



The Roosevelt Reporter



Successes

There was a wonderful turn-out on Great Start Night. Thank you to all of the parents who attended. We had volunteer sign-ups on that night and we are very pleased at the amount of dedicated parents willing to volunteer their time to serve our children. We are excited to have you "pitch-in" at Roosevelt; your involvement is invaluable!!

The slush party was a success as well! It was wonderful to see the kids outside of school hours as they played on the playground equipment.

Enrichment Program

On September 17th we had an Anti-Bullying Enrichment Program. Here are a few topics that the program focused on:

- Bullying behaviors
- Sticking up for yourself
- Sticking up for others
- Creating a bully-free community
- I identify resources in school and in the community

We have started a "Regarding Art" program for grades 2-4. This is an interactive art appreciation class which meets once a month for forty-five minutes and is run by parent volunteers. It introduces children to a variety of artwork. These volunteers have been given the visual arts Massachusetts Frameworks and are addressing those through their curriculum. It is a fabulous opportunity for elementary children!

Donations, Donations, Donations! ☺

It has been brought to my attention that there is a company in Somerville that donates paper to schools. They are open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-12:30 for teachers/parents to help themselves to cardstock of various sizes and colors. If you are ever in that area during those days/times, any donations that you could get for the school would be GREATLY appreciated.

Ames Safety Envelope Company
Tyler Street
Somerville, MA
(617) 684-1000
www.amespage.com

Upcoming Events

Picture Day:	October 22 nd
Halloween Party:	October 25 th (6-8 pm)
PTO Meetings:	October 15 th & November 3 rd (7-9 pm)
Election Day:	November 4 th (School closed)
Book Fair:	November 17 th -21 st

Reminders

Free and Reduced Lunch enrollment is ongoing. Although we sent applications home at the beginning of the year, please note that you can request an application and apply at any time throughout the school year.

Drop-off and Pick-up

There have been some questions and/or concerns regarding the traffic patterns during drop-off and pick-up. To ensure that our students are safe coming to and from the school, please review the following information:

Vinton Street:

- To drop children off in the morning, drivers should turn into the driveway and proceed slowly along the driveway as directed by the Task Force volunteer. Do not stop on the street to let your child out. The volunteers open the right hand side vehicle doors and assist students out of the vehicles. Having your child sit on the right hand side of the vehicle helps speed up the process.
- At drop-off, you may only take a right-hand turn out of the Vinton driveway. Left turns during that time are not permitted.

Brunswick Park:

- You may park your car in an appropriate parking spot or drop your child off at the designated area on the street. Only authorized vehicles can enter into the parking lot (staff, handicap, Metco, etc.).
- Note that there is no parking on the right side of Brunswick in the morning (up until 10:00).
- Residential driveways should NEVER be blocked, even for a short period of time.
- At pick-up, parking on the right side of Brunswick Park is permitted.
- On days with inclement weather, the "normal" protocol for pick-up applies. Please do not have students look for your car on the street (not parked) and run up to it. We had a few children who did this and it was very unsafe. You can park in a parking spot and have your child meet you there, or you can park and meet your child at the door.

Attached is additional information regarding the Massachusetts Safety Seat Law.

Important Dates ~ Mark your calendar!

Early Release Days:

October 29th

November 13th

December 11th

February 4th

March 24th

April 30th

June 3rd

Report Cards:

Gr. 1-5:

12/17/08

4/1/09

Last Day of School

Kindergarten:

2/11/09

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MCAS Dates:

Gr. 3 reading - April 6, 7, 8

Gr. 3 math - May 12, 13, 14

Gr. 4 long comp. - March 31

Gr. 4 reading - April 1, 2, 3

Gr. 4 math - May 14, 15

Gr. 5 reading - April 6, 7, 8

Gr. 5 math - May 12, 13

Gr. 5 science/ tech. - May 18, 19

Gr. 5 history - May 20, 21

Our monthly calendars will be posted on the school website. Please refer to the website for additional dates, events and information.

Quote of the Month

If you study to remember, you will forget. But, if you study to understand, you will remember.

-Unknown

Please refer to our Parent/Student Handbook for additional district information.