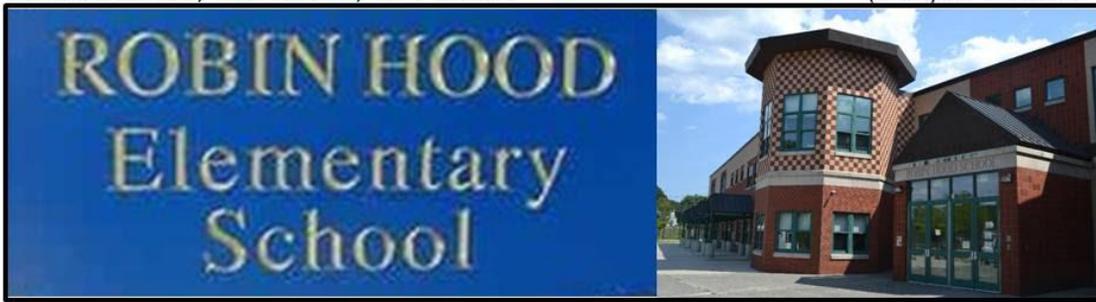


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Principal's Message

There are so many great things about the Robin Hood School, but one of the best attributes is our sense of community. Nothing happens at our school that is not significantly impacted and influenced by the strong partnership we have with our parents, guardians and community organizations. The examples of these partnerships are endless. Just this week hundreds of students, teachers, parents, brothers, sisters and friends all gathered together to attend a Red Sox game. It was a great night of fun, camaraderie and dancing on the jumbotron. So many of our youngest students will always think of Robin Hood when they remember their first visit to Fenway Park.

Red Sox Night and countless other events are made possible by the hard work of our PTO. They provide our students and teachers with learning opportunities that would otherwise not be possible...like field trips, enrichment activities and school wide events. They also plan, organize and staff all of the community based events we are so lucky to enjoy, including the upcoming Ice Cream Social (May 17). All of this takes time, effort and manpower.

The saying, "Many hands make light work" (John Heywood) definitely rings true when it comes to our PTO. If you have not already, please consider joining our PTO. Whether you just want to learn more about what is happening at Robin Hood or you are able to help organize an event or volunteer in any capacity, we can definitely use your help. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm in the Robin Hood Library.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve in leadership roles on both our PTO Executive Board and School Council. Elections for the PTO Executive Board and School Council will take place at the May 14th meeting. A listing of the specific positions can be found below. Please contact me in writing by Friday, May 10th if you are interested in running for a position or are seeking re-election to any of the positions listed.

PTO Executive Board Positions - Positions up for election are: Co President, Co Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary (please indicate your preferred position when contacting Mrs. Donoghue).

RH School Council Positions - Positions up for election are: Parent Representatives (3) and Community Representative (1). The School Council is a committee made up of Robin Hood administrators, parents, teachers and community members. The School Council meets throughout the school year to discuss school related issues, budget and school improvement planning. School Council positions are two year terms.

Respectfully,

Maura Donoghue

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- May 1** - Walk to School Day
- May 10** - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- May 14** - Grade 3 Math MCAS
- May 14** - PTO Meeting, 7:00pm
- 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 21** - PreK Enrichment, Bubbles
- May 24** - Grade 4 Enrichment, Birds of Prey
- May 28** - Last Used Book Sale
- May 28** - Grade 3 Field Trip
- May 28** - Grade 2 Enrichment, Rainforest Reptiles
- May 29** - Grade 4 Enrichment, STEM Music Technology
- May 29** - Navigating the Cyberworld Workshop for Parents, 6pm, Colonial Park School
- 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
- June 4** - Grade 1&2 Field Trip
- June 4** - PreK End of School Year Gatherings, 10:30am and 1:45pm
- June 5** - Grade 3 visit to the Stoneham Historical Society
- June 5** - 4th grade party (details to follow)

June 6 - Field Day & Walk-a-thon
June 7 - Grade 4 Icebreaker Event and Middle School Tours
June 10 - Field Day and Walk-a-thon Rain Date
June 11 - Grade 4 Moving On Ceremony, 10:15am
June 12 - Move Up Day, Last Day of School, 12:15 Dismissal

We Want Your Opinion



The Stoneham Public Schools' Technology Department is looking for your feedback on technology usage. Please take a moment to complete a brief survey by clicking on the link below.

Link to the survey: <https://bbyt.es/start/Z36FC>

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



As you know, Mrs. Thistle had an unexpected injury in February and has been unable to return to work. She has given me permission to share that she experienced a serious fracture to her lower leg. She is recovering slowly but is improving everyday. Mrs. Thistle is most appreciative for all of the well wishes she has received and plans to be back with us in the fall.

In the meantime, we 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

and subtraction and counting to 100 by 1s and 10s. Finally, we can't wait for our field trip on May 21st to the Acton Children's Science Discovery Museum!

Grade 1:

First grade students have been using open number lines, in addition to all the strategies learned this year, for adding and subtracting in math. Four and five syllable words with blends are the focus in Foundations, and we continue to encourage students to incorporate these words (for example, "unpredictable") into conversation. As part of social studies, students will learn about the importance of Memorial Day and in science the "unpredictable" spring weather has been a topic of discussion and exploration. We are excited to announce that all three first grade classes have exceeded their goal of 15 minutes of independent reading!

Grade 2:

Second grade students have recently completed units on time and money and are now moving onto measurement. The literacy focus in the classrooms of Ms. Lazar and Mrs. Buback is non-fiction, and students are in the process of writing "expert" books on a topic of interest. Ms. Cutone, the pilot teacher, is continuing small moment stories in writing and has recently kicked off a mystery unit in reading. All students will be exploring habitats in science and are looking forward to an upcoming school enrichment sponsored by the MWRA.

Grade 3:

Students in third grade are busy collecting data and analyzing weather reports as part of the unit on weather and climate. We are continuing to prepare students for the Math MCAS and have recently finished our study of fractions. Students are currently learning about perimeter and will also be working in a variety of math centers designed to review content presented throughout the year. In literacy, third graders are learning the skills associated with research and non-fiction writing and are investigating topics of their choice using a variety of tools. All three classrooms are excited about the upcoming field trip to the Massachusetts State House in Boston!

Grade 4:

Grade fourth grade students are exploring geometry and learning about area, perimeter, angle measurement and classifying two and three dimensional shapes. Students are also reviewing concepts previously taught in preparation for the Math MCAS in May. Different styles of poetry are being introduced, and students have had the opportunity to write original poems in a variety of styles. We are integrating science and reading with an exploration of plants and other non-fiction topics. There are so many exciting end of the year events on the horizon for our fourth graders!



Save the Date 3rd & 4th Grade Spring Concert

Friday, May 31, 2019

8:45-9:15am

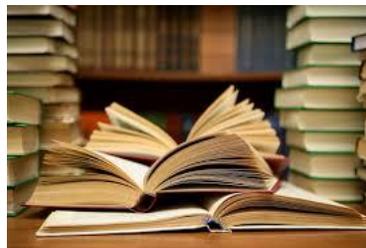
Save the Date



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



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**

May Lunch Menu



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

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/3397162f-3058-4591-bf8c-aea93f53a2ec/May_lunch_menu.docx

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>



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.



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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News from the Robin Hood



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th- May 10th. Let's show our fantastic faculty and staff how grateful we are for everything they do! We are asking for volunteers to bring certain items on the days listed below. The week will culminate with our annual "Teacher Appreciation Luncheon," which will be catered. Click here for flyer: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/458417cb-89f8-49ac-85a0-8c8809b2ef7b/Teacher_Appreciation_Week.pdf

Monday 5/6, Snack Foods: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48afac2fa5f85-teacher8>

Wednesday 5/8, Breakfast Foods: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48afac2fa5f85-teacher6>

Friday 5/10, Desserts: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48afac2fa5f85-teacher7>

Rebecca's Nut Free Cookies

If you ordered cookies through Rebecca's, the anticipated delivery date is Friday, May 17th. Please check our Facebook page or emails for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RobinHoodPTO/>

Family Ice Cream Night

Robin Hood PTO will once again be hosting a "Family Ice Cream Night," for Robin Hood Students & their immediate families on Friday, May 17th; 6:30– 8:00 PM. The cost is \$1 Per Person, with a family cap of \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Cash or check made payable to "Robin Hood PTO" accepted. Enjoy ice cream and toppings from "The Daily Scoop" and the company of fellow RH families. Popsicles will be available for those with food allergies. Click here for

flyer: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/b90db9fd-9b4c-447d-b5ad-e2f9f662f371/Ice_Cream_Social.01.pdf

Volunteers are needed: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48afac2fa5f85-family2>

Non 4th Grade Parent Volunteers Needed

Each year, the PTO hosts an event for 4th grade students and their parents/guardians to celebrate their completion of elementary school at a party just for them! The 4th grade would greatly appreciate assistance from any non- 4th grade parents to help run the stations (food table, games, etc.) so that the 4th grade parents/guardians can enjoy the event with their children. The 4th grade moving on committee will take care of setup and cleanup. We just need volunteers to help during the event (6:30-8:30pm). Please consider helping and volunteering for a 1 hour shift, using the sign up link

below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48afac2fa5f85-4thgrade>

Think of it as paying it forward so someone will volunteer when you have a student in 4th grade!

Used Book Sale/ Swap

Our final Used Book Sale of the year will take place on May 28th. Students may purchase one book for \$0.25 or may bring in one gently used, age appropriate book to swap. This is a great way to encourage our students to read!

PTO

Our final PTO meeting of the year is Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 in the library. All are welcome and encouraged

to attend! This will be our last meeting of the school year and elections for the PTO Executive Board and School Council will take place. Please let Mrs. Donoghue know if you intend to seek election/ re-election to any of the positions by Friday, May 10th.

All Elementary Fourth Grade Event

On June 7th, all Stoneham Public School Fourth Graders will be transported from their elementary school to the SCMS, where they will have the opportunity to meet their future classmates, while taking part in fun, team building events! A flyer and permission form will go home for this event, but please save the date!

Field Day

The annual Field Day for Kindergarten- Fourth grades students will be held on Tuesday, June 6th from 9:00-12:00 PM. Students will be told by classroom teachers which "team" they are on. Volunteers are needed for the water table. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AFAC2FA5F85-field2>

Walk-A-Thon

After Field Day, the annual Walk-A-Thon for Kindergarten- Fourth grades students will be held on Thursday, June 6th. The hope is that each child will actively participate in raising pledges for our walk-a-thon. The funds raised support school wide enrichment programs, activities, field trips and much more. The Robin Hood PTO is a non-profit 501c (3) and all donations are tax deductible. Cash or checks made payable to Robin Hood PTO are accepted. We are very grateful for your support of our students! click here for the pledge sheets: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/e65f5c4c-383f-49ab-812a-df08d5c2ca5a/Walk_A_thon.pdf If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AFAC2FA5F85-walkathon1>

Enrichment Update

It's the end of the year and there are a lot of fun things still to come for enrichments! Just this week, Curious Creatures visited the preschool for a hands-on, interactive program with live animals. On May 21st, the Whalemobile will visit 3rd grade, when students will learn about whales, their habitats, and even get to go inside an inflatable giant whale! On May 23rd, Wingmasters will visit the 4th grade. This is a fantastic program that has been brought back for many years, that incorporates live birds of prey. On May 28th, Rainforest Reptiles visits the 2nd grade for an educational and interactive program that includes live animals and even a "mini zoo." On May 30th, Top Secret Science will visit 3rd grade where students will be scientists for a day learning about Electrical Gadgets. And finally, field trips! Kindergarten students will go to The Discovery Museum in Acton on May 21st, 3rd grade will visit the State House in Boston on May 28th, and 1st grade will be at LEGOLAND in Somerville on May 31st.

4th Grade Moving On

Please save the following dates. More information will be available, as the dates get closer.

June 5th: 4th Grade Moving-On Party

June 11th: 4th Grade Moving-On Ceremony