



The Taylor Elementary School Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Dear Taylor School Families,

This is our fourth issue of our newsletter and it brings news of important upcoming milestones! Our goal here at the Taylor is to always find the positive and engage with that which makes our community more connected, within and among our classrooms and grade levels. Here are some highlights to celebrate:

- Our Grade 4 Student Council led a book drive for local places that serve children in need. The Taylor School collected over 720 books during the one-week event! Thank you to all our students from Kindergarten to Grade 4 who participated by sharing a book or several! Mrs. Lenore McAuliffe, one of our educational assistants, and a volunteer adviser to the Student Council, delivered the books for us. Thank you to Mrs. McAuliffe!
- Congratulations to our grade 3 students, Alexa and Sai, who were winners in Bridgewater State University's MARC Bullying Awareness Poster Contest!
- On behalf of the PTO, we thank everyone who participated in the Box Tops Olympics. The following classrooms were the winners: Mrs. Sturdy's Kindergarten – Gold Medal; Ms. Kerrigan's 3rd Grade – Silver Medal; and, Mrs. Nally's Kindergarten – Bronze Medal. Each of these classrooms was treated to ice cream!
- **Reminder about parent input for classroom placement for 2018-2019:** If you have any information you would like to share with me, please email me (rodgersm@foxborough.k12.ma.us) **by Friday, April 27th**. Please remember the complexity of the placement process prevents us from honoring requests for specific teachers.

Thank you for being involved and interested in being a part of your child/ren's learning. We so appreciate and need that support! On behalf of all the staff here at the Taylor, I hope you enjoyed the April break and are looking forward to the coming weeks filled with fun!





Bus Behavior: *Please help us by reminding your child that the school rules extend to the bus.* In partnership with Transportation Department staff, we are working to make the bus rides to and from school a positive experience for all students. Please let me know if your child shares anything that causes concern (rodgersm@foxborough.k12.ma.us).



REMINDER for Parents of 3rd and 4th Graders!

- Grade 3 MCAS in Math: **May 15 and May 16**
- Grade 4 MCAS in Math: **May 22 and May 23**

Help us by making sure your child is well rested, has a good breakfast on the testing days, and stays positive.

Our message is: *Do your best! We believe in you!*

Please join us for...



The Taylor School Art Show!

Thursday, May 3rd from 6:00-7:30pm

Thank you to the Foxborough Cultural Council and our PTO for supporting this special event!

Emily Arrow, Singer-Songwriter



Friday, April 27th for all grades K-4

Thank you to our Art Teacher, Clara Schuster, for finding this artist and making this connection with our Taylor Community Mural!



Museum of Science

A Mirror Maze: Numbers in Nature

Navigate through a giant mirror maze and discover the amazing numerical patterns that exist in the natural world!

Enjoy this exhibit soon!

<https://www.mos.org/visit-us>

Social and Emotional Learning: News from our Adjustment Counselor

Happy spring! Here's what we've been working on in Guidance Lessons this month:

Kindergarten

The theme of the month in Kindergarten has been cooperation. The Kindergarteners have been working hard to develop their cooperation skills! We even worked together to make a giant spider web out of a ball of yarn – ask your child about it!



1st Grade

The themes of the month in 1st grade have been cooperation and helping others. Thanks to everyone for completing our annual Homeside Activity! We connected all the Helping Chains together and have them on display in each classroom. It's been great to hear about all the ways that 1st graders help both at school and at home.

2nd Grade

The theme of the month in 2nd grade has been friendship. After reading Making Friends is an Art by Julia Cook, 2nd graders worked together to complete a FRIENDS Puzzle Banner. Groups of students came up with characteristics of a good friend, wrote them on puzzle pieces, and put the puzzle pieces together to spell the word friends. The Puzzle Banners are on display in each classroom.

3rd and 4th Grade

This month, 3rd and 4th graders have worked diligently to complete their entries for the MARC at Bridgewater State University's annual Poster Contest. This year's 3rd grade question was: What does kindness mean to you? The 4th grade question was: How do you make yourself feel better when someone isn't being nice to you? The posters are on their way to Bridgewater State University for judging. I will be posting pictures of the completed posters on my website very soon! Hopefully, we will hear of some award winners after April vacation.



You can find information about guidance lessons, available supports, and much more on my website (to access, go to Taylor School's homepage and click on the guidance link or go directly to <http://taylorschoolcounselor.weebly.com/>).

Here are a couple links to learn more about social emotional learning in education and at home:

- CASEL - <https://casel.org/in-the-home/>
- Confident Parents Confident Kids - <https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org>

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