



The Taylor Elementary School Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Dear Taylor School Families! This is our fourth issue of our newsletter and it brings news of important upcoming milestones! Our goal here at the Taylor is to always find the positive and engage with that which makes our community more connected, within and among our classrooms and grade levels. Here are some highlights to celebrate:

- Our Grade 4 Student Council led a book and clothing drive for local places that serve children in need. The Taylor School collected over 200 books and clothes for men, women, and children over this two-week event! Thank you to all our students from Kindergarten to Grade 4 who participated by sharing a book or several! Mrs. Lenore McAuliffe, one of our educational assistants, and a volunteer adviser to the Student Council, delivered the books for us to Head Start. Thank you to Mrs. McAuliffe! The clothes were donate to *Cradles to Crayons* through a Project 351 led by a Foxborough Public Schools 8th grader!
- **Reminder about parent input for classroom placement for 2019-2020:** If you have any information you would like to share with me, please email me (rodgersm@foxborough.k12.ma.us) by **Wednesday, May 1st**. Please remember the complexity of the placement process prevents us from honoring requests for specific teachers.
- **Virtual Backpack** is stuffed full! Just wanted everyone to know that the Virtual Backpack link on our Taylor School website is active! Here is a link: http://taylor.foxborough.k12.ma.us/our_school/virtual_backpack
- **LOST & FOUND:** Last call for checking the “winter collection” of clothing items that have been unidentified! Please label your child’s clothing to avoid the loss of beautiful outerwear and sweatshirts (in particular). Even though our students identify them as belonging to a friend or classmate, when we check in with that friend and/or classmate and ask if the items belongs to him/her – they say “no – never saw that before!”! Please call Beth if you have lost something in particular! *We will donate all remaining items on Friday, April 12th.*

Thank you for being involved and interested in being a part of your child/ren’s learning. We so appreciate and need that support! On behalf of all the staff here at the Taylor, I hope you enjoyed the April break and are looking forward to the coming weeks filled with fun!



Bus Behavior: Please help us by reminding your child that the school rules extend to the bus. In partnership with Transportation Department staff, we are working to make the bus rides to and from school a positive experience for all students. Please let me know if your child shares anything that causes concern (rodgersm@foxborough.k12.ma.us).



REMINDER for Parents of 3rd and 4th Graders!

- Grade 3 MCAS in Math: **May 8 and May 9**
- Grade 4 MCAS in Math: **May 15 and May 16**

Help us by making sure your child is well-rested, has a good breakfast on the testing days, and stays positive.

Our message is: *Do your best! We believe in you!*

Please join us for...

The Taylor School Art Show!

Thursday, May 2nd from 6:30-8:00pm



Tales from Taylor



**Listen to a story read by one of
our Grade 4 students!**

*We hope that students will use this link
to have a book read to them whenever
they like, or when the grown-ups in the
family are busy!*

Take a listen here:

<https://taylorschoollibrary.weebly.com/tales-from-taylor.html>



A Note from the Art Room...

The Taylor School Art Show is here again! Please come on May 2nd and see all the wonderful artwork made by Taylor School students!

Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the art show on the evening of May 2nd and the week of May 6th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Hoyt sarahhoytrn@hotmail.com

Kindergarten has been enjoying exploring different art materials. We used watercolor crayons to make a painting based off of the book 'Matthew's Dream', where Matthew the mouse goes to an art museum. First grade is creating folded paper dragons. They are using lines and patterns to design the body and model magic to create the head. Second graders are working on their 3-D model magic insects; we are reading 'A Frog in The Bog' and painting the insects with colorful patterns. Third and Fourth graders are very excited to be glazing their clay animals and clay pots. The clay projects will be displayed in the school art show on May 2nd.

■ Ms. Schuster (schusterc@foxborough.k12.ma.us)

A Word from Wellness!



This month in Wellness class, students in grades K-4 will be learning more about health and nutrition, as well as will be working on their Frisbee skills! As the weather progressively gets nicer, we will begin to move classes outdoors to work on these skills. While Kindergarten and Grade 1 work on perfecting their Frisbee throwing and partner passing cues, students in Grades 2-4 will be applying the skill cues to a future game of Frisbee golf across the school's outdoor property. Students in all grades will continue to warm up each class with endurance and strength building exercises, and we will continue to emphasize and work on our great sportsmanship skills!

If you have any questions, please reach out! Thank you!

Ms. Elise McMahon (mcmahone@foxborough.k12.ma.us)

MVPs of Team Taylor: Our **amazing** cafeteria staff!



A “shout out” to our terrific cafeteria staff: Manager Jane Rice, Jessica Costa, and Karen Nix. These ladies go above and beyond for our students every day. We thank them for their tireless efforts to bring a smile and yummy food to our school days and our school events!

Thank you!!

Meet Our School Resource Officer (SRO): **Frank Azevedo**

“Officer Frank” is one of two SROs that provide support in the Foxborough Public Schools. At the elementary level, the work of the SRO focuses on developing positive relationships between the elementary school students and the police as “community helpers”. Officer Frank stops by on a regular basis to meet with classrooms, spend time in the cafeteria, or lead the welcome line on “High 5 Fridays”! The students really enjoy his visits!



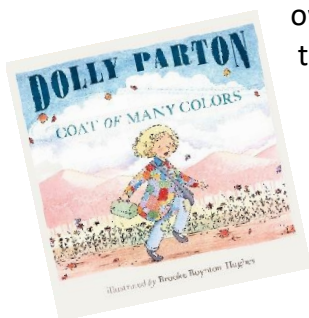
Social and Emotional Learning: News from our School Counselor

Happy Spring! Here is an update of the work being done in each of our grade levels!

Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade:

Last month we focused on diversity and the importance of understanding that we are all different; whether that be in how we look, what traditions we celebrate, who the members of our family are, how we learn best and what we like to do for fun. And no matter how different we all are, we all matter and we must appreciate and respect our differences.

We then moved into lessons on taking responsibility for ourselves. We also used the language “own it”. We read the book “But it’s not my fault” and discussed that it can be difficult to take responsibility for our actions, but the benefits are worth it. Students particularly connected to the book when the main character took ownership of being in control of his actions made by his arms, his legs, his mouth, his tongue etc...



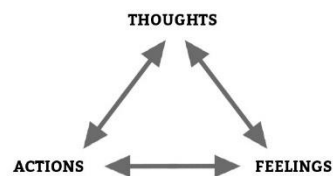
Finally we have been working on our kindness by reading the book “The Coat of Many Colors” by Dolly Parton. We discuss how it feels to be made fun of and also how to handle this emotion if it ever does happen. We discuss the value of being a good friend and showing kindness to all. The kids also get to see a picture of the real coat which is located at Dollywood in Tennessee.

3rd and 4th grade:

I am so impressed with the work these kiddos are doing! We have been focused on understanding anxiety inside and out. We have discussed the fight, fight or freeze response, what anxiety can feel like in our bodies, what our triggers may be, how anxiety in small doses is useful and why anxiety in large doses is dangerous and how to tell the difference between the two. They have also learned about the brain and how our primal brain (aka baby brain) and the amygdala are important in understanding our reactions and our emotional responses.

We have gone on to discuss how we can properly work through our emotions such as anxiety and effective strategies that can be used anywhere. The students are familiar with our CBT triangle (some kids refer to it as our FAT triangle) and they have been using this as a guide to understanding why a situation has gone the way it has and how to change it for next time. Here is a picture of our triangle below. Please feel free to ask your child about it!

CBT Triangle



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