
THE CONNECTION

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NEWS FROM THE PTO

As you read this we hope to be celebrating the end of the rain! What better way to accomplish this than at the **Spring Fair!** We have a fun filled afternoon planned. **WE NEED HELP!** If you haven't signed up to be a volunteer it's not too late. Please come by the **Franklin School field on Saturday, May 20 between 1pm and 4pm.** Look for Maria Rufo-Bueno -- she'll have something for you to do! Or call her.

You are sure to find some great summer reading at the **Spring Book Fair** being held the week of May 22nd. On **Family Night**, Tuesday May 23rd be sure to pick up that bestseller and a luscious baked good at the bake sale being held by the Fifth Grade Moving On Committee.

If we ever get to spring, then perhaps that spring cleaning will happen (that's our excuse). When it does, keep the **Tag Sale** in your mind! Remember one man's trash is another man's treasure! Goods and volunteers needed for Saturday June 3rd.

Planning has also begun for **Color Day**, a day of non-competitive activities, is being held on June 6th. This event is enjoyed by all Franklin students! Volunteers are needed!

Many thanks to the twenty-four PTO members that attended our last PTO meeting on Monday, May 8th! During the meeting we voted on increasing the Creative Arts and Sciences budget by \$700. We voted on spending approximately \$500 on the purchase of 10 banquet tables that will available to all committees. We also received an update from Principal Marchand on the diligent planning and creative results the Franklin School staff has been able to achieve for classes next year based on the 2006/2007 school year budget. Remember, the PTO meetings are a venue to get "the buzz" first hand. It's a place to get your questions answered! Don't rely solely on the talk around school, mark your calendars and come to the meetings!

May 20 th	Spring Fair
May 22-26	Spring Book Fair
June 3	Tag Sale
June 6	Color Day
June 13	PTO Meeting 7:30 pm

We are thrilled to announce that **Kim Freedman** and **Terry Romanelli** have accepted the nominations for Co-President and Treasurer. We are also delighted that Walter Devine will stay on as Secretary and Eleanor Boschert-Ambrosio has agreed to take on the Vice Presidency. **Come vote the new board in at the next PTO general meeting on June 13th.**

We need to solidify Committee Chairpersons for next year. If you are interested in running your event for the 2006/2007 school year, please contact Elizabeth Roll or Maria Rufo-Bueno.

The final General PTO Meeting for the 2005/2006 school year will be held on June 13, 2006, 7:30pm.

We so appreciate your support!

Maria and Elizabeth

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FRANKLIN SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

WHERE ARE YOU GOING 1st???

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006

Rain Date: SUNDAY, MAY 21st

(Check your e-mail on Friday, May 19th we will send a message on the announcements list serve with any weather related changes)

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Buy a \$10.00 WRIST BAND for the following Activities

Bubblemania

Tom Sawyer's White Washed Fence

Face Painting & Tattoos

Relay Races

Tile Mosaic Project (gift to the school)

Toddler Town (age 3 & Under)

Buy Tickets at the event for the following Activities:

GIANT OBSTACLE COURSE

CARNIVAL GAMES & PRIZES

Ice Cream Truck * Cotton Candy * Popcorn

PLEASE SIGN-UP at the FAIR to VOLUNTEER!!!!

Spring is here and so is the BOOK FAIR.

Come, browse, and buy some wonderful books from our Spring Book Fair. The BOOK FAIR will be opened during the week of May 22 before and after school.

Our FAMILY NIGHT will be Tuesday, May 23, from 5:30 to 7:00.

This year not only will we be selling raffles for free books, but we will also be selling raffles for the 5th grade baskets. Come and check the baskets out. They are magnificent, and the proceeds will go towards the 5th grade "Moving On" celebration.

See you there!!!

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Color Day is Coming June 6th!

If you haven't volunteered for Color Day before, reserve your calendar for Tuesday, June 6th from 9am-12:30pm. 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 13th, same time, same place. Notices for volunteers will be distributed shortly, let Mary Beth McIntyre or Shelli Adams know if you are interested and mark your calendars. We have the sign-up list from the PTO recruitment at the beginning of the year... 18 volunteers to date we need over 40. Thank you!

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Another Arts and Sciences Program Goes Down the Drain!

On Friday, May 5, Meg Tabacsko of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) visited each of the Franklin kindergarten classrooms and presented a wonderful educational program entitled "The Day the Water Stopped." She explained how clean water gets from the reservoir to homes and schools. The children had the chance to think about how they use water in their daily lives and what would happen if they didn't have water for a day. There was lively participation, and each child was able to flush a mini toilet once they answered a question correctly. There was lots of giggling, too, but they won't forget this lesson on water!

The next Connection will be published on Friday, June 2nd. To submit something, send by email or leave it in the Connection mailbox in the school office. The deadline is NOON, FRIDAY, May 26th. Ads are only printed as space allows, so meeting the deadline is not a guarantee of ad placement.

FRANKLIN'S 3rd ANNUAL TAG SALE

Saturday, June 3, 9:00 AM
Donations and Volunteers Needed

These rainy days are great opportunities for cleaning out a closet or a book shelf! Set aside your things with good use left in them for the Franklin Tag Sale.

Great stuff to contribute includes: *gently used* Books & CDs, Baby Equipment, Toys of all kinds, Sporting Goods and Bikes, and Housewares of all kinds. (No Clothing, please.)

We'd also like your leftover party favors and Happy Meal toys to make Mystery Grab Bags – the kids love 'em! In order to assemble these in advance, a collection box will be in the school hallway.

Contributions can be dropped off in front of the school on Saturday, June 3rd after 7:00 am. We will also accept donations from outside our school, so tell your neighbors! If you need help or have questions, please call Kim Freedman in advance of that morning.

Volunteers are needed to help sell that day – just an hour, or as long as you're having fun. If Tag Sales are your thing, please contact Kim Freedman

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Register for Garden City Kindergarten and Pre-K Fall Soccer

Registration for the fall season of Garden City Kindergarten Soccer begins May 15th. We are now offering two programs: the Kindergarten League is open to children entering kindergarten in Sept 2006. The Pre-K league is open to children who are between 4-5 years old. Children must be 4 yrs old by Sept 1st. Our goal is to make learning the game of soccer fun for girls and boys.

The program runs from Sept 16-Nov 4th. 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. This program is a joint venture of the Lincoln-Eliot and Franklin School PTO's. To obtain a registration form send an email to gardencitysoccer@gmail.com or call Franklin School parent Deb Rooney or L-E School parent Melanie Varady.

Registration deadline is Friday, August 25th.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELAY FOR LIFE Please join Franklin Friends as we help American Cancer Society in their annual Relay, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 & 21. We need more walkers. Contact Alison McCarty or Allan Cohen to schedule your time in the relay, purchase a memorial candle, encourage current patients, honor survivors, and more info. 617-243-0264 or acvalue@aol.com

The Sunday School for Jewish Studies is now registering students for the 2006-2007 academic year. The school offers a comprehensive curriculum for children in grades Kindergarten through 7, including Hebrew, holidays, and Jewish history. The Sunday School holds classes at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, with classes which meet once a week. Bar/bat mitzvah training is available and family programs are offered throughout the year. For information and registration, call 617-264-8855 or visit our web site, www.SundaySchoolforJewishStudies.org.

MIT is looking for young geniuses - will your child be one of them? Shaloh House Jewish Day School is holding **MIT Math Olympiad** May 21st at 11 AM Registration begins at 10:30 AM Students from **grades 4 - 7** are invited to participate! Space is limited - advance registration is appreciated! Admission is free. For more information, please call (617)787-2200

Newton Free Library: Science Tuesday—Bugworks
Discover some really cool bugs. Children who registered for Bugworks in January are not able to register for this program. Thank you. Tuesday, June 27 at 2:00PM Ages 6 and up Registration begins Monday, June 5 Druker Auditorium

Summer Reading Kickoff Program Jay Mankita presents The Day the Library Went Wild. Participatory songs and interactive stories encourage an optimistic awareness and concern for ourselves, each other, and this beautiful planet that we call home. Jay plays guitar, sings, and tells stories, both original and collected. Tuesday, June 20th at 4:00PM Druker Auditorium Ages 4+

Summer Reading Program "What's Buzzin' at Your Library" This summer our reading program will feature bugs in fact and fiction. Starting June 20th children and parents are welcome to come in and register for the program and the story craft hours. Upon registering children will receive a log, bookmark, a list of coupons to museums and family friendly destinations, and lots of activity sheets. We will have stickers and prizes for books read, lots of story craft hours, an exciting scavenger hunt game and an ice cream party. Look for flyers in the Children's Room about story craft hours.

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COLLEGE SENIOR (NEWTON NORTH GRAD.) WHO LOVES KIDS IS **AVAILABLE FOR CHILD CARE FOR THE SUMMER**. HAS DRIVER'S LICENSE AND REFERENCES. CONTACT ALLIE BLOGIER AT ablogier@umd.edu

Very experienced cleaning woman looking for daytime work, please call Terry @617-548-3082

The Annual Bowen Cooperative Nursery School's YARD SALE will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Rain or Shine! Items for sale include furniture, children's & maternity clothing, toys, baby stuff, electronics, household goods, books & more. The School is located @ 96 Otis Street (corner of Lowell Av & Otis St.) in Newtonville.

2 bedroom condo for sale in West Newton in Franklin school district. E-I-K with ceramic tile, dining room, living room with fireplace. Call Judy Duffy 617-571-9331, real estate agent.

Looking for a summer tutor? Experienced teacher looking to tutor students in grades K-5. I am certified K-8 and Special Needs, I have taught at Williams Elementary for 13 years, and I have 8 years tutoring experience in all subject areas. Please call Monical at (617) 901-2335.

Legal Help: Need to plan for the future? I can help with your wills, estate plans and other documents. Evening appointments at your home available. Ellen Rappaport Tanowitz, Esq., 617-527-6647, email: ellen.tanowitz@verizon.net

Taverns Painting. Interior painting, professional work, affordable price. Call 617-244-5157 www.HomeOwnersHelpList.com

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Tiny Tots has 1, 2, or 3-day spots available for your child ages 1-3. Half or full-day openings. Call Kathy at 617-244-5157. www.HomeOwnersHelpList.com

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