



HAWK HIGHLIGHTS



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **May 18:** 12:20
Dismissal for Teacher
Work Day
- **May 23 and 24:**
Kindergarten Buddy
Days (we welcome new
kindergarten students
for a visit!)
- **May 24 at 6:30:** Talent
Show
- **May 25 at 1:30:**
Memorial Day
Celebration—Families
and friends are
welcome!
- **June 8:** Field Day
- **June 9:** Car Wash
Fundraiser for Nature's
Classroom at Webber
and Grinnell from **10-2**.
Come get your car
cleaned for a great
cause!
- **June 15 at 2:00:**
Celebrate Nature!
Classroom exhibits
showing some of our
environmental work this
year.
- **June 19 at 1:30:** 5th
Grade Celebration
- **June 20:** Last Day of
School with a 12:20
dismissal

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS ITEMS FROM MRS. MADDEN

"The Hawk Highlights" is our bi-monthly school newsletter that is sent home with students or sent via email.

Por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela si necesita este boletín traducido.

Here is the NEW address for our district's homepage:

<http://www.northamptonschools.org/>

Here is the address for our school's website:

<http://www.northamptonschools.org/project/rk-finn-ryan-road-school>

Click on "School News" to get the Principal's Weekly Update and other school news! I also try hard to keep the Calendar up to date. Let me know if you have any feedback about the website.

PLACEMENT PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

It is hard to believe that I am starting to think about the 2018-2019 school year, but I wanted to let you know that we will conduct the process of class placement similarly to the way we did the last several years. Class placement decisions will be made by the end of this school year, and your child's teacher for next year will be communicated to you with his/her end of year report card. Also, we plan to have a brief gathering of next year's classes and teachers on the last day of school. We have found that this process eliminates some of the summer anxiety that can occur by waiting until the end of the summer. I have received positive feedback about the process from students, teachers, and families.

I will be working carefully with teachers to create class groupings that work well together and build positive, productive learning communities. Families cannot select teachers, and I certainly hope that we will all work well together to ensure a good year ahead for all of our students. All of the teachers at our school are committed to developing positive relationships and nurturing academic success. However, if you feel that you have necessary information to share with me before this process begins, please do not hesitate to contact me by **Friday, May 25**.

Thank you!

• Reminder: MCAS SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE (remaining dates—almost done!)

Grade 5 (Science) ~ May 17



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WARM WEATHER CLOTHING

Please, please, if you send your child to school in flip flops, you should also send sneakers. Flip flops are really not safe footwear for school. I understand that they are cool and inexpensive, but for the playground and physical education class, children really need to wear sneakers. I would never expose my toes to moving furniture and the many people we have moving around at school. Ouch. Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Madden.



Sneakers are the best choice for school.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TOYS SHOULD STAY AT HOME

We have noticed that toys are being brought to school and I need to remind you that they need to stay at home or in backpacks – including before school! Though advertised as a “fidget” there are delightfully distracting spinners that, as you may have already read in articles circulating, they are actually toys. We ask that you remind your children that they are toys and should stay in backpacks or at home. We can provide fidgets at school and/or if you’d like to speak with your child’s teacher about what falls into this category, please feel free to contact him/her.

OFFICER DOBSON

Veteran officer, Officer Douglas Dobson, is the liaison to the elementary schools. The Northampton Police Department and the Northampton Public Schools are lucky to have this collaboration. Officer Dobson visits our school on many Monday mornings outside at morning recess, and then, he gets involved in morning meetings here at school. It is nice to have him be a familiar face in our school community.



**“Walking Wednesdays” every Wednesday in May
See attached information and call the office with any questions.**



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VINS would like to invite all volunteers to join us for a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 11:30am

The Florence Civic Center

90 Park Street, Florence, MA

Please RSVP to 413 587-1332 by

May 11th **if you will attend**

*Thank you for always enriching the classes
and the students of the Northampton Public
Schools*