



Farley Fox Gazette



November 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS



November 3
November 6
November 7
November 7
November 12
November 14
November 16
November 21-23

Farley Fox Trot, registration starts at 10:00 AM, Morgan Bowl track at HHS
Picture re-takes and absentee photos with O'Connor Studio
Farley School Council meeting, 5:30 PM, Conference Room
Farley Home and School Meeting, 6:30 PM, Teacher's Room
No School – Veteran's Day
11:40 AM Dismissal, Teacher Professional Day
Family Movie Night, 6:00 PM, Cafeteria
No School – Thanksgiving Break



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

November has fast approached us here at Farley. The students are well into the curriculum and have learned their established routines. Most parents and guardians had the opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher for a progress update. Soon the first trimester will end and report cards will be sent home in December. Please make sure you are in contact with your child's teacher if you have concerns regarding any and all progress towards the standards your child is expected to meet.

Here at Farley we are working very hard at promoting the three Rs. Respectful, Responsible, and Ready behaviors are the focus for all students. Students learn these character traits through direct instruction from their teachers and the adults in the school. These messages are emphasized in the hallways with posters of what each trait looks like in our school. Over the past year we have been working on revising how students get recognized for showing these behaviors and exceeding those expectations. In the past student received a sticker for, "walking in the hall quietly," "raising their hands to speak," "saying please and thank you," etc. We still expect these behaviors and feel that the students are moving past the basic of the three Rs and are now ready to show above the expected behaviors such as, "stopping in the hall to let a teacher pass," "helping another student without being asked," "looking at the person saying hello in the hallway and saying hello back," etc. The list is exhaustive.

For this year, students will be recognized for going above the expected behaviors with a paw sticker. Then, when staff see a student wearing a sticker, they will be asked specifically how they got it. In addition, another sticker will be placed on the fox outline that is in our main hallway. The goal is to fill the shape from the bottom up so students can watch their progress. Every month there will be a whole-school assembly to recognize those who have gotten a sticker and why they received them. For the remainder of October we will focus on respectful behaviors, and for the month of November we will focus on responsible and ready behaviors. Thereafter we will give out stickers for all three Rs. If your student comes home with a sticker, please ask them why they received it. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Yours in education,
Melissa Provost & Rachel Scanlon



Home and School Happenings

Hello amazing Farley families,

I am so excited for the all of the Fall fun we have coming up. To kick-off November we have the Farley Fox Trot. Which is an amazing event. It promotes fitness and fun plus helps out the Farley athletics department. Next up, we have the Family Movie Night. We will provide popcorn and the movie. We will be viewing Stitch! The Movie. Our meeting for the month will be held on November 7th in the teacher's room. Please feel free to join us and help enrich the Farley community. We hope everyone has an amazing Thanksgiving filled with fun and laughter!

Kristina Edison

Farley Home & School President

PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN READING

Reading at home is invaluable to a child's academic development. [Research has shown](#) that the single greatest factor in reading achievement is volume. The greater number of minutes in high success reading completed each day is the best predictor of higher reading achievement and academic growth. Reading regularly at home provides children with the additional practice they will need to become great readers.

Here are some easy ways that parents can support reading practice at home:

1. Make reading part of a routine: The best way to incorporate reading at home is to devote 20 minutes, at the same time every evening, to family reading time.

2. Make a special reading spot: Designating a special reading spot for children to read with their parents is not only fun, but is also a great way to create a distraction-free zone where children can concentrate.

3. Be a great reading partner: Be patient and encouraging, ask questions about the story while you are reading, and give positive feedback.

4. Surround your child with books: Children need access to 'just right books'. If you are having trouble finding 'just right books' for your child, please contact your child's teacher or one of Farley's reading specialists: Stacy MacLeod smacleod@hudson.k12.ma.us or Lisette Zinner lzinner@hudson.k12.ma.us and we will make sure that your child is provided with plenty of 'just right' books for practice at home.

5. Bring books everywhere! Place books in every room of the house, in the car, and take books everywhere. Children cannot practice if they do not have access!

6. Communicate with teachers and get involved with volunteer opportunities Farley: It is important to communicate with your child's teacher on a consistent basis. Communicating with teachers also informs parents in what areas their children are succeeding and where their students might need more help. Don't wait for teachers to call—call teachers to address challenges with support, guidance, patience, and practice.

7. Be enthusiastic! Positive attitudes are very important to a child's reading development and generate a desire to read. Showing genuine excitement for children's reading skills will encourage them to put forth the effort in becoming a great reader.

FARLEY FOX TROT

Congratulations to Avery Thimo!

Avery's drawing was chosen as the winner in this year's T-shirt design contest. Her drawing will appear on this year's Fox Trot shirt. Avery is a second grader in Mrs. Freitas' class.

Please join us for the 8th Annual Farley Fox Trot taking place at Morgan Bowl on November 3rd at 11:00 am.

The race is rain or shine. There are races for all ages and abilities, and the Farley Fox Trot is open to all Hudson students and their families.

For more information please contact Brian Quinn at Bquinn@hudson.k12.ma.us or Kim Davis at Kadavis975@yahoo.com.



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. **Performance Preview dates are 11/27/18 or 12/3/18 or 12/4/18** between 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm in the Forest Ave 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.



From the Math Department

What is Fluency and why is it Important?

As we work toward a successful year of learning, we set important goals for our students. Our number one math goal is having strong recall of math facts. Kindergarten students are learning to count, identify and write numbers, add, and subtract all numbers within ten. Grade 1 is learning basic addition and subtraction facts within 20 and understanding the meaning of the equal sign. Grade 2 is focusing on adding and subtracting using mental thinking strategies. It is important that grades 3 and 4 have solid mastery of multiplication facts. Fluency gives students the ability to delve deeper into Math; to develop number sense and choose the most appropriate method for the task at hand.

Fluency in math class is the ability to find an answer accurately, efficiently, and flexibly. Students develop different ways to solve a problem such as using patterns, strategies, or manipulatives. Manipulatives can be counters, fingers, or a number line, for example. Students need to build flexibility to have a way to arrive at an answer. When students are strong in fluency they are more confident in math class. Confident students are willing to participate in class and are eager to help their peers when needed. Confident students feel good about themselves and carry a positive attitude throughout their day.

We ask all families to work at home to practice and support fact knowledge. Take the time to practice a little each day. Five to Ten minutes can make all the difference. Pick a few facts each night. Add a new fact every couple of days while reviewing what they already know. They will appreciate the time you invest in them. Keep it fun. We believe that spending time at home practicing facts is essential in building the groundwork for all of their learning years.

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/what-is-fluency-in-maths-definition-ks2/>

<http://www.k5learning.com/blog/why-do-kids-need-learn-math-facts>

Online Math Games

<http://FarleySchoolMath.weebly.com> A website for everyone! See all the apps to play at home.

<http://www.math-play.com> (Try Balance the Equation Math Racing Game)

Try it at home

The Gough family traveled to Pennsylvania from Hudson. On the first day they drove 310 miles. On the second day they drove 335 miles. How many miles in all did they drive on the trip to Pennsylvania?

- a. 625 miles b. 630 miles c. 635 miles d. 645 miles

Nolan celebrated as he watched the Celtics persevere while beating the Pistons by 12. What was the score of the game?

- a. Celtics 99, Pistons 88 b. Celtics 101, Pistons 89 c. Celtics 102, Pistons 82 d. Celtics 105, Pistons 103

NOTES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:

Thank you to the Lion's Club for performing vision and hearing screenings this year! Also, a special thank you to our parent volunteer, Jessica Corbosiero for helping out with the screenings to ensure they ran smoothly. Referral letters will be sent home via US Mail by November 1, if necessary.

Accidents do happen at school, and sometimes students need to change their clothing during the day. To minimize time out of class, it is a good idea to have students bring in a change of clothing (underwear and socks, too) to leave in their lockers. Having their own clothes relieves student's stress of having to visit the health office for donated items that may not fit their style or comfort.

Flu season is quickly approaching! Please vaccinate your student!

In Good Health,
Tina Hill, RN





THE FARLEY HOLIDAY SHOPPE

We are very excited to announce that we will be partnering with our Boosterthon team this year for an innovative holiday shop experience for our community called Giving Market. Here is how the Giving Market is different from typical holiday shops:

1. Promotes generosity and builds community

Just like the Fun Run, every student is included! Each student receives a Giving Dollar to be used on a gift for others and there is a daily Generosity Challenge!

2. A curated selection of thoughtful gifts

By focusing on 40 total items (instead of 150 to 200) we provide a simpler holiday shop full of beautifully-designed, higher quality gifts.

3. A fun holiday experience

We will be holding this event during school hours on December 19th and 20th. A Boosterthon team member will be on-site during our event to help us set up, restock, explain items, and to create a fun experience for our students!

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.



PICTURE RE-TAKES

Farley School Picture re-takes will be taken on Tuesday, November 6.



Farley Wear

We are so excited about all of the new items we are ordering for Farley spirit wear. They should be coming in within the next few weeks. We will also be sending an order form home from Countrywide Spirit Wear. You will be able to order gear for the whole family and have it delivered to the school and sent home with your student. Make sure to keep an eye out for the form.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – NOVEMBER 16th

We are so excited for movie night this year! We will be viewing **Stitch! The Movie**.

We will be providing **free popcorn** and selling candy and drinks for \$1 each.

Please remember to bring pillows and blankets and feel free to come in your PJs.

The **movie starts at 6:00 pm** on Friday, November 16th. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristina Edison at edgurl2486@aol.com.

This is not a drop off event. Please no outside food.

