

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

DEAR FARMINGTON RIVER FAMILIES,

As the new school year approaches, I'm writing to share some important updates and exciting news from Farmington River Elementary. We're busy preparing for a fantastic year of learning and growth, and we have some significant changes that will enhance our school community.

OUR ONLINE PARENT PORTAL: TEACHER EASE

We are again excited to be using our Student Information System, Teacher Ease. This system is designed to significantly enhance communication and keep you more informed about your child's academic journey.

If you're new to FRES, please keep an eye out for an email with the subject, "**Farmington River Welcomes You to TeacherEase.**" This email will contain detailed instructions on how to activate your account.

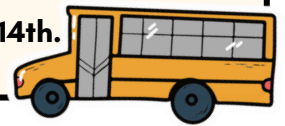
If you are a returning family, please log into your portal to re-register your student and confirm contact details. Thank you.



TRANSPORTATION

We have been working diligently with Dufour on bus and van routes for the upcoming school year. We expect that information about bus routes will be provided to families around

August 14th.



EXCITING CHANGES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



As we prepare for another exciting school year, we're pleased to share several staffing updates that reflect the continued growth of our school community.

We're thrilled to welcome **Madison Loubier** and **Maggie Avery** as the new co-teachers in our Integrated Preschool program. Madison joined Farmington River as a student teacher and finished the school year as a paraprofessional while earning her Massachusetts PreK-2 Educator License. Maggie, a former Farmington River Elementary School student, recently completed her student teaching at Lee Elementary School and served as a long-term first grade substitute teacher. She also holds a Massachusetts PreK-2 Educator License. We are excited to welcome both Madison and Maggie as they begin their teaching careers at Farmington River. By expanding our Integrated Preschool program to include two licensed teachers, we are creating even more opportunities for collaboration, individualized instruction, and support for our youngest learners.

We're also celebrating **Rebecca Hamill** as she begins an exciting new chapter in Grade 1 after 15 years of teaching in our Integrated Preschool program. Rebecca has had a tremendous impact on generations of young learners and families, and she is looking forward to the challenge of helping first graders build the strong academic foundation they'll need for continued success. Throughout the summer, Rebecca and the Grade 1 team have been working together to learn our new curriculum and prepare for the year ahead.

It's very exciting to welcome **Cecily Goulange** as our new Administrative Assistant to the Principal and Superintendent. Many of our families already know Cecily from her time as a substitute teacher and from filling in for Caroline on Thursdays throughout last school year. Before joining Farmington River, Cecily built an extensive career in the corporate world, bringing valuable experience to her new role. Her professionalism and dedication to supporting students, families, and staff make her an exceptional fit for this position.





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EXCITING CHANGES CONTINUED...

Finally, we're happy to welcome **Richard Sgaglio** as our new paraprofessional. Many of you may remember Richard from his time as a substitute teacher at Farmington River last year. His calm, caring demeanor and ability to build positive relationships with students quickly made an impression on our staff.

We look forward to the year ahead and all that these changes will bring to our school community. Please join us in welcoming Madison, Maggie, Cecily, and Richard to their new roles and in celebrating Rebecca as she begins this exciting new chapter.



PREPARING FOR A GREAT YEAR: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We've attached the school supply list by grade level for the 2026-2027 school year to help you prepare for the upcoming year.

We're excited to share that there are even more ways to get your supplies this year! The Otis Police Department is hosting a **School Supply Drive** with distribution at Otis Town Hall on **August 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 PM** and **August 24th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM**. The Otis Food Pantry will provide snacks during both events, and families from all communities are welcome! We're grateful for this wonderful community support. If you prefer to shop online, the PTA has partnered with **EduKit** to streamline your supply shopping! More information will be coming from the PTA soon!

The district will also have supplies available for families who need additional assistance or cannot attend the supply drive, to ensure every student is ready for a successful year.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!

Mark your calendars now for
School Picture Day on

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 30**



JOIN THE PTA!

Farmington River Elementary

PTA

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IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: SEPTEMBER 1ST

The first day of school for all students is **Tuesday, September 1st**. This will be a half-day. EK will dismiss at **11:30 AM**, and Grades K-6 will dismiss at **11:45 AM**.

PREK/EK & KINDERGARTEN MEET-AND-GREET: SEPTEMBER 1ST

See page 3 for a detailed schedule to ensure each student and family gets the introductions they need to be set for a successful school year.

LABOR DAY: SEPTEMBER 7TH - NO SCHOOL!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT: SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 6PM



BUILDING READINESS

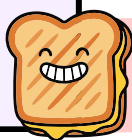
We want to recognize our dedicated summer cleaning staff who have been working diligently to prepare our building for the new school year. Their thorough work ensures that classrooms and common areas are clean, organized, and ready to welcome students back. We appreciate their commitment to maintaining a safe and pleasant learning environment for our school community.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Farmington River Elementary School participates in the state-sponsored program providing **universal free meals to all students**, ensuring every kid has the nutrition they need for a productive learning day! Students in K-6 have access to a free, nutritious **breakfast** (8:00-8:45) and **lunch** daily, often including scratch-made favorites like muffins, meatballs and soups. Students in our PK/EK class receive **lunch**, provided they are in school at that time.

Breakfast and lunch menus are always available at frsd.org/our-school/lunch-menus/



PREK, EARLY K & KINDERGARTEN MEET-AND-GREET

The PreK/EK & K Meet and Greet will be held on **Tuesday, September 1st**, when adults are welcome to attend with their children for this brief introduction to their new classrooms and teachers. Because our PreK students attend different schedules throughout the week, **we have staggered the meeting times** for separate classes so that every child and family has the opportunity to visit the classroom, meet the teachers, and become familiar with the environment before their first day of attendance. This helps make each child's actual first day more comfortable and successful.

All PreK students (3 Year Olds) and their adults will join from **8:30 to 9:15**, at which time they will depart together.

All EK students (4 Year Olds) and their adults are welcome from **9:30 to 10:00**, at which time adults will depart, leaving the EK students to enjoy school until **11:30 dismissal**.

Kindergarten students and their adults are welcome from **9:00 to 9:30**. At 9:30, adults will depart, and students will remain for the rest of the morning, getting a taste of their new school routine until dismissal at **11:45 AM**.

MEET-AND-GREET SCHEDULE

CLASS	ADULTS	KIDS
PreK (3 Year Olds)	8:30 - 9:15	8:30 - 9:15
Early K (4 Year Olds)	9:30 - 10:00	9:30 - 11:30
Kindergarten	9:00 - 9:30	9:00 - 11:45

JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Lee Youth Association is hiring staff for Farmington River Elementary's **AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**



Love our school? Come join us! LYA is hiring Site Coordinator and Support Staff positions to implement our new afterschool program, planned to run 5 days a week from the end of school until 5:30pm. FRES family members are encouraged to apply!

Site Coordinator requirements include First Aid and CPR training (provided by LYA), being 20+ years of age, a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent, and 1+ years of experience working with school-age children. Compensation will be \$25/hr.

Support Staff must be 16+ years and enrolled in a high school program or equivalent, OR 18 years of age. Compensation will be \$18-20/hr.

Interested? Call or email Sharon Dolby-Capeless at the LYA at **(413) 243-5535** or **sharon.busybee@gmail.com**.

Farmington River Regional School District

2026 – 2027 School Year Calendar



S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

0 days of school

7/03 H - Independence Day Observance

AUGUST 2026						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

0 days of school

8/31 PD – Full Professional Day

SEPTEMBER 2026						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

20 days of school

9/1 First Day of School (½ Day)
9/07 H – Labor Day (No School)
9/24 Back to School Night

OCTOBER 2026						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

21 days of school

10/12 H – Columbus & Indigenous Peoples' Day (No School)

NOVEMBER 2026						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

15 days of school

11/11 H – Veterans Day Obs. (No School)
11/19 ½ Day / Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/23 Full Professional Day (No School) Full
11/24 Professional Day (No School)
11/25 - 27 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

DECEMBER 2026						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

17 days of school

12/23 ½ Day
12/24 – 1/2 December Break (No School)

JANUARY 2027						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

19 days of school

1/1 H – New Year's Day (No School)
1/18 H – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

FEBRUARY 2027						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

15 days of school

2/15 H – Presidents' Day (No School)
2/16 – 19 February Break (No School)

MARCH 2027						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

23 days of school

3/26 ½ Day / PD – Professional Day

APRIL 2027						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

17 days of school

4/19 H – Patriots' Day (No School)
4/20 – 23 April Break (No School)

MAY 2027						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

19 days of school

5/21 ½ Day / PD – Professional Day H
5/31 – Memorial Day (No School)

JUNE 2027						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

12 days of school

6/16 Last Day of School (½ Day)
6/18 H – Juneteenth Observance
6/24 Last Day w/ 5 Snow Days (½ Day)

Rosh Hashanah: September 11th – 13th, 2026
Yom Kippur: September 20th – 21st, 2026
Diwali: November 8th, 2026

Ramadan: February 7th – March 8th, 2027
Ash Wednesday: February 10th, 2027
Good Friday: March 26th, 2027

Farmington River Elementary School

2026-2027 School Supply List

Listed below are the supplies that we are requesting that your child bring to school on the first day.
Teachers may ask students to bring in additional supplies during the school year.

PK & EK

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Extra Change of Clothes
- ☐ Reusable Water Bottle
(with covered drinking spout)
- ☐ Box of Tissues

Kindergarten

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Lunch/Snack Bag
- ☐ Extra Change of Clothes
- ☐ 1 or 2 Boxes of Tissues
- ☐ 2-3 Black Dry-Erase Markers
(Low odor, no red markers please)
- ☐ Reusable Water Bottle
(with a covered drinking spout)
- ☐ Pencils
(My First Ticonderoga Primary Pencils or
Dycon. Beginner pencils can be purchased
at Staples or Amazon) *OPTIONAL*
- ☐ Box of Crayons (24 pack)

Grade 1

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Snack Bag
- ☐ 2 Packs of Pencils
(My First Ticonderoga Primary Pencils or
Dycon. Beginner pencils can be purchased
at Staples or Amazon)
- ☐ Pocket Folder (1) - RED ONLY
- ☐ 2 Boxes of Crayons (24 pack)
- ☐ 2 Packs of Small Glue Sticks
(Elmers Washable Purple Glue Sticks)
- ☐ Box of Tissues
- ☐ Labeled Reusable Water Bottle
- ☐ Extra Full Change of Clothes
(Labeled in ziplock bag to be kept at
school)

Grade 2

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ 2 packs of Pencils
- ☐ Hand-Held Pencil Sharpener
- ☐ 2x Solid Colored 2-Pocket Folders
(1 Red & 1 Blue)
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Pack of Black Dry-Erase Markers
(SKINNY SIZED & Low odor please)
- ☐ 2 Boxes of Crayons (24 pack)
- ☐ Reusable Water Bottle
- ☐ Box of Tissues

Grade 3

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Reusable Water Bottle
- ☐ 4x Solid Colored 2-Pocket Folders
(1 in each: Red, Yellow, Orange, Green)
- ☐ Markers (12 pack)
- ☐ Pack of Glue Sticks
- ☐ 1-inch Binder
- ☐ 4 Thin, Black Dry-Erase Markers
- ☐ 1 Pack of Pencils
- ☐ Pencil Box/Bag

If you need assistance
purchasing these school
supplies for your child,
please reach out to
Ms. Terri at
tdigrigoli@frrsd.org

Grade 4

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ 5 Pocket Folders
- ☐ 2 Spiral Notebooks
- ☐ Pencils (Pre-Sharpened if Possible)
- ☐ Thin, Black Dry Erase Markers
(at least 3)
- ☐ Highlighters (Various Colors)
- ☐ 1 Pack Assorted Colored Pens
- ☐ Pencil Box
- ☐ Index Cards
- ☐ 1 Pack Regular Post-It Notes
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Colored Pencils

Extras that would be helpful:

- ☐ Tissues for the Classroom
- ☐ Scissors

Grade 5 & 6

- ☐ 3" 3-Ring Binder
- ☐ 3-Ring Binder Pencil Pouch
- ☐ 3-Ring Binder Dividers with Tabs
- ☐ 2-Packs Loose Leaf Graph Paper
(wide-ruled for use in a binder)
- ☐ 2-Packs Loose Leaf Lined Paper
(wide-ruled for use in a binder)
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Blue & Green Highlighters (2 of each)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Blue Pens
(Bic is fine, does NOT need to be fancy)
- ☐ 1 Mechanical Pencils
(Papermate Sharpwriter is a GREAT pencil!)
- ☐ Colored Pencils (12ct box)
- ☐ 1 Pack Index Cards (3"x5")

NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

All families are welcome!

Check out the Otis Police Department's
FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Aug. 21st
4:00 - 6:00 PM

&

Aug. 24th
12:00 - 2:00 PM
at the Otis Town Hall (1 North Main Rd, Otis, MA)