# **FARMINGTON RIVER ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWS**

06/13/2024

#### **Dear Farmington River Elementary Families,**

As we wrap up this school year, I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beginning of summer. Reflecting on the past months, I am filled with gratitude for our school community's resilience, dedication, and support. As we look forward to the upcoming school year, I would like to remind you about some important staffing updates for the 2024-2025 school year and give a big shout-out to our 6th graders.

At the end of this school year, we will say goodbye to Ms. Silk, Mr. Flower, and Miss Pegi. Additionally, Ms. Hoctor will be retiring after 14 years of dedicated service. We deeply appreciate their hard work and commitment, which have left a lasting impact on our students and school community. They will be deeply missed. As we bid farewell to these wonderful educators, we are also thrilled to highlight some changes in teaching positions for the next school year. Ms. Bush will be teaching 3rd grade, Mr. Foster will be moving to the 5th grade, and Mr. Keller will be our new 6th-grade teacher. We are confident that they will bring fresh perspectives, energy, and a wealth of knowledge to our classrooms, greatly benefiting our students' learning experiences.

We are so incredibly proud of our 6th-grade students. They have shown remarkable growth and achievement during their time with us, both academically and personally. As they move on to new schools, we wish them continued success and happiness. Their hard work and dedication have set a strong foundation for their future endeavors, and we are confident they will excel in their new environments.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding throughout this year. We remain committed to providing your children with the best possible education and are looking forward to the beginning of a wonderful new school year in the fall. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely, Laurie Flower, Principal

> "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.."

> > - **SENECA** (Roman Philosopher)



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **SUMMER BREAK**

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 -TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

#### **TEACHER & STAFF PD**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26 -**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

#### **GRADES 1-6**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28** HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL DISMISSAL @ 11:45

### **TEACHER MEET & GREET OPEN HOUSE GRADES PREK-K**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 9:30-10:30

#### **HOLIDAY - LABOR DAY**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 **NO SCHOOL** 

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

THURS., SEPT. 19 - 6:00 PM



































### **SPRING CONCERT:**

The Spring Concert was a delightful showcase of young talent and musical enthusiasm. Students performed a variety of songs, including selections by the Select Chorus and Band students. It was a heartwarming celebration of the students' hard work and creativity throughout the year. making the evening a memorable celebration of music and community.





### **6TH GR. VS TEACHER VOLLEYBALL GAME!**

On the last day of school, the 6th graders faced off against their teachers in an exciting volleyball match. The game was filled with laughter, friendly competition, and cheers from classmates, marking a memorable and fun conclusion to the school year!



### **LEMONADE DAY IN 3RD GRADE!**















#### HEALTH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

- Free Covid Tests will be available in the front office throughout the summer! Stop by if you need any.
- I will be working summer school and will check e-mail weekly, if any concerns come up over the summer don't hesitate to contact me.

I hope you have a fun, safe and healthy summer!

- Nurse Grace

The spring musical, titled "Whatever Happened to Harry,"

SPRING MUSICAL: Whatever Happened to Harry? The spring musical, titled "Whatever Happened to Harry," was an imaginative production written by the 4th to 6th graders. Loosely based on the adventures of Harry Potter, the story follows Harry Topper and his four children, their quest to learn magic and save the planet from industrial pollution threats while battling the villainous Onyx, leaving the audience with the heartfelt message of environmentalism and friendship. This memorable event showcased the young writers' and actors' impressive talents, teamwork, and imaginative spirit!





















### THE 4TH GRADE TEAM **CELEBRATION AT FRENCH PARK**















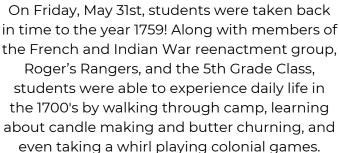


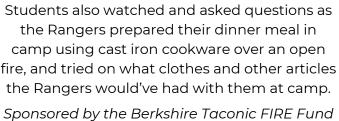






#### HEAR YE! HEAR YE!































### FAREWELL TO OUR **6TH GRADERS!**



### **LOCAL EVENTS**

## **SANDISFIELD** Arts Center

THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH OF SANDISFIELD IND THE LIVES OF ITS PASTORS ok talk and slide show by Sandisfield mard covering 250 years of Sandisfie ough its churches and people. \$10

May 4 – June 2 AFTER THE THAW Guild of Berkshire Arti Opening reception 4-6

AMURE LAMBERT SUM, AWARD-WINNING PHOTOJOURNALIST AND FILMMAKER Screening of the music-filled "The Whole Gritty! a unique window into the world of New Orleans school marching bands and discussion with the filmmaker, \$20 / 12 & Under: Free





Sat., June 15, 7:30 pm TOMÁŠ KUŠÍNEK: CERTIFIED LUNATIC AND MASTER OF THE IMPOSSIBLE fleet a comic genius, virtuoso, and all-around charmer who gives audiences an utterly joyous superience to remember for a lifetient, lie has suon the hearts of thousands in theaters, opera houses to vocariés and on foundances Sat., Sept. 21, 6 pm GALA ANNUAL DINNER Delicious dinner present #7

Sat., June 22, 7:30 pm

Boston Symphony Orchestra

JUNE 30, 2 pm PICK UP THE PEN: START YOUR WRITING PROJECT The Arts Center hosts Lara Tupper's community writing workshop. See website for registration.

SUD., JULY 7, 4 pm LUNCHTIME AT THE ORMOND, AN EXCERPT FROM JAMES JOYCE'S ULYSSES Narrated by Ben Luson. Irish songs by Lenor, Dan Luson. Plano, Josh Luson-Robinson, cello, Lucy Bardo. \$20

Fri., July 12, 7 pm OPEN MIC VARIETY SHOW Bring your jokes, poems, songs a share with your neighbors. Free

ROMANCE IN THE AFTERNOON
Josh Luxon-Robinson returns to our stage with a selection of romantic piano music. \$20

Saturday, August 10, 10 am CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND THE ROLE OF CONSTITUTIONAL SAME THE SUPREME COURT Talk by Ken Cohen, retired attorney, who taught both Constitutional Law and the course on the federal courts at Boston College Law School. \$10

August 17 – September 8
SMALL WORKS
Group show featuring small works.
Opening reception 4-6 pm

Sat., Sept. 28, 7 pm DICK AND JIM Original play bears

BERKSHIRE LANDSCAPE GEOLOGY: ART MEETS SCIENCE

BOBBY SWEET IN THE CABARET

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#### **BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** DAYS IN THE ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM 2024

The Days in the Arts (DARTS) free summer day camp has been sponsored by the Boston Symphory Orchestra since 1969, and has grown into a wibrant collaboration with Berkshires public schools. Middle school students (grades 6 - 8) experience a weeklong immersion in musical, dance, and theater arts (with additional opportunities in visual arts and creative writing), learning from local artist—deutactors at the renouved Tanglewood Music Center. In addition, students take special trips to arts and cultural institutions in surrounding communities bus transportation is available dialy between the Tanglewood campus and multiple drop-off pick-up locations in southern Berkshire County and Pittsfield. titutions in surrounding communitie od campus and multiple drop-off/

WHEN

(Students May Register for one week.)

Cohort 1: June 24-28, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Wedwedsy, June 26: Field Tip to Local Cultural institution, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday, June 32: Student Arts Epoc and Program with Closing Reception from 130-3:30 PM

Cohort 2: July 8-12, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Friday, June 37: Vir Field Tip to Local Cultural Institution, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Friday, July 7:8: Student Arts Expo and Program with Closing Reception from 130-3:30 PM

WHERE

Tanglewood Music Center, Lenox, MA
 Area Arts and Cultural Institutions (TBI)

#### WHO MAY APPLY?

Middle school students entering grades 6-8 Middle school students entering grades 6-8 Intending school in any of the following distris Berdahre Hills Regional School District Lee Public Schools Lenox Public Schools Public Schools Richmond Consolidated School Southme Bedaking Public Schools Southme Bedaking Public Schools

- Southern Berkshire Regional School District

REGISTER TODAY!

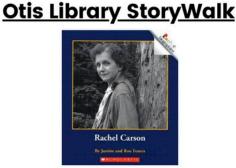


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### THE SANDISFIELD RECREATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS: ··· Family··· **Fun Day** 06 | 29 | 2024 10am - 1pm



# **Looking Glass Gardens** FREE Event 19 Dodd Rd Sandisfield, MA \$2 Pony Rides by Sunny Rose Farm



**Rachel Carson by Justine and Ron Fontes** 

Come and read the story of Rachel Carson, an American marine biologist, writer, and conservationist credited with advancing marine conservation and the global environmental movement.

WHEN: Throughout the month of June.

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

• Otis Library Story Hour is every Wednesday, 9:00 - 10:00 am, birth through age four, older siblings are welcome.



#### 2023-2024 FRES NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES







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