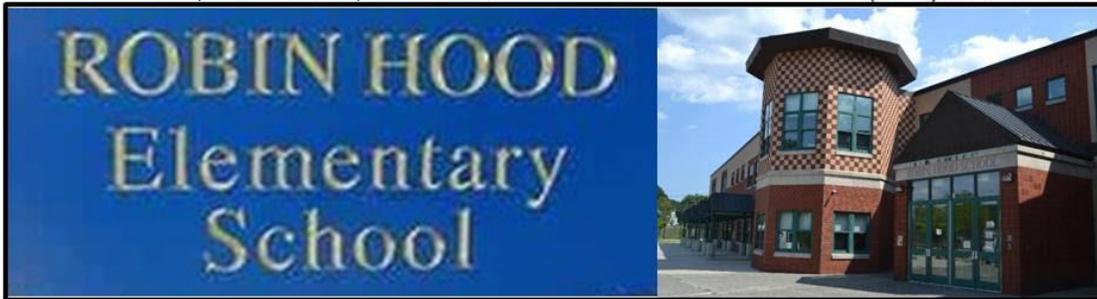
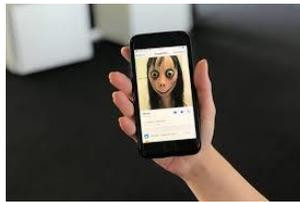


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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardian's,

This week there has been a resurgence of attention focused on an internet hoax called the "Momo Challenge". With that has come a great deal of concern regarding how the school is addressing it and questions on how parents should handle it at home. While the "Momo Challenge" is stirring up fear, it also providing us all with an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about cyber safety and social media use. At Robin Hood we do not want to draw attention to it or bring it into the consciousness of students who are blissfully unaware. At the same time, we do not want to ignore when students are openly discussing it with one another. As a result, teachers have addressed it by intervening in conversations among students. We are reinforcing that our students are safe and reiterating to them that Momo is only a scary, make believe story. Since the classroom is not the best place for in depth discussions of this nature, we are encouraging students to talk to their parents or other trusted adults about it. Our teachers are also providing generalized reminders and refreshers about internet safety and responsible social media use.

There are a number of excellent resources available to help parents and teachers navigate technological threats to our children's social and emotional well-being (current and future). Here are a few that you may find beneficial:

CBS News - recommended by the Stoneham Police Department

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/momo-challenge-resurfaces-police-issue-warning-to-parents/>

National Online Safety – Top Tips for Parents / What Parents Need to Know About Momo

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/f94b65db-007c-40d4-a854-2b665e57ddd8/momo_online_safety_guide_for_parents_feb_2019.pdf

Washington Post – The Momo Challenge isn't a viral danger to children online, but it sure is viral

https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2019/03/01/momo-challenge-isnt-viral-danger-children-online-it-sure-is-viral/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.98309cd9d1cf

NetSmartz – Internet Safety for Children

<https://www.netsmartz.org/HOME>

Smart Social – Learn how to shine online

https://smartsocial.com/momo-challenge-safety-guide/?utm_source=Smart+Social+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=1e0e6de5ae-momo_challenge_2_28_19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_40b34a3ccb-1e0e6de5ae-196040501

If you have any additional concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have a great team of teachers, counselors and specialists who are happy to answer your questions and help you navigate this or any other social media challenges.

Respectfully,

Maura Donoghue

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

March 1 - observance of Read Across America Day

March 1- PTO sponsored Dr. Seuss Night

March 5 - PTO Sponsored Author's visit, Brian Lies

March 5 - PTO Meeting, 7:00pm

March 7 - Kindergarten Registration, 5-6:30pm @ Central Middle School

March 11 - anticipated date for Report Cards to be sent home

March 11 - Scholastic Book Fair this week

March 13 - Early Release Day, 12:15 dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00pm

March 14 - Early Release Day, 12:15 dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:00pm
March 27 - 4th grade Band Concert, 7pm at SHS
March 28 - Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day
March 28 - Middle School Orientation for parents 6pm, CMS
April 3 - Grade 3 ELA MCAS
April 4 - Grade 3 ELA MCAS
April 9 - Grade 4 ELA MCAS
April 10 - Grade 4 ELA MCAS
April 11 - Kindergarten Enrichment, Bubbles
April 15-19 - April Vacation, No School
April 23 - Grade 1 Enrichment, Tidepools
April 30 - Robin Hood at the Red Sox

IMPORTANT News From the Nurse's Office



Mrs. Thistle, our school nurse, had an unexpected injury and will be out for a while. She is recovering and hopes to be back at school soon. In the meantime, we will have a substitute nurse in the building each day to take care of any student needs. If you have any concerns or medical questions during Mrs. Thistle's absence, please call the Main Office or the Nurse's direct line at (781)279-3863.

Robin Hood 2019 MCAS dates

English / Language Arts MCAS

Grade 3 - April 3 & 4

Grade 4 - April 9 & 10

Mathematics MCAS

Grade 3 - May 14 & 15

Grade 4 - May 16 & 17

Parent Teacher Conferences
Behavior Teamwork Grades Communication Homework
Progress Goals Achieve

March Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. Your child's teacher will be contacting you by Monday afternoon with sign up information.

Due to conferences, there will be no Preschool classes on Thursday, March 14th

Morning Traffic



Morning drop off requires drivers to pack their patience and cooperation, even during the most pleasant weather conditions. Winter drop off only amplifies that. PLEASE help us all by adhering to the following Drop Off rules:

- 1) **DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES**
 - 2) Cutting through the parking lot to get into the traffic circle is prohibited. Please don't try to "beat the system" by trying to sneak into the front of the Drop Off line. This just creates more problems and believe us, everyone else is in a hurry too!
 - 3) For safety reasons, please do not pull around stopped cars to get a spot in the circle
 - 4) In the circle, pull up as far as you can
 - 5) Feel free to smile, wave or laugh at the poor cold and/or wet staff members doing their best to move things along safely and quickly :) It keeps things entertaining!
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6) If your child requires extra time and/or assistance, please park in the parking lot and walk over to the entrance at their leisure.

Indoors vs Outdoors?



As temperatures continue to fluctuate this winter, it may be helpful to know how we decide if recess and morning line-ups will occur indoors or outdoors. In accordance with the “Child Care and Weather Watch” guidelines from the US Department of Health and Human Services, students are kept indoors if the air temperature drops below 30*, we also take wind chill and level of precipitation into consideration. Every effort is made to make the best possible decisions throughout the day. We consult the **Weather Channel** and the **Weather Bug App** regularly for the most up to date weather information.

Our goal is to get students outside as often as possible, even if it is just for a few minutes. A change of scenery and fresh air makes an incredible difference in our school day. Please be sure that your child comes prepared to go outside on a daily basis.

Academic Highlights



Kindergarten: The Kindergarten students are learning that reading is thinking and are practicing many different reading strategies; schema, retelling & turn and talk. These strategies help

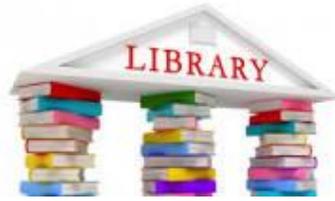
students understand stories better. We plan to celebrate Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday with many fun activities. We are also beginning our work on subtraction.

Grade 1: First graders are beginning Topic 8 in math which is "Understanding Place Value". We are also learning to write numbers and draw models using tens & ones to match the numbers. In Reading, we are finishing up our unit on glued sounds. The next unit is consonant blends and digraph blends, some examples are: bench, shrug, stash. Lastly, we will also be working on map skills with a family project coming soon.

Grade 2: In math all classes are finishing up Topic 5. Next we will begin working on subtracting two digit numbers using models, regrouping and using addition to check our work (Topic 6). In Reading, students are finishing up a study of character traits and writing with evidence in response to text. In writing, Ms. Cutone's class is continuing to edit/revise our nonfiction books and will have them published by the end of the month! Ms. Lazar and Mrs. Buback's student are working on writing personal narratives about small moments. Lastly, in Science students will be starting a new unit on the Earth's surface

Grade 3: Currently, the third grade is working on our "Start Your Engines" unit where we are reading narrative nonfiction, nonfiction, fiction and poems. We are answering questions using evidence from the text and working on constructed responses. We are also continuing to study character traits through independent texts and interactive read aloud. We just finished up our "Area" unit where students solved regular and irregular area problems. We also worked on rounding skills where students rounded numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. Now, we are moving on to working through Addition and Subtraction strategies with computation and word problems

Grade 4: Our 4th grade students are working hard to master adding, subtracting, comparing, and creating equivalent fractions in math. We are continuing to study different regions of the United States in Social Studies. In Reading, we are focusing on how to use evidence from texts to create strong responses for reading selections. Additionally, the students recently completed fantastic biography reports that were presented to their classes and shared with the 3rd graders.



HUGE THANK YOU!!

from Mrs. Young/Robin Hood Library

I would like to thank every family who has donated books to our school. Most often the books are donated anonymously so I never get to thank anyone personally. For those who have contributed, please know the books are either used in our Robin Hood Library, in teachers' classroom libraries or the used book sale. They have been a welcome additions, so please continue to drop off any books that you find your children have outgrown or would be a useful addition to our students (ages 5 – 10) at Robin Hood. Again thank you so much! (There is a drop off box in the lobby of the school for donated books.

4th Grade Parents



The Stoneham Middle School will be hosting a Middle School Orientation for parents on March 28th at 6:00pm. This event is one of several activities that will take place over the next few months to ensure your child has a smooth transition to middle school in the fall. Please click on the link below for details:

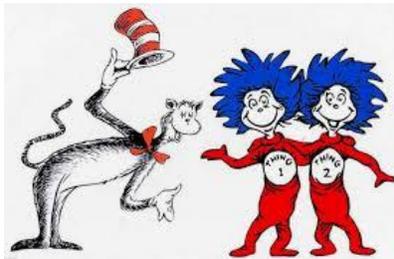
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Robin Hood Read-A-Thon

Please join us in celebrating reading this month by encouraging your child to participate in the Robin Hood Read-a-thon. Information was sent home this week and students can begin tallying their reading minutes right now...literally right now - go tell them to pick up a book! Of course, the Read-a-thon would not be possible without the support of the Robin Hood PTO! Robin Hood students read an astonishing 250,285 minutes during the 2018 Read-a-thon. What do you think this year's grand total will be?

Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day



In celebration of the 2019 Robin Hood School Read-a-thon, we would like to invite all students and staff to dress up like a favorite book character on: Friday, March 22nd. Participants are asked to avoid masks, dangerous props and face paint. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Donoghue.

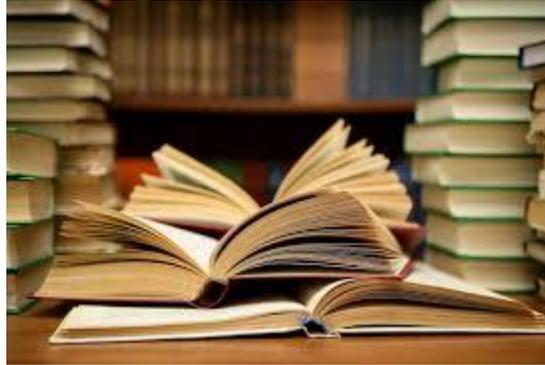


Save the Date 3rd & 4th Grade Spring Concert

Friday, May 31, 2019

8:45-9:15am

Reading Specialist Website



The Elementary Reading Specialists from Robin Hood, South and Colonial Park have collaborated to create a website for parents. Click on the link below to check it out.

<https://sites.google.com/stonehamschools.org/stoneham-reading-teachers/home>

Lexia Core 5



The Robin Hood School is piloting Lexia Learning's Core 5 Reading program...a web-based program that supports teachers in providing differentiated literacy instruction for students of all abilities in grades pre-K–5.

Lexia can be used at school and at home. Letters were distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences with log in instruction. Please note... **it is EXTREMELY important that your child works independently while using**

Core5. All of the work your child does at home is recorded and reported to school. The program is designed to provide scaffolded support and help the teacher create targeted instruction at school.

You can learn more about Lexia and Core 5 by clicking on this link:

<https://www.lexialearning.com/products/core5>

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Donoghue at (781)279-3870

Reminder ... Don't forget your sneakers on PE days.



Before School Supervision



As a friendly reminder, supervision of students begins at **8:15am**. Students should not be left unattended prior to that time. For families needing early morning childcare, please consider checking out the Stoneham

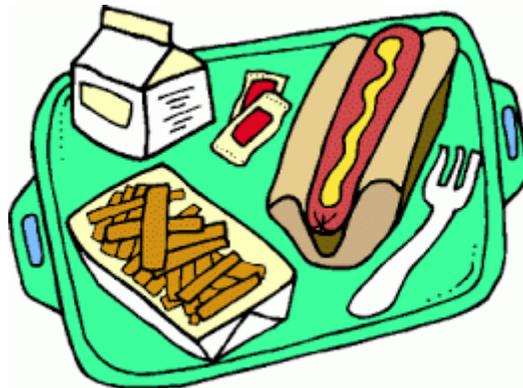
Public School's Before School Program. Information is available in the Main Office or on the Stoneham Public Schools website at www.stonehamschools.org

Used Book Sale / Swap Dates



The Robin Hood PTO sponsors several Used Book Sales/Swaps throughout the school year. On Book Sale/Swap days, students can bring in one or two gently used books from home to swap for up to two "new to you" books of their choice. Even if they don't have a book they want to swap, students can buy up to two "new to you" books for \$0.25 each. It is a great way to encourage a love of books and keep your bookshelf replenished. Our **LAST** Used Book Sale / Swap is **May 28**

March Lunch Menu



Please click on the link below for the March Lunch Menu:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/1c247b8a-dc6e-4a0e-a398-04826405d9d2/March19_Elementary.pdf



It's that time of year! Kindergarten Registration is fast approaching. Registration Forms are available on the Stoneham Public School's website (www.stonehamschools.org) .

Upon completion, Registration Forms and all accompanying documents should be submitted directly to the Superintendent of Schools Office. For parents who prefer to register in person, staff from the Superintendent's Office and each elementary school will be on hand at the upcoming Registration Night to help complete the

documents and answer any registration questions you have.

Kindergarten Registration Night will be held on Thursday, March 7th from 5:00-6:30pm in the Central Middle School Cafeteria

Robin Hood Kindergarten Orientation and transition events will begin in late April. Information will be mailed to all registered families on or about March 25th.

When To Keep Your Child Home From School Due To Illness



Fever- if your child has had a fever, they need to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. A fever is a temperature of 100 degrees or more.

Vomiting/diarrhea- if your child has vomiting and or diarrhea he/she should be kept home until symptoms have resolved for approx. 12 hours and the child is able to hold down both food and liquid.

Red Eyes- When the white part of the eye appears red and produces a yellow or green crusty discharge he/she may have conjunctivitis. If conjunctivitis is diagnosed then your child may return to school after 24 hours of medication.

Sore throat- A sore throat in conjunction with a fever and swollen glands may indicate strep throat. Call your doctor and have your child evaluated. Children are no longer contagious after 24 hours on the antibiotic and may return to school.

Please visit the nurse, Ann Marie Thistle, in the office or call 781-279-3863 if you have any questions or concerns.

Cold and Flu Season



Ever wonder how we tackle the spread of germs at Robin Hood? Here is our multi-pronged approach:

1. The use of hand sanitizer and soap are encouraged daily (and available throughout the school)
2. Hand Washing lessons occur annually and are reinforced throughout the year
3. Wipes and cleaning supplies are available in all classrooms and used regularly
4. When the teachers observe students coughing and/or displaying other signs of sickness the above measures are reinforced and the custodians conduct an additional deep cleaning / sanitation of the affected areas on a daily basis until symptoms subside
5. When a pattern of 3 or more **diagnosed** cases of common illnesses are reported in the same classroom, a letter is sent home to families of the students in that class and the custodians deep clean / sanitize the affected areas 3 times a day (before school, during the school day and again after school) until symptoms subside.
6. Finally, we monitor the spread of illnesses closely and take additional steps involving the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Health in the event of an epidemic.

What can you do at home? Please follow the recommendations of "When to Keep Your Child Home Due To Illness". Also, if you suspect your child is stricken with a communicable illness (flu, strep throat, stomach virus, etc) please consult your pediatrician and communicate any diagnosis's with us.

Character Breakfast POSTPONED until 3/16

The Stoneham Business and Community Educational Foundation and Wedgewood, Crane and Connolly are

presenting a community Character Breakfast in the Stoneham High School Cafeteria on **Saturday, March 16th**, 9:00am-11:00am (please note new date). Please click on the link below for details:

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Spring Baseball



Spring Baseball Registrations are underway. Please click on the link below for details:

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News from the Robin Hood



PTO

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 in the library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

4th Grade

- The next 4th grade "Moving On" Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 in the library. All 4th grade parents are welcome!
- Keep an eye out for 4th grade t-shirt info! The flyer will be going home early next week. Orders are due by Friday April 5th. Sizes will be available to look at during the March 13-14 conferences.
- 4th Grade Personal Pages for the yearbook were due today, March 1st. If you haven't yet done so, please turn them in.

Raffle Sales

During parent/ teacher conferences on March 13th and 14th, raffles tickets will be available for purchase for a

chance to win the classroom baskets. Volunteers are needed to sell the raffle tickets. Please consider signing up for a shift. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AFAC2FA5F85-march2?fbclid=IwAR1K_YdAINvgoH67z-xXsD5E9HVRPxiZqgP9lxwUXaedp0abg8j2C9-Ai8



March is Reading Month!

The month of March is National Reading Month and the PTO has many fun events planned to celebrate!

--Friday, March 1: We will kick off the month with our annual **birthday party for Dr. Seuss**. 6:30-8:00pm in the Robin Hood gym. Tickets are \$3 per child (There is a family cap of \$9) and are available at the door. Please click on the link below for more information:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/3332188b-7973-4515-a72f-549c38647299/Dr. Seuss Night.01.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/3332188b-7973-4515-a72f-549c38647299/Dr._Seuss_Night.01.pdf)

--Friday, March 1: **Read-a-Thon** begins! Be on the lookout for a packet coming home with reading logs for students to record their minutes reading from March 1-March 22. Each classroom's progress will be posted on a board outside the cafeteria.

--Tuesday, March 5: **Author's visit**. Caledcott Honor Book author, Brian Lies, will visit Robin Hood. He will meet with each grade and give students a peek into how an author/illustrator creates a picture book, including sketchbook drawings, original artwork and a live drawing demonstration.

--Tuesday-Thursday, March 12-14: **Scholastic Book Fair**: Each class will have time to visit the book fair during school. The fair will also be open during the parent/ teacher conferences on March 13th and 14th. More information will be going home, including the schedule for classroom visits. Volunteers will be needed to help staff the fair!

--Friday, March 22: **Dress like your favorite book character day**. Reminder, costumes should not have face paint or masks.



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