



FARMINGTON RIVER ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWS

05/29/2025

Dear Farmington River Elementary Families,

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, it's hard to believe that this is already our next-to-last newsletter. The end of May is here, and while summer is just around the corner, our days remain full of joyful learning, exciting events, and meaningful moments for our students.

This edition of the newsletter offers a wonderful snapshot of the energy and enthusiasm that continues to fill our school. Inside, you'll find classroom highlights from Kindergarten, Grade 3, Computer Class, and Library, as well as a recap of recent school-wide celebrations like the All-School Walk and the PTA Ice Cream Social. You'll also see updates from the Boston field trip, the After-School Program, the Accelerated Reader Program, and student participation in Special Olympics, and a preview of our upcoming musical performance.

As we look back on the school year, it is truly inspiring to see how much our students have grown academically, socially, and emotionally. From the first days of school to now, their progress is a reflection of their hard work, the dedication of our staff, and the strong support from families. This is also a time when we begin to celebrate milestones, recognize achievements, and reflect on the meaningful moments that have shaped this year. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community for making this year so successful and memorable.

Even with the year winding down, we are not slowing down. Our students continue to engage in meaningful academic work, and our teachers are focused on finishing the year with purpose and care. We are so proud of the growth we've seen and grateful for the strong support of our families and school community.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school. Please take a few moments to enjoy this newsletter and all it reflects about the vibrant life of our school. We look forward to celebrating many more special moments together in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,
Laurie Flower, *Principal*

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

– B.B. King

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SCHOOL MUSICAL

Thurs., MAY 29 @ 6:30 PM

Fri., MAY 30 @ 1:00 PM



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MTG.

Mon., JUNE 2 @ 7:00 PM

GREENAGERS: GR. 3 & 4

Monday, JUNE 2

GR. K FIELD TRIP:

LUPA ZOO

Tuesday, JUNE 3



MASSACHUSETTS MINGLE: GRADE 3

Wed, JUNE 4

@ 2:00 PM



SPRING CONCERT

Thursday, JUNE 5 @ 6:00 PM

GRADES 1 & 2 FIELD TRIP: MAGIC WINGS

Friday, JUNE 6



PTA HIKE & STORYWALK

Friday, JUNE 6



BOSTON BOUND: A QUACK-TASTIC SIXTH GRADE ADVENTURE!

On Tuesday, May 27, the sixth grade enjoyed the sunniest day in over a month, as they journeyed to Boston on their traditional end-of-the-year field trip. Students, and chaperones boarded the coach bus at 7:55 a.m. sharp, and drove non-stop to The New England Aquarium. Some of the highlights there were the playful penguins and the central tank with its gliding rays and floating sea turtles.

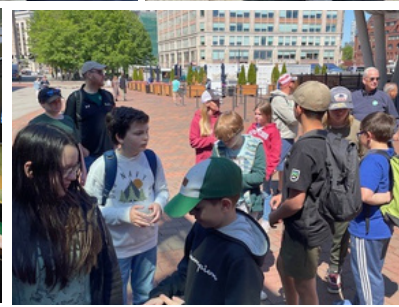
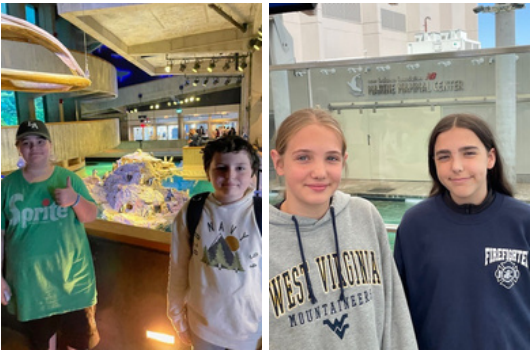
Next, the group walked to the nearby Simon's Theatre where they were treated to the large screen movie about sharks. The underwater cinematography was breathtaking and the message of shark conservation was an important part of this visual experience. Following the movie, the entire group strolled several city blocks to the bustling Quincy Market. This wonderful building is a cornucopia of food choices, with some of the best clam chowder you can find in the northeast.



After returning to the aquarium, the sixth graders would board one of the duck tours famous amphibious truck/boats. Our tour guide was dressed as a proper British officer from the Revolutionary War. He would give a very interesting and enjoyable tour of the city's 18th-century history, although slightly biased to the red-coated army.



Plunging into the Charles River was exciting, and the students all let loose with a duck call from their bright yellow 'quacker' whistles. Students could even take turns driving the boat! All-in-all, this was a wonderful time for all who participated! Special thanks goes out to our PTA for helping the students raise funds throughout their stay here at Farmington River!



HISTORY COMES TO LIFE: 3RD GRADE'S MASSACHUSETTS MINGLE JOIN US ON JUNE 4TH @ 2:00 PM!

The Massachusetts Mingle will be taking place for the 3rd grade on June 4 in the library here at school. The third graders will dress as their notable person who has impacted Massachusetts and present their reports and projects to their families. During this final Social Studies unit we have learned about notable people who have impacted life in Massachusetts. Students have learned about public speaking, shone their creativity and put forth some remarkable perseverance looking for interesting facts about their notable person. We can't wait for families to mingle with us.



PTA'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

A big thank you to the PTA for making our Movie and PJ Day extra sweet with an Ice Cream Social! Students were thrilled to enjoy a cool treat during the school day, and the added sprinkles brought even more smiles. It was the perfect way to top off a cozy day of movies and pajamas. We're so grateful for the PTA's continued support and for always finding fun ways to make school days special!



EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES TO SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Looking for fun and engaging ways to support your child's learning outside the classroom? We've put together a list of trusted educational websites that can help reinforce classroom learning and spark curiosity in a variety of subjects. Whether your child enjoys reading, math, science, or creative activities, there's something here for everyone!

RECOMMENDED EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES:

1. Khan Academy

<http://khanacademy.org/>

Best for: All grades – Math, Science, Reading, SAT Prep

Khan Academy offers free instructional videos, practice exercises, and a personalized learning dashboard.



2. National Geographic Kids

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Best for: Elementary and middle school – Science, Geography, Nature
Explore wildlife, geography, and science through interactive games, articles, and videos.



3. Coolmath Games

<http://coolmathgames.com/>

Best for: Elementary to middle school – Math and Logic

A fun way to practice math through strategy and puzzle games (while still learning!).



4. Sesamestreet.org

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/>

Best for: Preschool to early elementary – Literacy, Math, Life Skills

Kids can explore computer programming with engaging games and step-by-step lessons.



5. PBS Kids

<https://pbskids.org/>

Best for: Preschool to early elementary – Literacy, Math, Social-Emotional Skills

Interactive games and videos featuring characters from favorite PBS shows.



COME ONE,

COME ALL!

TIME TRAVELERS ECO ADVENTURES

FRRSD Community Productions Presents "Time Travelers: Eco Adventures", a time-traveling musical and educational adventure, written and performed by children in grades 1-6. The story begins when 3 children enter a time travel portal at a carnival and zip through time, past and future, to meet famous historical figures who have contributed to conservation efforts to help our natural environment thrive.

This year's show is supported with generous grant funding from MCC, Otis and Sandisfield Cultural Council, as well as funding from FRRSD PTA and in partnership with PULSE Dance Studio in Great Barrington, and choreographer, Tom Truss.

Parent and staff support has been very much appreciated!!
If you'd like to contribute with a donation of baked goodies for Thursday evening's performance, please contact Ms. Catullo at lcattullo@frrsd.org.

THURSDAY
MAY 29
@ 6:30 PM



FRIDAY
MAY 30
@ 1:15 PM



ACCELERATED READER AWARD WINNERS!

as of 9:00 am on 5/13/2025:

DRAGON (5 PTS):

Ryan R. (1st)	Ellie G. (2nd)	Sparrow K. (3rd)	Hadley S. (4th)	Owen S. (5th)
Isla M. (1st)	Victoria R. (2nd)	Ronan S. (3rd)	Liam F. (4th)	Billy P. (5th)
Levi A. (1st)	Charlie C. (3rd)	Madison T. (3rd)	Colin R. (4th)	Pip C. (6th)
Ella S. (1st)	Declan C. (3rd)	Maewen W. (3rd)	Michael B. (4th)	Satpal G. (6th)
Scout K. (1st)	Thaila F. (3rd)	Lucas W. (3rd)	Jordan P. (4th)	Emma P. (6th)
Hunter S. (1st)	Indica S. (3rd)	Alyssa C. (3rd)	Olivia D. (4th)	Annabelle H. (6th)
Ava M. (2nd)	Mason T. (3rd)	Jadah M. (3rd)	Lilianna N. (5th)	
Mattheo T. (2nd)	Caden D. (3rd)	Griffin S. (4th)	Ava S. (5th)	
Freya S. (2nd)	Leah F. (3rd)	Saul W. (4th)	Shea K. (5th)	

SPIRIT (15 PTS):

Logan W. (1st)	Travis R. (4th)
Lotus S. (1st)	Shawn C. (5th)
Clementine G. (1st)	Jackson A. (5th)
Hazel G. (2nd)	Henry S. (5th)
Mackenzie S. (2nd)	Olivia L. (6th)
Amos B. (2nd)	

HYDRA (30 PTS):

Mila A. (2nd)
Ryan B. (2nd)
Thalia C. (5th)
Ryder S. (6th)
Alex G. (6th)

FIRE (75 PTS):

Beatrice B. (3rd)
John B. (5th)

DRACO (150 PTS):

Harlan (5th)

BEAST (225 PTS):

Tori R. (6th)



**NEXT AR
PARTY:
JUNE 3RD**

Students must have earned the following points by

Friday, May 30th:

1st Grade: 2 Points

2nd Grade: 3 Points

3rd Grade: 4 Points

4th - 6th Grade: 5 Points



TINY HANDS, BIG DISCOVERIES: LIFE SCIENCE IN KINDERGARTEN

In kindergarten, students have been exploring the fascinating world of plants and animals, learning about what living things need to grow and thrive. Through hands-on experiences and observation, they discovered that all living things need food, water, air, and the right environment to survive. One of the highlights of this unit was watching real caterpillars as they ate, grew bigger, and eventually formed a chrysalis. The children were amazed to see the transformation as the caterpillars completed their life cycle and emerged as butterflies, reinforcing their understanding of animal growth and change.



To wrap up the unit, students took part in a planting activity where they planted grass seeds in individual cups. Over the next few weeks, they will observe the grass as it begins to grow, learning firsthand about how plants need sunlight, water, and time to develop. This ongoing activity will give them a chance to apply what they've learned by taking responsibility for caring for their plants and recording their observations. These experiences help build a strong foundation in science while encouraging curiosity, responsibility, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

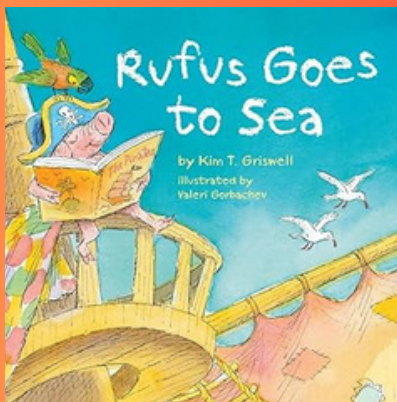


BERKSHIRE COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Berkshire County Special Olympics offers a range of inclusive sports programs and events for individuals with intellectual disabilities, fostering community engagement and personal achievement. Farmington River Elementary School had 4 student athletes participate in the Berkshire County Special Olympics on May 14th at Monument Mountain High School in Great Barrington. Our students had a fantastic day and all came home with medals!



AHOY, SUMMER! KINDERGARTEN SETS SAIL WITH RUFUS THE PIRATE PIG DURING LIBRARY!



The kindergarten students read "Rufus Goes to Sea" by Kim T. Griswell. "What does a book-loving pig like Rufus do when school's out for summer? He turns to his favorite stories for inspiration, of course! Ahoy—Pirate Pig on board!" The kindergarten students got a chance to draw and write about their summer plans.



ALL-SCHOOL WALK FOR WELLNESS

Last Friday, our school stepped out in shades of green for an all-school walk, a fantastic event honoring Mental Health Awareness Month! We were so lucky to fit in this walk, which was great for both physical fitness and overall wellness, right between the recent rainy days. It was wonderful to see so many students and staff wearing green, showing our school's commitment to supporting mental well-being for everyone. What a positive way to end the week!



PIZZA, POPSICLES, & CHEERS TO A GREAT YEAR! AFTER SCHOOL FUN MADE POSSIBLE BY BERKSHIRE TACONIC FIRE FUND

As the school year draws to a close, students wrapped up the final week of the after-school program with exciting celebrations made possible by a generous grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation. Laughter and the smell of fresh pizza filled the air on Tuesday afternoon as students gathered for a festive pizza party. The following day, everyone cooled off with sweet, icy popsicles — the perfect treat to mark the beginning of warmer days and the end of another successful program year.



Throughout the school year, the Berkshire Taconic Foundation's support made it possible to provide engaging activities and special treats for all participants. From fun games and creative arts and crafts to a variety of snacks, the grant helped create a welcoming, enriching environment where students could learn, play, and grow after school.

Both staff and students would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Berkshire Taconic Foundation for their continued generosity and support. This year's after school program has been a memorable one, and it couldn't have been possible without this meaningful partnership.



JOIN OUR TEAM AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER!

Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in our school community? Farmington River Elementary is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated substitute teachers to support our students and staff. Whether you're a retired teacher, a recent graduate, or someone who loves working with children, we'd love to hear from you!

Substitute teaching offers flexibility and the chance to be part of our vibrant school community. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us at frontoffice@frrsd.org for more details.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

FARMINGTON RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Otis & Sandisfield, MA

Farmington River Elementary School is a rural public school serving about 120 students in grades PK - 6th. Seeking applicants for the 2025 - 2026 School Year.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

CONTRACTED, PART-TIME

Farmington River seeks a fully-licensed SLP/SLC to conduct and oversee communication assessments and re-evaluations of students receiving speech services. Strong knowledge of assessment strategies for early childhood and elementary grades is essential.

Minimum qualifications:

- MA DESE educator licensure as a Speech/Language Pathologist

VAN DRIVER

PART-TIME

FRRSD seeks a conscientious individual with a clean driving record to serve in the role of regular or back-up van driver. Hours could include AM and/or PM shifts. Holding the MA RMV 7D Pupil Transport or school bus endorsement is preferred, but the district may assist in obtaining the 7D endorsement.

TO APPLY:

Please email completed district application form, a letter of interest, a current resume, three letters of recommendation, and evidence of licensure, (Van Driver applications: completed district application form, copy of driver's license only) to: Timothy Lee, Superintendent, tlee@frrsd.org

CORI background checks and fingerprinting are required for all applicants prior to hire.

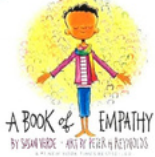
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FIND MORE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.FRRSD.ORG

LOCAL EVENTS

Otis Library StoryWalk

I AM HUMAN



A BOOK OF EMPATHY
BY SHARICE - ANDRE FLECK & REYNOLDS

I Am Human By Susan Verde
Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

I Am Human affirms that we can make good choices by acting with compassion and having empathy for others and ourselves. When we find common ground, we can feel connected to the great world around us and mindfully strive to be our best selves.

WHEN: April 15th-May

WHERE: Behind St. Mary's of the Lake, 48 N. Main St. Otis.

LYA Summer Day Camp

Place: Lee Elementary School (617-731)
St. Mary's School (84-819)
Dates: June 17 - August 19, 2025
Time: 8:00 - 5:00

Enrolling children entering grades 1 - 8
Counselors in training going into 9th grade



LYA

"Where all youth are valued for their individuality."

Lee Youth Association summer day camp will focus on friendship and adventure this 2025 season. Our mission is to create a safe environment where children can play, grow, and learn. We will be exploring nature and building confidence along the way, while enjoying games, encouraging teamwork and forming friendships!

PLEASE NOTE:

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

LYA HOOP CAMP

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

2025 Summer Basketball Camp Information

Boys & Girls entering grades K - 2	Boys & Girls entering grades 3 - 9
One Week: June 23 - June 27 Boys & Girls: 9:00 - 11:30 (Drop-off: 8:30 - 9:00)	Week #1: June 30 - July 3 (No Camp on 7/4) Boys: 8:30am - 11:30am, Girls: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

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 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
Basketball sneakers, appropriate clothing (shorts, t-shirt), a water bottle (labeled with name)

Camp Director
Dan Korte is directing the LYA basketball camp for the 17th year. He was the Varsity boys basketball coach at Lee Middle and High School for nine years (2009-2016), and is currently the coordinator of the LYA youth basketball leagues. 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
Register online at www.leeoyouthsports.com. Enrollment in the camp may be limited, so please register early.
Register by June 2nd to receive a LYA Hoop Camp t-shirt. T-shirts may not be available for late registrants

Pricing:
Week #1 = \$90, Week #2 = \$75, Week #3 = \$75, Week #2 & #3 = \$150
Families with 3 or more children attending camp get \$10 off the price of each child's registration fee
Documentation of a physical exam completed within the past 12 months is required by the first day of camp.

Daily Schedule

6:30 - 8:00 - Early drop off
8:00 - 9:00 - Open gym & game area
9:00 - 12:00 - Scheduled activities
12:00 - 12:45 - Lunch in the cafeteria
12:45 - 4:15 - Scheduled activities
4:15 - 5:00 - Open gym & game area
5:00 - Program ends - parent pickup

Items to Bring

Bathing Suit & Towel
Water Shoes
Water Bottle
Hat
Change of Clothing
Sunscreen & Bug Spray
Lunch & 2 Snacks

Activities will include: Capture the flag, nature walks, arts, crafts, painting lessons, kickball, volleyball, 4-square, basketball, baseball, cards, puzzles, karate, board games, contests, ice cream truck visits, specialists, and much, much more!!!

Program Staff

All of our staff have experience working with children, some up to 25 years! Some of our staff have returned from last year and some are new. They are eager to get out and do new things with the campers! We bring in interests and energies from all corners of life. All staff are at a minimum First Aid and CPR certified. We have one certified RST on site. We cannot wait to make new life long memories this summer season!

We are looking forward to a great summer!!!
LYA 480 Pleasant St. PO Box 115 Lee MA 01238
413.243.5535

LYA Summer Baseball Camp

for ages 8-12!!!

Summer Baseball Camp

Who?
Boys and girls ages 8-12. New and veteran players welcome!

When?
Monday, July 28th through Thursday, July 31st (Rain Date: August 1st)
4 days - 8:30-11:30am

Where?
Lee Middle and High School Baseball Field (Maple Street)

Cost: \$80 per participant

Activities will include drills and skill work to improve player performance combined with fun games to foster engagement and a love for the game!

Players will need to have their own glove and are welcome to bring their own bats, helmets, etc. Some helmets and bats will be provided.

Register: Online at www.leeoyouthsports.com

Questions? Contact Dan Korte at lyahoop@gmail.com

Otis Library Craft & Country Fair

Sat., July 5
10am-3pm

The annual Otis Library and Country Fair will take place this year on Saturday, July 5, 2025 from 10am - 3pm on the Town Hall Green in the center of Otis, Mass (Rtes 8/23).

Featured are multiple craft booths, Tony's Italian food, a bake sale, raffles, children's activities, Copsicle truck, book and puzzle sale, jewelry and more! This event raises money for library programs and needs.

For information on booth space or other questions, or to sign up to volunteer, please call the library at 413 269-0109 or stop by during regular hours! We look forward to seeing you there!

BECKET DAY CAMP

BECKET, MA FOR AGES 5-12

Weekly sessions from June 23 to Aug. 15
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Bus transportation & extended AM & PM hours INCLUDED!

BCCYMCA.ORG
413-623-8991

JOIN US FOR...

- SWIMMING
- CANOEING
- COOKING
- SPORTS
- OUTDOOR LIVING SKILLS
- ARCHERY
- FISHING
- HIKING
- ARTS & CRAFTS

Register Today!

A Berkshire Waldorf Summer

Seven Weeks of Waldorf Fun!
June 23 - August 8, 2025
Early Childhood (Ages 4-6)
Grades (Ages 7-11)
\$500 per week | Financial aid available

For more information, email us at summer@berkshirewaldorfschool.org.

BERKSHIRE WALDORF SCHOOL

OTIS CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Otisfiber subscribers! You may qualify for reduced internet costs through the Otis Connectivity Program, powered by Whip City Fiber (Westfield's locally-owned utility). For information, please email tdigrigoli@frsd.org or call Terri DiGrigoli at 413-269-4466

Family Fun Day!

Saturday, June 21st
10AM-1PM

Looking Glass Gardens
19 Dodd Rd.
Sandisfield, MA

Co-Sponsored by: **Mass Cultural Council**

RSVP By 6/14/25 to sandisfieldevents@recreationcommittee.info

Terry A La Berry & Friends

10AM Interactive performance with Laurel Lenski from Intrinsic Movement

\$5 Pony Rides at Sunny Rose Farm

Light lunch available

Face Painting

Craft Activity

12PM Terry A La Berry & Friends perform live!

South Berkshire Kids

CFCE Grant
May 2025 Program Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Babies & Books @ Lee Library, 10:30am-11:30am. Drop in. No program 5/26	*Otis Explore & Play @ Otis Town Hall, 10:30am-11:30am. Drop in.	*Lenox Play @ Lenox Community Center, 10am-11am. Drop in.	*Brain Builders @ Lee Library, 10:30am-11:30am. Registration required.	*Tyringham Play @ Tyringham Playgroup, 10am-11am. Drop in.
*Tunes for Tots @ Lenox Community Center, 9:30am-10:15am. Registration required. No program 5/26	*Sing & Dance @ Bushnell-Sage Library, 10:30am-11:30am. Drop in.	*New Marlborough Storytime @ New Marlborough Library, 10:00am-11:00am. Drop in.	*Richmond Reads @ Richmond Library, 10:30am-11:30am. Drop in. No program 5/1 & 5/15	
		*Family Hikes @ Pleasant Valley/Lenox, 10am-11am, 5/8 & 5/22. Registration required.		

***All programs are free & open to the community!**

- Babies & Books** with Jess @ Lee Library, 100 Main St/Lee. Mondays 10:30am-11:30am. This program is for infants, ages birth to 12 months. Join us as we sing, play and chat about the joys & challenges of being a parent. Drop in.
- Tunes for Tots**, with Dan @ Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker St/Lenox. Mondays 9:30am-10:15am. This program will include music, movement & instruments. Registration required by emailing southberkshirkids@gmail.com
- Otis Explore & Play** with Anika @ Otis Town Hall, 1 North Main Road/Otis. Tuesdays 10am-11:30am. This weekly program will include play, songs, stories, and crafts. Drop in.
- Sing & Dance** with Michelle @ Bushnell-Sage Library, 48 Main Street/Sheffield. Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am. This program will include music, movement, and dance. Drop in.
- Lenox Play** with Michelle @ Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street. Wednesdays 10am-11am. Join us for this center-based playgroup with tabletop activities, free play, crafts & more. Great for toddlers & preschoolers. Drop in.
- New Marlborough Storytime** with Jess @ New Marlborough Library, 1 Mill River Rd. Wednesdays 10am-11am. This program includes a circle time with stories and songs, followed by a craft. Drop in.
- Brain Builders** with Michelle @ Lee Library, 100 Main St/Lee. Thursdays 10:30am. This program is for ages 3-5. Registration required by emailing southberkshirkids@gmail.com
- Richmond Reads** with Jess @ Richmond Library (located in the new town building), 1751 State Rd/Richmond. Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am. Join us for a storytime and craft. Drop in.
- Family Hikes** @ Pleasant Valley, 472 W Mountain Rd/Lenox. May 8th & 22nd, 10am-11am. Registration required by emailing southberkshirkids@gmail.com
- Tyringham Stay & Play** @ Tyringham Playgroup, Fridays 10am-11am. Join us for this outdoor program with balls, bubbles, crafts and more! Weather permitting. Drop in.

Visit us online for additional resources & info:
www.southberkshirkids.org www.mass311.org

Boston Symphony Orchestra

Days in the Arts Summer Program 2025

The Days in the Arts (DARTS) free summer arts immersion program has been sponsored by the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1969 and has grown into a vibrant collaboration with Berkshire County public schools. Middle school students (grades 6 - 8) experience a weeklong immersion in musical, dance, visual, and theater arts (with additional opportunities in creative writing), learning from local artist-instructors at the renowned Tanglewood Music Center. In addition, students take special trips to arts and cultural institutions in Berkshire County. Bus transportation is available daily between the Tanglewood campus and multiple drop-off/pick-up locations in southern Berkshire County and Pittsfield.

WHEN
(Students May Register for one week.)
Cohort 1: July 14 - July 18, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM
• Includes a Field Trip to Berkshire County Arts Institution, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
• Friday, July 18: Student Arts Expo and Program with Closing Reception from 130-330 PM
Cohort 2: July 21 - July 25, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM
• Includes a Field Trip to Berkshire County Arts Institution, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
• Friday, July 25: Student Arts Expo and Program with Closing Reception from 130-330 PM

WHERE
• Tanglewood Music Center, Lenox, MA
• Area Arts and Cultural Institutions (TBD)

WHO MAY APPLY?
Middle school students entering grades 6-8 attending school in any of the following districts:
• Berkshire Hills Regional School District
• Farmington Regional School District
• Lee Public Schools
• Lenox Public Schools
• Pittsfield Public Schools
• Richmond Consolidated School
• Southern Berkshire Regional School District

REGISTER TODAY!
(Please fill out one form per child.)

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