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# FLORENCE SAWYER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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### Middle School Open House: Wednesday, September 19, 2007: 6:30-8:15 PM

Please arrive early to avoid difficulties with parking and to be sure you are available for the entire evening of presentations. Our annual Middle School, grades 6-8, Open House will begin at 6:30 on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Please report to your child's homeroom early as we need to begin promptly at 6:30.

You will have the opportunity to hear from all of your child's Core Academic Teachers (English-Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish for grade 8) as well as related arts/ specialist teachers (Physical Education, Health Education, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Art, Technology Education, Instructional Technology- computers). Other individual specialists will be in the building should you want to contact them with questions (special education, reading, speech and language). You will receive a schedule in your homeroom. Your classes will last approximately 15 minutes! Student Council student representatives will be here to assist anyone with finding a classroom.

Please check with your child for the homeroom number or check with one of the student representatives for directions when you arrive.

The focus for the evening will be on curriculum and expectations in each class. Individual conferences are not scheduled for this evening and should not be expected. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wed, 9/19
  - OPEN HOUSE—FSS Middle School 6:30pm
- Thurs, 9/20
  - Volunteer Meeting 9am
- Tues, 9/25
  - OPEN HOUSE—FSS K-5 @ 6:30
- Wed, 9/25
  - Cross Country Meet vs. Groton Dunstable @ NRHS 4:00
- Thurs, 9/27
  - Cross Country Meet vs. Overlook Middle School @ Florence Sawyer
  - Sped PAC Meeting @ NRHS 7:15

### Elementary Open House: Tuesday, September 25, 2007: 6:30-8:00 PM

The Annual Open House for grades K-5 will be held on **Tuesday evening, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:30-8:00. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible that evening to hear about what is happening in your child's classes. Keep in mind that this is not an opportunity for an individual parent-teacher conference; rather it is a time to meet classroom teachers and related arts (specials) to hear about the curriculum, goals and expectations for the year. Please arrive early so that you will hear everything the teachers have to say and to avoid difficulties with parking. All classroom presentations will begin promptly at 6:30.

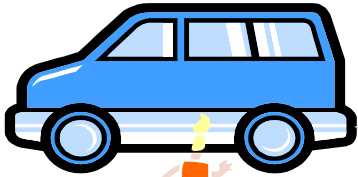
Next week's newsletter will have a more specific schedule for the evening.

It would be helpful for you to know your child's classroom teacher and room number ahead of time. Classroom presentations will be followed by brief presentations by our specialists/ related arts teachers. Locations for those presentations will be available that evening. If your child is in grade 3 or 4, your evening will begin in the Emerson wing. All classes in grades K-2 begin in the Florence Sawyer building. Student council, middle school, representatives will be available to help direct parents to classrooms.



# WELCOME

## SPECIAL INTEREST



# Pick-ups @ Dismissal

In our effort to make afternoon dismissal as safe and organized as possible, we are going to strictly enforce the pick-up policy that you will find on page 6-7 of your student/parent handbook, as well as in the last two newsletters.

Both buildings are becoming crowded and very confusing with parents congregating in the halls.

**Pick-ups will not be released until after the second wave of buses have left.**

**Changes in Dismissal Plans:** Please remember that we will not change your child's pick-up plans after 2:30. It is virtually impossible to keep track of these changes at the end of the day.

Thank you for understanding our desire to keep your children safe.

**REMEMBER:** *You cannot pass buses or school vans when they have their flashers on! No vehicles other than buses and school vans will be allowed in the traffic circle 15 minutes before or after school start times.*

Remember to sign and return the last page of the Student and Parent Handbook which acknowledges that you and your children are familiar with the handbook and also that the use of networked information resources (computers) is understood and accepted.



## Calling all Volunteers!

There will be a volunteer meeting on Thursday, Sept.20 at 9:00am in the Florence Sawyer School cafeteria for all volunteers. At his meeting, options for helping the teachers and students at our school will be discussed. The information presented will be especially beneficial to those who are volunteering for the first time or to parents who are new to our school.

These are just some of the many ways our volunteers help: in the classroom, the library, computer lab, Junior Great Books, Accelerated Reader. More opportunities will be presented during the meeting. There will also be time for questions and for new volunteers to complete CORI forms.

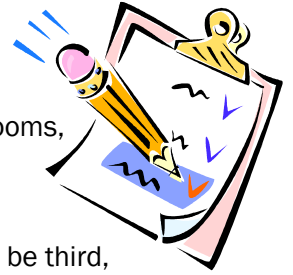
Our school is able to provide more services to our students, because of the donations of time, talent and creative energy of our volunteers. We are looking forward to this continuing.

We look forward to seeing experienced as well as new volunteers at this meeting.

Joel Bates and Janet Milliken

## Newsletter Guidelines

The main purpose of our Florence Sawyer School Newsletter is to help keep you informed of school related activities and events. Priority will always be given to school news – from classrooms, teachers, and students about what is going on in the school that we would like you to know. Those events sponsored by our school support groups will be the second priority. Community events that directly relate to the children at Florence Sawyer or to the school, in some way, will be third, depending upon space. We will not publish full page ads about events unless essential to the event as it relates to the school. Town events with no connection to the school will not be published, nor will events for profit within the community. Any article received after the noon deadline on the Wednesday prior to Friday publishing should not be expected to be included. Our newsletter will be posted electronically to the web. If you would like a reminder that the newsletter has been posted, you may sign up for that as outlined in our first few newsletters. You may also request a printed copy by completing the form included in this newsletter.

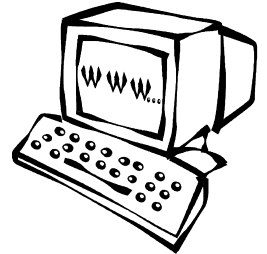


## Get Connected! *Florence Sawyer on the Web!*

The easiest way to get up-to-the-minute information and stay informed about our school is through the web. You can view calendars and lunch menus, review policies, print forms and read newsletters all on the Florence Sawyer Website! Visit us at <http://sawyer.nrsd.net/> and explore the drop-down menus to discover a broad range of available information.

Our newsletter is posted to the website on Friday of the weeks that we publish. Please sign up for the “list serve” which will automatically send you an email each time we post a new edition. The email will have an active link which will take you directly to the current newsletter. Use the following link to subscribe: <http://lists.nrsd.net> If you subscribed last year, you do not need to do so again. However, you may want to review your information to make sure it is current.

You can still get a paper copy of the newsletter by completing and returning the form below. The newsletter will be given to your youngest child on the day of publication to be brought home.



F L O R E N C E S A W Y E R S C H O O L

P R I N T E D N E W S L E T T E R

**Please return this form if you would like a paper copy of the newsletter.**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youngest Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher/ Homeroom:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Minuteman Regional High School

Minuteman Regional High School announces its After School Program for October, 2007. The program offers courses in Career Exploration and Academic Enrichment. Any Sawyer middle school student may apply.

There are two cycles of courses:

Cycle 1: October 2, 4, 9, 11

Cycle 2: October 16, 18, 23, 25

Courses run from 4:15 – 6:15 PM.

Applications are now available at Sawyer School, or visit the website at

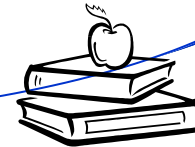
[www.minuteman.org](http://www.minuteman.org)

## Johns Hopkins University

Johns Hopkins University announces its Talent Search for 2007-08.

The Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth conducts national and international talent searches to identify, assess, and recognize academic talent.

For an informative brochure and application, call or email Bob Verdolino in the Sawyer School Guidance Office.



## SPED PAC

The **SPED PAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council)** holds its first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm at the Nashoba Regional H.S. The meeting features the District Special Education Update by Tracy Conte, Director of Special Education. Please join us for an overview and update of NRSD's Special Education Department and programming. Following this discussion, the Nashoba SpEd PAC will hold its annual election of officers. All parents and those interested in Special Education are welcome and refreshments will be served.

The SpEd PAC meets monthly September through May to provide support and information to better meet the needs of our children. Meetings include presentations on a variety of subjects and provide a forum for interaction with other parents, professionals and community members who have experience with children with special needs. The October meeting will be the Basic Rights Workshop presented by the Federation for Children with Special Needs.

For the remaining dates and topics for 2007-2008 visit [www.nrsd.net/spedpac.php](http://www.nrsd.net/spedpac.php). You may also, contact Joan Finger for more information or to be included on the monthly e-mail updates: **Joan Finger**, [zootergroup@rcn.com](mailto:zootergroup@rcn.com) or (978) 337-5132 or (978) 779-6046.

**Bolton  
Schools  
Donation  
Committee**

**Bolton School Donations Committee  
AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA!  
SATURDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 2008**



*Please complete this form and return to the Florence Sawyer Office*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to help with (circle your choice):**

- |                |                   |               |                |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Decorations    | Check-in          | Solicitations | Silent Auction |
| Closing Tables | Live Auction      | Check-out     | Publicity      |
| 50/50 Raffle   | Help where needed |               |                |

**Check-in Committee:** needs 5-6 volunteers to make the paddles and guest sheets in advance as well as registering the guests on the night of the Auction.

**Solicitation Committee:** needs as many volunteers as possible! This committee sends out letters to solicit items for the Live Auction and Silent Auction and makes follow-up phone calls. Volunteers are also needed to pick up items at local businesses.

**Silent Auction Committee:** needs 2-3 volunteers for pre auction work and to help set up tables the day of the Auction.

**Closing Tables** needs 5-6 volunteers the night of the Auction to close out the Silent Auction tables.

**Live Auction Committee:** needs 2-3 volunteers to help setup the day of the Auction and act as spotter during Live Auction.

**Checkout Committee:** needs 12-15 volunteers to assist in cashing out all the attendees who have won bids on items. We need volunteers to assist both during the Auction and at the end of the night.

**Publicity Committee:** needs 3 volunteers to help publicize the Auction through newspaper articles, posters, etc.

**50/50 Raffle Committee:** needs 6 volunteers to help sell raffle tickets during the night of the Auction.

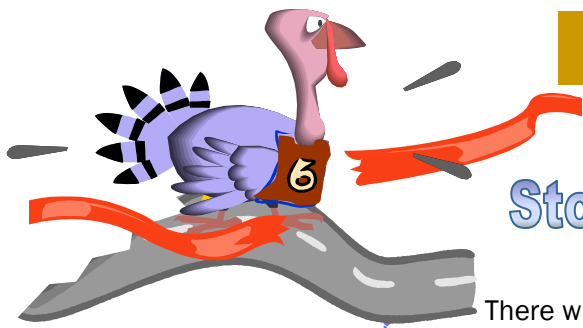
I would like to donate an item to the Auction:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions/ Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for volunteering your time. It is greatly appreciated!*



## Stow Gobbler 5K Race / Fun walk!

There will be a 5K road race/fun walk to benefit Habitat for Humanity and Stow Community Chest, on Thanksgiving Day at 8 a.m., in Stow. It will begin and end at BOSE corporation, and prizes will be awarded to various age groups. You can work off your Thanksgiving meal before you eat! An entry form is included with this newsletter. Registration is \$20.00 if you are age 12 and up, \$5.00 under the age of 12. Those who pre-register by November 8 will be guaranteed a shirt. You will also be able to register at 7 a.m. on Thanksgiving day, at the BOSE site. More entry forms can be copied from the Stow Recreation web site, Stow Gobbler link. Questions? Call Laura at Stow Recreation 978-461-1411, or Alex or Nick at 978-562-4165.

**Complete and mail the registration form below.**



### Mail-in Registration Form

## Stow Gobbler 5K

Thanksgiving Day, 22 November 2007

USA Track and Field Sanctioned

USA Track and Field Certified MA07015JK

**One form per person**

**Make checks payable to:**  
Stow Recreation

**Mail entry form to:**  
Stow Gobbler 5K  
279 Hudson Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Questions? Call Laura Greenough at Stow Rec. 978-461-1411 or Nick/Alex Papanastassiou at 978-562-4165.

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Daytime phone:			
Date of birth:			
E-mail:			
Age on race date:			
Circle your gender:	Male	Female	
Circle your event:	5K Run		5K Walk
Circle T-shirt:	S	M	L    XL

### Waiver must be read and signed before mailing:

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter or run this event unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running in this race including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my application, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, forever waive and release the event, and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. **All fees are nonrefundable.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_