

PTA News

October 2019 Spotlight

Our Spotlight this month features
Mrs. Nanette Higgins, Pre-K Teacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meetings

Wednesday, October 2 at 3:15 pm
Wednesday, November 6 at 3:15 pm

◆ **Child Care during PTA meetings** ◆
Just send your child in with a note

Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 7, dismissal at 11:45 am

Quarter Auction Fundraiser

November 8, 5:00 pm

*“The function of education
is to teach one to think
intensively and to think
critically. Intelligence plus
character - that is the goal
of true education.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Can you share a bit of background about you:

I live in Westfield with my husband Michael and dog Frances (she is a Boston Terrier rescue). I have two grown children; a daughter Meredith who is a nurse educator and a son, Erik who is an electrical engineer for the city of Chicopee. My daughter has 2 children; Marnie who is two, and Malcolm who is three months old. I enjoy my 35 minute drive up the mountain to Otis!

What was your job before coming to Farmington River?

I have been an early childhood educator for over 25 years working in both private and public settings.

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

I enjoy playing with my grandchildren and spending time at our cottage in York Beach, Maine.

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

I am the full-day integrated Pre-K Teacher. I am responsible for following the Mass Department of Education curriculum frameworks to create developmentally appropriate curriculum and practices for four and five year olds and implement it. We follow

the "OWL" Pearson curriculum that encompasses social/emotional, academic, physical components. The children learn by doing, but we alternate active and quiet activities. I love being part of the "Farmington River" learning community!!!

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

I truly enjoy working here with wonderful colleagues, administrators, and supportive families!!! I wake up with a smile daily and look forward to coming to school! I want the children and parents to know how lucky they are to have such a gem of a school that is beautiful both inside and out. You are all so fortunate to have a dedicated staff and supportive and involved families!



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◆ GENERAL PTA UPDATES ◆

MY SCHOOL BUCKS CHALLENGE

You can help us win a donation of \$1,000 from MySchoolBucks! It's easy -- Visit MySchoolBucks.com and create a free account with at least one student attached by October 15 to increase our chances. MySchoolBucks helps parents easily monitor and make payments for student meals throughout the school year. Download the App and create a free account today!

QUARTER AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Please join us for our Fall Fundraiser on November 8th at 5pm! You'll enjoy shopping from local vendors, a delicious dinner and the opportunity to bid on enticing donations. All proceeds benefit your children's classroom accounts.

THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for our school.

Clip Box Tops from participating products and send them to school with your child, affixed to a collection sheet with your child's name and grade (collection sheets will be sent home with students).

Please check the expiration dates and make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date. Be sure to include your child's name and grade on your sheets!

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

No more clipping.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Simply tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for our school.

The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

◆ **Amazon Smile purchases help us earn money!** Simply visit <https://smile.amazon.com> and log into your Amazon account. You can select **Farmington River Elementary School** as your charitable organization, and Amazon will then donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to us! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know: same products, same prices, same service.



◆ **Price Chopper Tools for Schools:** This program allows you to earn points to help our school get needed equipment, such as school supplies, musical instruments, and playground equipment. Our school code is 14062. Simply sign up at the store, or visit: www.pricechopper.com



◆ **Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards offers customer opportunities** to be rewarded by earning money for their designated school! Our school code is 05619.