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# FLORENCE SAWYER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Winter Vacation: Happy Holidays to all of our Family and Friends! Enjoy your time off, relax, and return renewed and refreshed on January 2!

Our winter break begins after school on Friday, December 21st. School will be closed until Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 for students! The school offices and buildings will be open all weekdays other than the holidays on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. Please contact the office for scheduled hours during the break if you need to come in. Enjoy the break!



### No School or Delayed Opening Announcements:

This is a reminder of the process for days when the Superintendent declares no school or a delayed opening due to inclement weather. The official process is listed in the handbook, on page 8, as follows: "Starting at 6 AM, announcements will be made on Channel 4 (WBZ), Channel 5 (WCVB), Channel 7 9WHDH), and FOX; and on radio WBZ (1030 AM) or WRKO (680 AM). Look for NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. IF POSSIBLE, the appropriate announcement will be posted on the school web site."

In the case of delayed opening, such as a two hour delay (like Monday, Dec. 10th), please remember that this means buses will pick students up two hours later than usual. This means that student drop-off time is also delayed by two hours. There is no supervision available for any child dropped off before school begins. Dismissal on delayed opening days remains the same [3:05pm].

Please check the above sources of information in the event of inclement weather! We do not plan to send a CONNECT-ED message for no school or delayed openings.

### FY09 BUDGET PROCESS:

Staff members have finished preparing their budget requests for FY09 (2008-09), the Florence Sawyer School Council has seen the preliminary FSS figures and supported the Principal's recommendations that go forward to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, then to the District School Committee. Administrators have had meetings to frame the various parts of the budget.

The process for budget adoption is briefly outlined below with some of the deadlines and dates that might be of interest to you:

The FY09 Budget Process began with an overview at an October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting with all administrators. Students' needs are based on the following:

- District Goals
- School Improvement Goals
- Strategic Action Steps
- Task Force Recommendations
- Identified Student Performance Areas

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Winter Break  
December 24—January 1

### January 9

- Bolton Schools Donation Committee Mtg 7:00pm
- School Council Mtg 6:30pm

### January 10

- FSS Geography Bee Auditorium 6-9:00 PM

**PRINCIPAL MESSAGE** *continued*

In each case the need must be aligned to one of the above with new items/proposals needing additional information as necessary. The priority of each item should be clearly articulated and supported. Not all items are a "4" (top priority, must be done) in the context of the entire budget.

We worked to identify, prepare and propose a budget that we project will best meet the needs of the PK-8 population at Florence Sawyer School. Guidelines for classroom size, clarifications on rationales for proposing new positions for Teacher Assistants or Teacher Aides, and reminders about procurement requirements were provided.



To give you an idea of the scope of the preparation schedule, here are some key dates in the process:

December 10 – 28: Individual Principals / Directors meet with Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to review proposed budgets

December 12: Capital Planning Meeting / Technology Planning / Athletics

December 19: Curriculum Planning/ Professional Development Planning

January 2: Administrative Meeting to Review Entire Budget (9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.)

January 7 – 11: Individual meetings to determine changes / review recommendations

January 16: Administrative Meeting to Review Entire Budget (9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.)

January 24: Superintendent's Recommended Budget to School Committee

January 26: Saturday Presentation of all cost centers/ School Committee Budget Workshop (A schedule will be developed with approximate times for presentations by each school and District Cost Center).

(The following dates are School Committee Budget Workshops:

February 7; February 14 ; February 15; February 28 (If needed).

March 6: School Committee Budget Adoption

All workshops and school committee meetings for the budget process will be held in the high school media center. (These meeting dates are subject to change based upon committee availability.)

**Planning Ahead/ MCAS Calendar:**

There are two Spring MCAS testing periods for grades 3-8. Not every day will be used for testing at each grade level. The last few days are set aside for any make-up testing that needs to be done.

**March- April 2008 MCAS Testing Period:**

March 30- First day of testing for: Grades 3, 5, 6, and 8- Reading Comprehension.

March 31- Required Testing Date for ELA Composition, Grades 4 and 7.

April 1- First day of testing for: Grades 4 and 7 Reading Comprehension.

March 30-April 10- Full Testing Period for Grades 3-8 Reading, including make-up sessions. (A specific schedule of dates for each grade level will be announced at a later date.)

**May-June 2008 MCAS Testing Period:**

May 11- Beginning of testing period for Grades 3-8 in Math; Science-Technology, and Engineering; Social Science.

May 11-27- Testing Period for all tests in Grades 3-8 in Math; Science-Technology, and Engineering; Social Science.

## TECHNOLOGY

## Atomic Learning Video and Voice Tutorials for Computer Applications



**Atomic Learning Video and Voice Tutorial subscription** for staff, students and parents of the Nashoba Regional School District on everyday and school computer applications. The tutorials are short 1 to 3 minute video clips to use with your headphones on with either Flash or Quicktime for your default player. Go to <http://atomiclearning.com> and log in with username nrdsd and password (call the school or ask your son or daughter) and begin tutorials on anything from:

- Audacity
- Blogging workshop
- Dreamweaver
- Excel
- Flash
- Garage Band
- Graph Club
- Inspiration, iTunes
- Kidspiration
- Moodle
- Office Suite ( Microsoft word, excel, PowerPoint, Publisher)
- Photoshop
- Podcasting
- Windows media player
- Windows movie maker
- Windows XP tips and tricks

and many others.

Hope this is helpful for you and your family.

Jackie Scheibel

Technology Coordinator K - 8

# Physical Education

## Boots



If boots are worn to school students should bring sneakers for PE class. Boots are not safe for activities in PE class or clean enough to wear in the gym.



Also fleece shirts, sweaters and turtle neck shirts get too hot to wear during PE. It would be great if children could wear short sleeve shirts underneath warmer clothing so they can remove a layer as they get sweaty from activity. Thank you for your help.

## Winter Units

### Basketball



Students in grades K-8 are all working on basketball. The younger elementary grades are introduced to skills and proper technique, practice the skills and play fun learning games using a couple of skills at a time. The upper elementary grades are learning how to play small sided basketball games and middle school grades are playing 3v3 half court games and will have a tournament. This unit will continue into January.

### Volleyball

Students will start volleyball activities towards the end of January. The lower grades will use beach balls. The upper elementary grades will use light, large trainer volleyballs and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will play games with regulation volleyballs.



Mrs. Cavaioli  
Mr. McCutcheon  
Ms. Gurley

# Get in the spirit!



Name \_\_\_\_\_ HR Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Short sleeve T-shirt 100% cotton White \$12.00**  
 Youth XS  S  M  L  XL   
 Adult S  M  L  XL

**Long sleeve T-shirt 100% cotton White \$14.00**  
 Youth XS  S  M  L  XL   
 Adult S  M  L  XL

**Hooded Sweatshirts 50/50 Gray \$18.00**  
 Youth XS  S  M  L  XL   
 Adult S  M  L  XL


Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to: PAC

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We thank you for your support!!!

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
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| <p>1/1 Alternates:<br/>Mon: Meatball Sub &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Tue: Hamburger/Cheeseburger &lt;M,S&gt;<br/>Wed: Teriyaki Chick-Breast Sand. &lt;S&gt;<br/>Thurs: Turkey &amp; Cheese Wrap &lt;M,S&gt;<br/>Fri: Chicken &amp; Cheese Quesadilla &lt;M,S&gt;</p> | <p>1/1 New Year's Day!<br/></p>                           | <p>1/2 Chicken Patty &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Sandwich on a Roll<br/>Oven Baked Potato Rounds &lt;S&gt;<br/>Green Beans<br/>Asst. Fruit or Juice</p>       | <p>1/3 Grilled Cheese Sandwich &lt;M,S&gt;<br/>Minestrone Soup &lt;S&gt;<br/>Goldfish Crackers &lt;S&gt;<br/>Vegetable Sticks<br/>Chilled Pineapple Chunks</p> | <p>1/4 Wheat Pizza Wedge &lt;M,S&gt;<br/>w/Asst Toppings<br/>Tossed Garden Salad w/Dressing<br/>Frozen Juice Bar</p>                             |
| <p>1/7 Beef Teriyaki Dippers &lt;S&gt;<br/>Oriental Blend Vegetables<br/>Rice<br/>Chilled Pineapple<br/>Fortune Cookie &lt;E&gt;</p>   | <p>1/8 Fish Fillet Sandwich &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Cudy Fries &lt;S&gt;<br/>Cole Slaw &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Cookie &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Chilled Peas</p> | <p>1/9 Cheese Stuffed Shells &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>w/Marinara Sauce<br/>Garlic Bread<br/>Italian Blend Vegetables<br/>Chilled Peas</p>                  | <p>1/10 Baked Potato w/Toppings<br/>Chili, Cheese Sauce, Broccoli<br/>Salsa, Sour Cream, Bacon Bits &lt;S&gt;<br/>Asst. Pudding &lt;M,E,S&gt;</p>              | <p>1/11 Bagel, Egg, Cheese Sandwich<br/>Cudy Fries &lt;S&gt;<br/>Lettuce &amp; Tomato<br/>Cookie &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Fruit Cocktail</p>            |
| <p>1/14 Chicken Nuggets &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy &lt;M,S&gt;<br/>Steamed Broccoli<br/>Asst Fruit or Juice</p>   | <p>1/15 Macaroni &amp; Cheese &lt;M,S&gt;<br/>Green Beans<br/>Bread Stick<br/>Applesauce</p>   | <p>1/16 BBQ Ribeye Sandwich &lt;S&gt;<br/>Oven Baked Potato Rounds &lt;S&gt;<br/>Cole Slaw &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Cinnamon Applesauce</p>                | <p>1/17 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>w/Marinara Dipping Sauce<br/>Dinner Roll<br/>Tossed Salad<br/>w/Dressing &lt;E,S&gt;<br/>Fresh Grapes</p>   | <p>1/18 French Toast &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Sausage Patty or Egg Patty<br/>Hash Brown Potato &lt;S&gt;<br/>Raisin Box<br/>Juice<br/>Early Release</p> |
| <p>1/21 Martin Luther King Day<br/>No School<br/><u>Assorted Fresh Fruit and</u><br/><u>100% Fruit Juices Available</u><br/><u>Daily</u><br/>Tossed Salad Plate<br/>w/Meat or Cheese<br/>Topping and Choice of<br/>Dressing Available Daily</p>            | <p>1/22 Popcorn Chicken &lt;S&gt;<br/>Oven Baked FF's &lt;S&gt;<br/>Veggie Blend<br/>Chilled Peaches</p>                                     | <p>1/23 Nacho Chips w/Cheese Sauce<br/>Salsa and Chili<br/>Cornbread<br/>Carrot Sticks<br/>Fresh Kawi Fruit</p>                                     | <p>1/24 Hot Dog &lt;M,S&gt; on a Roll<br/>Baked Seasoned Potato Wedges &lt;S&gt;<br/>Raw Baby Carrots Pkg.<br/>Melon Slice</p>                                 | <p>1/25 Stuffed Crust Pizza Wedge &lt;M,S&gt;<br/>w/Asst Toppings<br/>Tossed Garden Salad w/Dressing<br/>Fruit Cup</p>                           |
| <p>1/28 Soft Beef Taco &lt;S&gt;<br/>w/Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese<br/>Steamed Rice<br/>Steamed Broccoli<br/>Fresh Orange Wedges</p>   | <p>1/29 Spaghetti &amp; Marinara Sauce<br/>Capri Veggie Blend<br/>Garlic Bread Stick<br/>Chilled Peas</p>                                    | <p>1/30 Chicken &amp; Broccoli Calzones &lt;M,E,S&gt;<br/>Oven Baked Potato Rounds &lt;S&gt;<br/>California Vegetable Blend<br/>Chilled Peaches</p> | <p>1/31 Max Cheese Bread Stick &lt;M,S&gt;<br/>w/Marinara Dipping Sauce<br/>Italian Blend Vegetables<br/>Applesauce</p>  | <p>Whole Wheat Dinner Roll<br/>Available Daily<br/>Menu Subject to Change<br/>Without Notice</p>   |