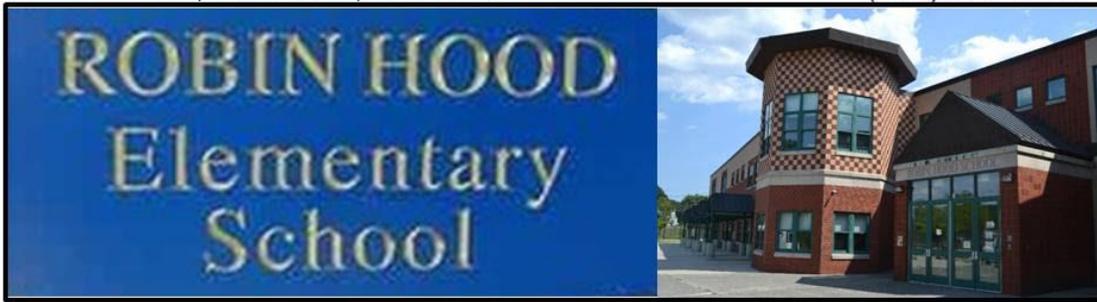


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April 2019

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the point in the school year that requires us to start planning ahead for next year. With that in mind, after April vacation we will begin to develop class assignments for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a long and complicated process, as our goal is to create classrooms that are balanced according to gender, learning styles, social dynamics and academic profiles.

We are confident that we know your child very well in the school environment; however, we recognize in a small number of cases there may be pertinent information parents want to share to help us make our placement decisions. An example of the type of pertinent information that is applicable would be information related to placing twins or cousins in the same or different classes. Another example would be a request to separate peers with a documented history of difficulty getting along with one another. A third example would be a request related to a child's medical, social or emotional needs such as placement in a classroom with easy access to the nurse's office or school counselor. Please understand that we cannot accept or accommodate requests for specific teachers or requests to keep best friends together.

Again, please understand that class placements cannot be designed around carpools, neighborhoods, sports teams or social circles. Our teachers always make sure students are placed in class with other students they have repeatedly demonstrated positive social and educational interactions with over the course of the current school year. Those students may or may not be a close, personal friend of the family, but they are children that compliment one another.

If you feel that you are in that small number of cases in which there is additional pertinent information we should consider before placing your child in his/her new class, please provide that information **IN WRITING** to

me (Mrs. Donoghue) by **May 1st**.

Respectfully,

Maura Donoghue

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- April 2** - World Autism Awareness Day
- April 3** - Grade 3 ELA MCAS
- April 4** - Grade 3 ELA MCAS
- April 9** - Grade 4 ELA MCAS
- April 9** - Opening Day, wear your Red Sox gear to school
- April 9** - Robin Hood School Council Meeting, 6:00pm, Main Office
- April 9** - Robin Hood PTO Meeting, 7:00pm, Library
- April 10** - Grade 4 ELA MCAS
- April 11** - Kindergarten Enrichment, Bubbles
- April 12** - Crazy Hat Day
- April 15-19** - April Vacation, No School
- April 23** - Grade 1 Enrichment, Tidepools
- April 26** - Orientation/Information Session for incoming Kindergarten parents
- April 30** - Robin Hood at the Red Sox
- May 1** - Walk to School Day
- May 10** - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- May 14** - Grade 3 Math MCAS
- May 15** - Grade 3 Math MCAS
- May 16** - Grade 4 Math MCAS
- May 16** - May Arts Festival
- May 17** - Grade 4 Math MCAS
- May 17** - PTO Sponsored Ice Cream Social
- May 20** - Tours for incoming Kindergartners
- May 20** - Grade 2 Enrichment, MWRA
- May 21** - Kindergarten Field Trip
- May 21** - Grade 3 Enrichment, Whalemobile
- May 24** - Grade 4 Enrichment, Birds of Prey
- May 28** - Last Used Book Sale
- May 28** - Grade 3 Field Trip
- May 30** - Grade 3 Enrichment, Top Secret Science
- May 31** - Spring Concert, Grades 3 & 4, 8:45am
- May 31** - Grade 1 Field Trip
- May 31** - Kindergarten Screening, times vary
- June 3** - Kindergarten Screening, times vary
- June 3** - School Wide Enrichment, World of Jump Roping

Afterschool Supervision



As we head into the warmer weather, it seems like the perfect time for a reminder about the supervision of children playing after school. When students are dismissed to a parent or guardian at the end of each school day, the school staff also passes all care and supervision responsibilities to that designee. That being said, for everyone's protection student behaviors on the property after school should be safe and respectful. Activities such as throwing rocks at each other, climbing trees, poking one another with sticks, playing between the cars in the parking lots, playing near the dumpster and climbing over the top of the playground structure should not be allowed at any time. If you choose to allow your child to play on the property after school, please watch them carefully and hold them accountable for their actions. It takes everyone's effort to keep the children safe.

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

Pick Up and Drop Off Traffic



School pick up and drop off requires drivers to pack their patience and cooperation, even during the most pleasant weather conditions. PLEASE help us all by adhering to the following Pick Up and Drop Off rules:

- 1) Drivers should pay close attention to pedestrians
- 2) Drivers should refrain from texting and cell phone conversations while driving on school property
- 3) **DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES**
- 4) If your child requires extra time and/or assistance, please park in the parking lot and walk over to the entrance at their leisure.
- 5) For safety reasons, please do not pull around stopped cars to get a spot in the circle
- 6) In the circle, pull up as far as you can
- 7) 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 line. This just creates more problems and believe us, everyone else is in a hurry too!

Academic Highlights



Kindergarten:

Kindergarten students are working on all things "spring" this month! Students will be planting seeds in science and will enjoy an enrichment on bubbles from the Science Discovery Museum. In reading, students are learning about story elements, including character and main idea. Subtraction continues to be a focus in math, and students are also learning about teen numbers. Finally, kindergarten students are practicing sentence structure through dictation of short sentences.

Grade 1:

Students in first grade are studying closed syllables and vowel teams in Foundations this month. Comparing numbers through 120 continues to be the focus in math, and students are excited to begin writing their small moment stories. In reading, first graders are focusing on story elements, including character and setting, as well as the skill of retelling a story they've read or heard. First grade is really looking forward to the May field trip to Lego Land too!

Grade 2:

All three of our second grade classrooms are beginning a unit on time and money this month. Our literacy pilot teacher, Ms. Cutone, is exploring the author's craft in reading, including simile, metaphor and onomatopoeia, and her students will begin expanding small moments in writing. Mrs. Buback and Ms. Lazar are finishing their small moment stories and are about to begin an exploration of non-fiction texts and writing. Students will be writing their own expert texts, focusing on a skill or topic in which they are knowledgeable.

Grade 3:

Grade 3 students successfully conquered their first English/Language Arts MCAS test at the beginning of the month and will be busy preparing for the Math MCAS in May. Fractions will be the focus in math, including equivalent fractions, comparing fractions and representing fractions. All third grade classrooms are enjoying Book Clubs and will be working on non-fiction expert writing pieces. Students are also very excited for their upcoming visit to the State House in Boston.

Grade 4:

Grade four students have been busy getting ready for the English/Language Arts MCAS on April 9 and 10. Students will be writing narratives from a character's perspective and are going to dive into decimals this month! In Social Studies, grade four is finishing up the regions of the United States and is looking forward to a study of landforms. Finally, energy and how it changes form is April's focus for science.



Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make National Reading Month a huge success! Dr. Seuss Night, the Scholastic Book Fair, our Author's Visit, the Robin Hood Read-A-Thon, the special class books from the PTO and Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day would not have been possible without the help of our parent volunteers! Thank you for continuing to go out of your way to enrich the educational experiences of all our students!



Congratulations to all of our Super Hero Readers. This year our students read a total of 197,209 minutes during the 2019 Read-A-thon. That is OUTSTANDING!!! To celebrate, each student received a new book, as a gift from the PTO. Way to Go!!!



Save the Date 3rd & 4th Grade Spring Concert

Friday, May 31, 2019

8:45-9:15am

Save the Date



What: Stoneham May Arts Festival, student art show -every student will have a piece of art on display

When: Thursday, May 16th, 2019 , 6-8 pm

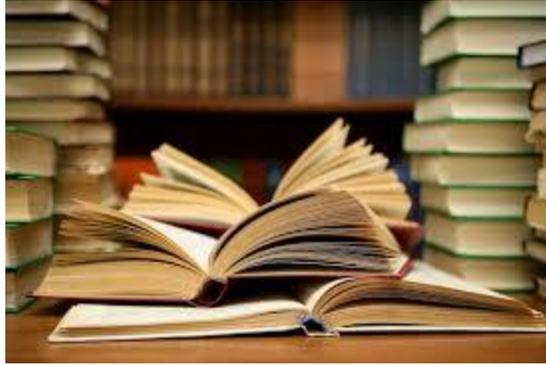
Where: Stoneham High School lobby

2nd Grade Projects



Ms. Starr is excited to share this year's 2nd grade Scratch Name Projects! The children worked really hard drawing & programming their names. More importantly, now they're really motivated to tackle more coding projects! Great job, all! Please click on the link below to check them out:

<https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/5967689/>



A special reminder from Mrs. Kinsky

Since April break is right around the corner and summer vacation comes quickly afterwards, I just wanted to reach out to you to encourage you to check out my website for reading resources. The Stoneham Public Schools Reading Teacher Website is updated on a seasonal basis with different literacy information and activities.

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

It is very important that your children read and work on their literacy skills outside of school. This helps them continue to progress their reading skills and it reinforces the idea that reading is something that you can do anywhere.

Please let me know if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Best,

Caitlin Kinsky

Robin Hood School Reading Specialist

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



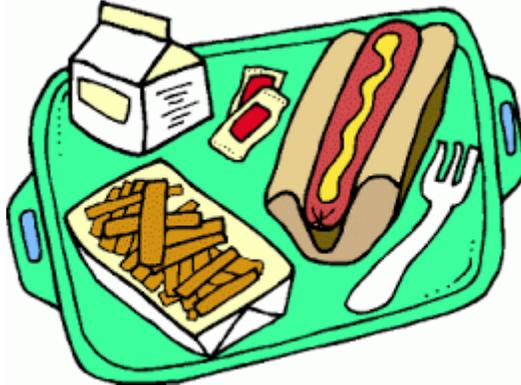
As a friendly reminder, supervision of students begins at **8:15am**, Students should not be left unattended prior to that time. For families needing early morning childcare, please consider checking out the Stoneham Public School's Before School Program. Information is available in the Main Office or 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**

April Lunch Menu



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

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Kindergarten Registration is underway. Registration Forms are available on the Stoneham Public School's website (www.stonehamschools.org) . If you have any questions, please call the main office (781)279-3870

Navigating the Cyber World



The Stoneham Public Schools, in partnership with the Middlesex Partnership for Youth is hosting a cyber safety workshop for parents of elementary students on May 29th. Please click on the link below for details.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/5d52c5f1-6b39-4306-a2b7-768e7a7ef95e/CyberSafety.pdf>

Executive Functioning Skills Across the Day



The Stoneham Public Schools in partnership with Stoneham SEPAC are proud to bring this an exciting learning opportunity to our community. Please click on the link below for more details.

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The Ice Cream Truck

Spring is here, the warm weather is on it's way, the playground is getting busier and the ball field is full...perfect conditions for ice cream sales. Every year around this time Robin Hood receives numerous calls and questions about an ice cream truck that frequents the area. Our response to those inquiries is that we work closely with the Stoneham Police and the Board of Health; however, we have no influence over the ice cream truck's route, pricing or sales location.

As long as the ice cream truck has the appropriate Massachusetts permits and is parked legally on a public street, we have no recourse. If the truck is parked legally on the public road, the operator is within his rights, as defined by his state issued permit. The Stoneham Police and the Board of Health have been great about making sure the permits are checked regularly and the sales locations are monitored; however, that is the limit of our control..

We are often asked... Why does the ice cream truck only frequent Robin Hood, not the other elementary schools? What makes Robin Hood different than South and Colonial Park is location. At both South and Colonial Park, in order for the ice cream truck to be visible to kids on the playground, he has to park illegally or come on the property, at Robin Hood he does not. Since he can't do either, that eliminates the other

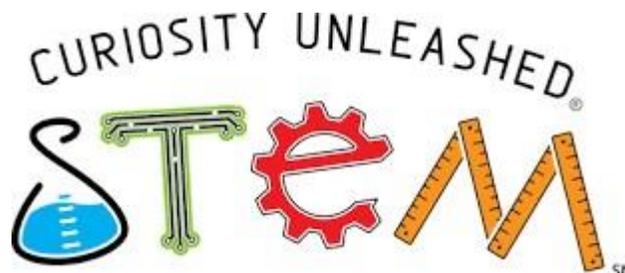
elementary schools as logical places to operate near.

It is safe to presume that supply and demand is another reason for the ice cream truck driver's sales location choices. Patronizing this business is a family decision. This is not a business the school endorses or collaborates with in any way. If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please feel free to call me or our School Safety Officer, Office Ponzo of the Stoneham Police Department.



Attention Red Sox fans:

In honor of this year's Home Opener, all students and staff are invited to show their Red Sox pride on Tuesday (4/9) by wearing their Red Sox gear or team colors.



The Stoneham Public Schools are hosting two STEM summer camps, please click on the links below for more details

For students entering grades 5-8 click here:

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For students entering grades 1-4 click here:

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Spring Baseball



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

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Greater Boston Stage Company

The Greater Boston Stage Company in Stoneham presents "Won't you be My Neighbor" on April 5th at 7:30pm. Click on the link below to learn more.

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Health & Wellness Expo

The Stoneham Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Health & Wellness Expo / 5K on Saturday, April 6th. Click on the link below for more details.

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News from the Robin Hood



PTO

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 in the library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

4th Grade “Moving On”

The next 4th grade “Moving On” Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019 at 6:30 in the library. All 4th grade parents are welcome!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for May 6- 10. Details will follow, but our annual luncheon will take place on Friday, May 10.

Crazy Hat Day

“Crazy Hat Day” will take place on Friday, April 12th. Please click on the link below for details.

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Calareso’s

In conjunction with Calareso’s Farm Stand, the PTO is selling Calareso’s Farm Stand certificates. 25% of each certificate will go towards the PTO. Order forms have gone home. Extra Order forms are available by clicking on the link below or in the front office.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/a796aff5-09dc-4bb1-870f-60c4d8ad0a02/Calaresos.02.pdf>

All orders are due by April 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime

Wallace: RobinHoodPTO@gmail.com

Rebecca’s Nut Free Cookies

The fall sale was so popular that the PTO will once again be offering “Rebecca’s Nut Free Cookies.” The sale will run April 7th- April 26th. Orders will be available for pick up on May 17th. If you have any questions, please contact Meg Hamp: hamp1080@gmail.com

Family Ice Cream Night

SAVE THE DATE! Robin Hood PTO will once again be hosting a “Family Ice Cream Night,” on Friday, May 17th. Details will be available soon!

Red Sox Night

Tickets for the Red Sox game on April 30th, will be available for pick up sometime the week after April vacation. Please look for updates on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RobinHoodPTO/>

Enrichment Update

On April 11th, the Discovery Museum will visit Robin Hood and present its fun and interactive Bubbles program to the kindergarten. Students will challenge what they think they know about bubbles as they make new observations, pose questions, investigate, and discuss their findings (and make plenty of bubbles!).

On April 23rd, the New England Aquarium will bring its Tidepool Habitats program to the first grade. Students learn about and investigate touch tanks that represent New England's three coastal habitats.

Thank you...

The Robin Hood PTO would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make National Reading Month a success! Seuss Night, our book fair, author Brian Lies visit, our Read-a-thon and Character Day could not have been successful without the help of all our parent volunteers, faculty and staff. Our Super Hero readers conquered Robin Hood Readathon 2019, with a final grand total of 197,209 minutes!

To culminate our special month, each Robin Hood student received a new book, as a gift from the PTO. We hope they all have expanded their love of books and will continue to celebrate reading!

Garden Spring Cleanup

This spring, we would like to help beautify the front circle area of Robin Hood. We'll start with a cleanup of the area, spreading mulch, and putting in some new plants. No experience necessary! If you would like to help out, please email Melanie Fiore at mfioreboston@yahoo.com and we'll make sure you're on the notification list when dates are announced. Thank you!!



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