



FARMINGTON RIVER ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWS

05/28/2026

Dear Farmington River Families,

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, I want to take a moment to recognize all of the hard work our students have continued to show throughout the spring. As we near the end of the year, we are encouraging all students to continue to persevere through academic challenges and take pride in the growth they have made this year. While the excitement of summer begins to build, our expectations for learning, effort, and behavior remain high, and we know our students are capable of continuing to do their very best each day.

Attendance also continues to be incredibly important during these final weeks of school. Every school day matters, and consistent attendance helps students stay connected to their learning and the important end-of-year activities taking place across the building. We appreciate your continued support in helping students arrive at school each day ready to learn.

We are also looking forward to one of the most anticipated events of the year, our annual Field Day on June 9th, sponsored by our amazing PTA. Field Day is always a fun-filled day for students and staff, and we are so grateful for the time and planning that goes into making it such a special event for our school community.

Students will be outside for several hours during the morning and through recess, so here are a few reminders to help everyone have a safe and enjoyable day:

- Please apply sunscreen before school
- Send students in comfortable sneakers and clothing that can get wet or dirty
- Send a labeled water bottle so students can stay hydrated throughout the day
- Water will also be available outside as needed

We are excited to celebrate the end of another wonderful school year together and create more lasting memories with our students.

Sincerely,
Laurie Flower, *Principal*

“Energy and persistence conquer all things.”
— Benjamin Franklin

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**GR. 1 & 2 FIELD TRIP:
CT SCIENCE CENTER**
Friday, May 29



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MTG.
Monday, June 1 - 7:00 PM

**PK/EK FIELD TRIP: AMELIA
PARK**
Tuesday, June 2



GR. K FIELD TRIP - LUPA ZOO
Wednesday, June 3



SPRING MUSICAL - 6:00 PM
Thursday, June 4



**GR 4 FIELD TRIP: PARK ON
TANNEY ROAD**
Friday, June 5



SPRING MUSICAL - 1:15 PM
Friday, June 5



KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURES AT LUPA ZOO



The kindergarten class recently enjoyed an exciting field trip to Lupa Zoo! Students had a wonderful day exploring the zoo, learning about animals from around the world, and sharing the experience with their classmates and families. We were especially grateful that a parent or family member from every kindergarten family was able to join us as a chaperone. Your support, enthusiasm, and help made the trip extra special and ensured a fun and successful day for everyone.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Otis Cultural Council for generously funding this trip through a grant. Their support provided our students with a memorable educational experience that they will not soon forget.



5TH GRADE FINISHES STRONG WITH MCAS PREPARATION & MORE!

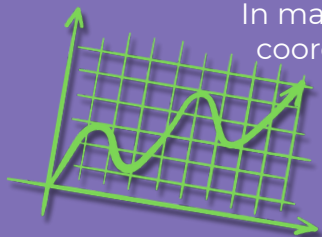


The 5th graders have been working incredibly hard as they wrapped up this year's MCAS testing! Students completed two days of math testing and two days of science MCAS testing the following week. Throughout the process, students have shown perseverance, focus, and determination, and we are proud of the effort they have put into demonstrating all they have learned this year.

In addition to MCAS preparation and testing, students have continued engaging in exciting classroom learning activities. In science, students have been exploring how existing technologies can be improved to better solve problems and meet people's needs. They have been thinking critically about innovation, design, and how small changes can make a big impact in everyday life.



In math, students have been strengthening their skills with graphing coordinates on the coordinate plane. They will also be practicing data collection and reporting by organizing information, creating graphs, and analyzing results. These hands-on activities help students build important problem-solving and analytical thinking skills.



We are so proud of the hard work, growth, and positive attitude the 5th grade students continue to show each day!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: JUNE 17TH (1/2 DAY, DISMISSAL = 11:45)

Save the Date!
class of
2026
GRADUATION CEREMONY

Tuesday, June 16th, 2026
1:00 PM
Farmington River Elementary School
555 North Main Road, Otis, MA 01255

We hope to see you there to celebrate with us!

FARMINGTON RIVER COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
DRAGONWOOD ACADEMY OF MISCHIEF AND MAYHEM



Please join us for the sixth annual performance of the Farmington River Community Productions Spring Musical, with grant funding from MCC and, for the third year, in partnership with Berkshire Pulse Dance Studio in Great Barrington.

This year's script was partially written and edited by students, along with several of the songs. Ms. Catullo met with student script writers, combined all of their ideas into a rough story outline and worked with the students to organize and edit the scenes, create the dialogue, and select or write music/songs. This year, there are many original songs in the show, as well as some old and new favorites. The theme of this year's show is a funny spoof on school life at Farmington River Elementary School, where all of the characters are dragons learning how to control their flame power!

The number of students who take on this huge commitment is so impressive! They all work so hard to learn their cues, lines, songs and choreography so their performance is the best it can be for their families and friends.

It's a show you won't want to miss and it's free for all community members! There will be refreshments and a 50-50 raffle at intermission. See you all there!

THURSDAY JUNE 4TH @ 6:30 PM & **FRIDAY JUNE 5TH @ 1:15 PM**

What a year it has been for our Dragon's Den after-school program! To celebrate all the hard work, creativity, and fun, all students who participated throughout the year gathered for a well-deserved end-of-year pizza and popsicle party. The energy was high, the treats were cold, and it was the perfect way to cap off another amazing school year.

A huge, heartfelt thank you goes out to Mrs. Maxton and Ms. Olds for their unwavering dedication to running the program week after week. We also extend our deepest gratitude to Ms. Martin, Ms. Terri, and Ms. Caroline for their fantastic support and care.

WRAPPING UP A FANTASTIC YEAR AT DRAGON'S DEN!



PE UPDATES:

Archery 4th-6th grades:

Students in grades 4–6 have begun their archery unit in Physical Education! During this unit, students are learning the 11 steps to properly shoot a bow, along with important safety rules, routines, and range expectations. We are excited to see students build focus, coordination, and confidence as they develop their archery skills.



New Cooperative Game called "Lucky Charms" K-3rd:

Students in grades K–3 have been working on cooperative games in Physical Education, focusing on teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. Most recently, students have been enjoying a game called "Lucky Charms," where they practice working together while staying active and having fun!

STEVEN HOFER GEM VISITS 2ND AND 3RD GRADE

Second and third grade students enjoyed a special visit from guest speaker Steven Hofer, a gemologist. Students rotated through exciting hands-on centers featuring fossils, diamond replicas, and gold panning stations. Using their eyes, hands, and flashlights, students explored and investigated each station like real geologists and scientists. It was a fun and engaging learning experience for everyone!



LOCAL EVENTS

Enrolling children entering grades 1 – 8
Counselors in Training going into 9th grade

LYA SUMMER CAMP

June – August 2026
8am to 5pm
(early dropoff at 6:30am available)



Camp Highlights:

- Outdoor Adventures
- Creative Arts & Crafts
- Field Trips
- Pizza Fridays

Lee Youth Association Summer Day Camp focuses on building friendships and seeking adventure this 2026 season. Our mission is to create a safe and inclusive environment where children can play, grow, and learn. We will be exploring nature and building confidence, while enjoying games, encouraging teamwork and making memories!

Register Now!

The number of campers per day will be limited so please get your registrations in ASAP - once we have reached that limit we will not be able to take any more registrations



Registration is Open!

- February Vacation Camp: Feb. 17 to 20
- April Vacation Camp: April 21 to 24
- Eight weeks of Summer Sessions: June 22 to Aug. 17
- Monday through Friday, 9 a.m to 3 p.m



For more information, visit:
Berkshirebotanical.org/camp

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GREENOCK COUNTRY CLUB | 9:00 SHOTGUN

9th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

8-5 2026

Junior Open

Boys 8-11 (9Holes)
12-15 and 16-18 (9 - 18 Holes)
Girls (9 - 18 Holes)
Format: Individual Stroke Play

Prizes: Scholarships for Boys & Girls
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LYA HOOP CAMP

Skill Development - Teamwork - Coachability - Communication - Confidence
Hard Work - Discipline - Leadership - Responsibility - Sportsmanship

2026 Summer Basketball Camp Information

Boys & Girls entering grades K - 2

One Week: June 22 – June 26
Boys & Girls: 9:00 - 11:30
(Drop-off: 8:30 - 9:00)

Boys and Girls entering grades 3 - 8

Week #1: June 29- July 2 (NoCamp on 7/3)
Week #2: July 6 - July 10
Boys & Girls: 8:30am - 11:30am (Coed)

Camp Philosophy

The philosophy of the LYA basketball camp is to provide boys and girls the opportunity to learn about the game of basketball and the skills required to play it in an environment where they feel safe and have lots of fun. We stress to our campers the importance of individual growth as a basketball player. Consequently, a primary goal is to teach campers how to become better players. We will show them skills and drills that they can use to continue their improvement when they leave camp, and we will incorporate team building activities and games to help them learn how to work with others. We believe and emphasize that playing the game of basketball is a great way to learn important life skills, applicable both on and off the court, and build positive character.

Facilities

The LYA Basketball Camp is held at the Lee Middle and High School Gymnasium.

What to Bring

- Basketballsneakers, appropriate clothing (Shorts, t-shirt), a water bottle (labeled with name)

Camp Director

- Dan Korte is directing the LYA Basketball Camp for the 18th year. He was the varsity boys basketball coach at Lee Middle and High School for nine years (2005-2014), the coordinator of the LYA youth basketball leagues for 11 years (2015-2025), and coached the varsity boys basketball team again this past season (2025-2026). Assisting at the camp will be local high school student-athletes.

Contact Information

- Coach Korte (413)329-1168 - lyahoop@gmail.com
- LYA (413)243-5535

Registration

Registeronlineat www.leeeyouthsports.com. Enrollment in the camp may be limited, so please register early.
RegisterbyJune1sttoreceiveaLYAHoopCamp-t-shirt.T-shirtsmaynot beavailableforlaterregistrants

Pricing:

Week#1= \$90, Week #2 = \$75, Week #3 = \$90, Week #2 & #3 = \$150

Familieswith3ormore childrenattending campget\$10offthe priceof each child's registration fee

Documentation of a physical exam completed within the past 13 months is required by the first day of camp.

Berkshire Pulse

Youth

Summer Programs

July 6-10

DANCE DISCOVERY (ages 8-13) - BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

This week-long program provides an introduction to dance forms including ballet, modern, African, and more.

July 13-17

DANCE ADVENTURE (ages 4-7) - BEGINNER

This program for our youngest dancers invites them on an expedition into the exciting, engaging, and rewarding world of dance. Classes will include creative dance, tumbling, drumming, and more!

July 20-24

HIP HOP & STREET STYLE (ages 10+) - ALL LEVELS

Learn foundational movements and techniques of hip-hop and street-style dance, alongside discussions about the cultural meaning and significance of these dance forms.

Adult participation welcome!

July 27 - August 1

MUSICAL THEATER (ages 10+) - ALL LEVELS

Jump right into the world of musical theater with classes in tap, Broadway jazz, voice, acting, and improvisation.

August 3-7 and 10-14

YOUNG DANCERS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS (ages 11+) - INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

The 1st week will focus on interdisciplinary dance technique, including classes in ballet, modern, Simonson Jazz, African, Salsa and Flamenco. Week two This week will focus on contemporary forms, dance-making, dance filmmaking, improvisation, and partnering.

*Older students have the option of choosing one of the weeks to participate instead of both.

Our offerings range in style and genre, from contemporary and choreography, to musical theater, hip hop, and more! Tuition assistance is available.
For more information and registration, please visit our website berkshirepulse.org or call 413-274-6624.



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