

PTA News

November 2018 Spotlight



Our Spotlight this month features Mr. Jamie Foster, 6th Grade Teacher as well as Math Teacher of 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades

Can you give me a bit of background about you:

Where do you live, do you have children/pets or live with someone you'd like to share with us?
I live in Ashley Falls, which is a village in the town of Sheffield, with my wife, son, and our two cats.

What was your job before coming to Farmington River?

Before coming to Farmington River, I had been a teacher at Undermountain Elementary School in Sheffield, Massachusetts for the past 14 years.

What are your hobbies, or what do you enjoy doing on your time off?

I am a volunteer Fireman in Sheffield. I also enjoy playing the guitar, and spending time with my family. I am a HUGE Red Sox and Patriots fan, as well.

What is your job at Farmington River, and what does it entail?

I am the 6th Grade teacher, and I teach 4th, 5th, and 6th grade math.

Can you tell us how you feel about working at Farmington River, and what your goals are in your position?

I really enjoy working at Farmington River. It has been a great transition from my previous job. My goals for math are

to make students really enjoy math, look forward to coming to class and working hard, and to feel like they can be successful.

What's your favorite part of the day?

My favorite part of the day is working with the students. You can see when they "get" something, and it's a very rewarding feeling to see them succeed.

What sort of message do you want to give to the children and parents at Farmington River?

I'm a big believer in working hard and doing the right thing, which aren't always the easiest things to do. That's the message that I try to put out to my students because it leads to good things.



Happy Thanksgiving!

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world ... and all there ever will be to know and understand."

—Albert Einstein



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting

Thursday, November 15 at 3:15 pm
in the School Library

Child Care available during PTA meetings!

You are welcome to join us! If so, please send your child with a note mentioning they will stay after during the meeting.

Family Fun Night

Friday, November 9 at 5:30 pm,
Pizza Dinner will be served
to Farmington families

The public is welcome at 6:30 pm
for Dr. Dennis Regling's
"Magic of Science" show

Annual Holiday Shop

Thursday, Dec 13 & Friday, Dec 14
The PTA's longtime, traditional
holiday activity for students!

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◆ GENERAL PTA NEWS ◆

Family Fun Night is already upon us! Our traditional evening activity will be held this coming Friday, November 9th. We will host our Pizza Dinner for attending Farmington families at 5:30 pm, followed by the amazing talents of author, professional educator and master magician, Dr. Dennis Regling and his Wonder Shows' "The Magic of Science" in the school gym at 6:30 pm. Chemistry, mathematics, electricity, optical illusions and physics all blend together into something special, as Dr. Dennis demonstrates scientific principals behind the art of magic tricks. The public is invited to join us starting at 6:30 pm!

Our annual **Holiday Shop** is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th and Friday, December 14th. With this traditional PTA-sponsored activity, children can shop under the guidance of a merry team of helpers! They love being able to hand-pick affordable gifts for family members, teachers, their friends ... and even pets. Assisting with budgeting and children's shopping lists, helpers are also on hand to wrap two gifts per child. A letter with more details will go home to families this month. Be on the lookout!

Recently, the PTA sponsored a family field trip to the **Springfield Mass Mutual Center** to see the great **Thunderbirds** hockey team. It was an exciting game, and a lot of fun! Members of the 4th-6th Grades performed "God Bless America" under the direction of Farmington River's music teacher, Michael Flower.



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