



Farley Fox Gazette

December 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5	Farley School Council Meeting, 5:30 PM, Conference Room
December 5	Farley Home and School Meeting, 6:30 PM, Teacher's Room
December 7	First Trimester Report Cards sent home for Grades Kindergarten - 4
December 12	11:40 AM Dismissal, Teacher Professional Day
December 18	Grade 4 Winter Choral Concert, 6:30 PM, Hudson High School
December 19	Holiday Shoppe during school hours
December 20	Holiday Shoppe during school hours
December 20	Snow date for Grade 4 Winter Choral Concert, 6:30 PM, Hudson High School
December 24-31	Winter Break
January 1	No School to observe New Year's Day
January 2	Students return from Winter Break



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

At this time of year, I like to reflect on the things that I am appreciative of in my life. I am thankful for being your principal for a fifth year, for having the most amazing students and families, and for getting to work with the greatest staff.

The more I get to know all of you, inside and outside of the school, my heart is filled more every day with appreciation and respect for the kindness you show all of the students and staff here at Farley.

During this busy season please take a moment to share a quiet conversation, play a game with a loved one, and appreciate all that you have. Have a wonderful, safe, and happy holiday season.

My best,
Melissa Provost

HAPPY
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Emergency Closings and Weather Related Delays

If the forecast indicates the possibility of a delay or closing, you should listen to the radio (WBZ AM 1030 or WTAG/WSRS), or watch television (Channel 4, Channel 5, Channel 7, Channel 25), or check online notices at www.hudson.k12.ma.us.



The superintendent will send a broadcast voice message to all student families and staff members indicating a closing or delay. Do not wait for this notice. Check TV, radio, and the web site.

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Home and School Happenings

Happy holiday season Farley families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving that was full of memories. We are so excited for all December has in store for us. This month we have the **Holiday Shop on December 19th & 20th** for the kids to do some surprise shopping for parents, grandparents, siblings, and many others.

Following that we have the **Teacher Cookie Swap on December 21st**. This is a great opportunity for those that want to help but can't spare a lot of time away from home. If you are interested in buying or baking goodies please contact either Debbie Lazaros at debbielazaros@gmail.com or Kristina Edison at edgirl2486@aol.com.

Our **meeting this month is December 5th at 6:30 pm** in the teachers room at Farley. We hope you are able to join. If you ever have any questions about Farley Home & School or ways to volunteer, please feel free to reach out to me at edgirl2486@aol.com.

We hope you have an amazing holiday season this year and we're so excited to see what 2019 will bring us.

Kristina Edison
Farley Home & School President

Hudson's Got Talent Jr.
Calling all 3rd & 4th Graders!

Our 9th Annual Hudson's Got Talent Jr will take place on Friday, January 11, 2019 at Hudson High School. All talents are welcome!

If you wish to perform in the talent show you must plan to attend one Performance Preview. Upcoming **Performance Preview dates are 12/3/18 or 12/4/18 or 12/12/18** between 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm in the Forest Ave School Café.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Haley at kahnah98@gmail.com (please put HGT Jr in the subject line) or 508-577-5869.



THE GREAT PAJAMA DRIVE

The second grade would like to announce that we will be hosting "The Great Pajama Drive" in partnership with Scholastic Book Club this year at Farley. **For every pair of pajamas that is donated, Scholastic will match the donation with a book to promote "a good night".**

The second graders went to each class last Tuesday to present our pajama drive to the school. We are hoping to have the biggest drive yet!

The drive will be for 2 weeks, beginning on Monday, November 26th. The last day (pick-up date) is December 10th. While out shopping, please consider donating a new pair of pajamas in any size to our cause. There will be boxes placed outside each second grade classroom for donations.

Thanks in advance for your support,

Mrs. Sequenzia, Mrs. Cronin, Mrs. Freitas, Mrs. Lloyd, & all the Farley Second Graders

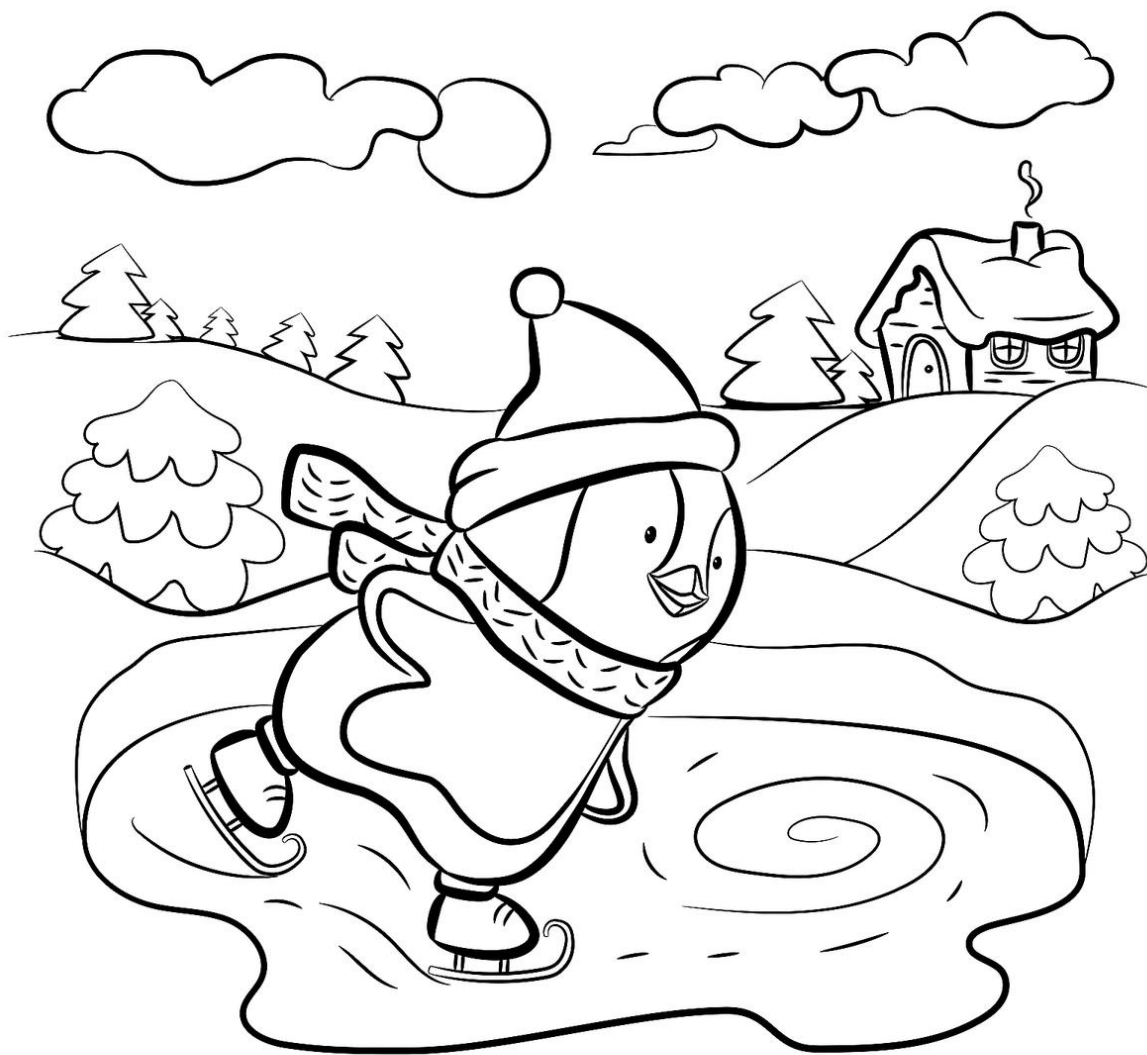
If you need any further information, do not hesitate to email, msequenzia@hudson.k12.ma.us



FARLEY HOME & SCHOOL 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings will be held in the Farley teacher's room from 6:30-7:30 pm. Childcare provided.

- January 9, 2019
- February 6, 2019
- March 6, 2019
- April 3, 2019
- May 1, 2019
- June TBD
(meeting location and date TBD)



The Farley Holiday Shoppe

Just a reminder that we will be partnering with our Boosterthon team this year for an innovative holiday shop experience for our community called Giving Market.

Some important details:

- Each student will be receiving a **catalogue of gift items and prices to preview** the week prior to the Holiday Shoppe so you can see directly what your students will have the opportunity to purchase.
- Students will also receive a giving market envelope at that time where families can send money for their students to shop if they choose to. On their **shopping days on 12/19 and 12/20**, each class will visit the giving market to make their purchases.
- Every student in our community will **automatically receive \$1 in giving dollars** to make a purchase for someone that day so no one will be excluded.



More details to follow but please contact Tara Sagor at tara.sagor@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to be involved in any way the day of the event.

From the Math Department

Happy Holidays

While shopping for your young loved ones I suggest giving a gift that involves reading, strategizing, problem solving, or math. The cold weather is here, so staying inside and playing a game can be a fun family activity. Books and games not only promote learning but strengthen strategic skills. Fun board games have made a comeback. Check out the many new games, but don't forget to look into the classics. These are a few of my favorite:

Blokus	Shut the Box	Monopoly	Life	Battleship
Mankala	Checkers	Chess	Backgammon	Cribbage
Math Bingo	Master Mind	Yatzee	Payday	Make 7
24	Allowance Game	On the Dot	Equate	Connect 4
Uno	Apples to Apples	Countdown	Dominoes	Creationary
7,8,9.	Legos	KNEX	Trouble	Sorry
Boggle	Candy Land	Jenga	Chutes n Ladders	

The most popular games at my house have been Mexican Train Dominoes and Rummikub, great for any age! Many card games are based on strategizing using addition or multiplication. Some examples of card games are Make Ten Go-Fish, Scat, Multiplication, or Addition War. Another idea is to build a puzzle together. Puzzles promote spatial reasoning; it strengthens math minds as well as perseverance. Try dumping out a piggy bank to count the money. Count by fives and tens. Try to find how many ways you can make a dollar. There are many websites that children can play, but it is much more fun to play as a family or among friends.

Helpful Websites

Getting Started with Ten Frames: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6RaMGDPfJg>

Ten Frame Mania: <http://gregtangmath.com/games.html?game=tf>

Engage NY for parents: <http://greatminds.net/support/parents>

<https://farleyschoolmath.weebly.com/>

From the Farley Home & School Treasurer

In late September, a few families suffered a fire in the apartment building they live in. In November the Farley Home and School, along with the Hudson Fire Department, was able to give the families of Farley a total of \$2,000.00 in gift cards to Wal-Mart.

We are also purchasing all of the Winter Drive supplies that the teachers need for their classrooms and our kids.

We want to thank you for your continued support to the Home and School and the community that together we help.

The Farley School community is so important to us all and it shows with all that you do!

Cynthia Janeiro-Ehlke
Farley Home & School Treasurer



Cookies Needed, Calling All Bakers!

Farley Home and School is looking for volunteers to either bake or buy three dozen cookies for the teachers/staff cookie swap on Friday, 12/21.

We want to show our appreciation to the hardworking and dedicated Farley staff with a "holiday cookie swap". With your help, each staff member will be able to select and take home an assortment of cookies to enjoy.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact:
Kristina Edison at edgurl2486@aol.com
Debbie Lazaros at debbielazaros@gmail.com

Cookie drop-off is between 7:30am-8:30am on Friday, 12/21.

If you have comments or suggestions for future Gazettes, please contact Jennifer Azar at jencoelhoazar@gmail.com.