT, SSAT...). Sign your child up for academic success and receive 1 free lesson! Summer tutoring available. Call: (617) 663-5700 during business hours, or (617) 227-2225 Eve/Wknds. Please visit our web site at www.activemindstutoring.com.

Donna Stanger Photography and Video Donna Stanger, who has a photography studio in Newton, has been a portrait and event photographer for several years. She takes Bar and Bat Mitzvah photographs - either at the event or with posed photos of the family in her studio. She uses a traditional or photo journalistic style, with black and white or color to capture the uniqueness of the event or portraiture work. Please let friends and family members know about her services! She invites families to call and set up an appointment to discuss their photographic needs such as: Packages, Framing, Albums, Enlargements, Bar and Bat Mitzvah Parties, and other events. You can contact Donna at 617-304-1819 Visit her NEW website at www.donnastangerphotography.com or email: donna@donnastangerphotography.com Award Winning Photographer SOMWBA Certified WBE, Woman Business Enterprise

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