

# April Update

*Annie Sullivan Middle School*

## **Advisory Focus**

During the month of March, Advisory groups discussed a variety of topics! To begin the month, students explored profound women and their contributions as we acknowledged and celebrated Women's History Month. Students focused on researching one impactful woman, created a visual display, and then toured the building to view other posters.

Our phenomenal nurses in the health office created a second presentation for our students, this one focused on the impact of energy drinks. It was very informative and the students were able to better understand why these drinks are not allowed in school.

Students will transition back to exploring the Second Step curriculum to discuss healthy relationships and how to help students manage any peer conflicts within their peer groups.

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## **ASMS Yearbook (due by April 12)**

The 2023-2024 ASMS Yearbook is available for purchase on this [website](#) or see the attached flyer. The cost of the yearbook is \$34. Families are able to purchase the yearbook until April 12th.

Yearbooks will be distributed to students on the last day of school and they will have an opportunity to have classmates sign the keepsake. By purchasing a yearbook now, you will avoid the phone call from your child on the last day of school asking if you purchased a yearbook for them.

If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, please do so by April 12th.

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## **Music Community/Alumni Side by Side Performance**

We would like to invite the community, teachers and alumni of the Franklin Music Program to join us in our performance of "God Bless America" at the **Franklin Porchfest on Saturday, June 1st on the Town Common**. (Rain Date, June 2nd) Anyone who has played an instrument or sung in a chorus at some point in their life, is welcome to perform side by side with our talented Franklin High School Symphony Orchestra, Band and Chorus.



There will be two rehearsals for this event: Wednesday, May 15th 6-7PM & Wednesday, May 29th from 6-7PM. If the 2nd rehearsal is not needed, we will cancel. Both rehearsals will take place at FHS in room 131. The group will be conducted by Diane Plouffe. If you are interested, please fill out [THIS FORM](#). Mrs. Plouffe will be in touch with all final details.

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## Spring MCAS Testing



During the first week of April, our students will begin the annual MCAS testing. Sixth and seventh grade students will participate in ELA and Math testing, while eighth graders will complete ELA, Math, STE, and Civics testing.

It is important to keep these things in mind to set the students up for success:

- get a good night's sleep
- eat a good breakfast before school
- bring water and a snack to school
- bring a good book to read after the testing sessions are completed
- charge the chromebook and bring a charger to school
- arrive to school on time
- use strategies and resources to show what you know!

The MCAS schedule for this year is:

- April 2-3: 7th and 8th grade ELA
- April 9-10: 6th grade ELA
- May 1-2: 7th and 8th Math
- May 8-9: 6th grade Math & 8th grade STE
- May 29-30: Civics test will be completed during Social Studies classes (two class periods)

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## NECC 5K

On Saturday, May 11 (9am registration, 10am race start), the New England Center for Children is hosting a 5K Walk/Run for Autism.



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## Health Office: Postural Screenings

Franklin Public School nurses will be conducting postural screening on all students in grades 5-9 this spring per Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c.71, s.57). The purpose is to detect early signs of possible spinal problems in children. It is not a diagnostic service but a program to identify those who should have further medical evaluation. If your child has any unusual findings, you will be notified and asked to take the child to a physician. The majority of students exhibit no findings. If nothing unusual is found, we will not be contacting you again until the screening next year.

School Nurses are required to perform these screenings annually regardless of whether or not a child has been screened by their provider. Parents may choose to opt-out of their child's school screening by providing a written statement ([M.G.L. c71, s57](#)). If choosing to opt your child out of the school screening, please forward a copy of your child's most recent postural (scoliosis) screening to your child's school nurse.

If you would prefer your student **not be screened** for scoliosis at school this year, please complete this Google [Form](#).

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## Lifelong Learning: Kids Corner Programs

Lifelong Learning's [Kids' Corner Program](#) offers a variety of after-school enrichment classes for students in grades K-8.

Here's what's happening for middle schoolers in Spring 2024!

- Yoga and Mindfulness: Build self-confidence, learn to focus, and create body awareness. Wednesdays for 6 weeks starting March 13th.
- Babysitting Certification: Learn everything to be a great babysitter in just one day! Saturday, April 6th.
- Internet and Social Media Safety: Franklin police officers teach students how to safely be online and share/browse social media in this free one-day class. Tuesday, April 9th.
- Kids' Cooking: Create 1-2 dishes per week in this popular cooking class. Wednesdays for 5 weeks. Spring session begins April 10th.
- Spray Paint Art: Learn how to use spray paint to create a one-of-a-kind art piece in this fun one-day outdoor class! Tuesday, April 16th during April break.



- **Mantra Insect Shadow Boxes:** Learn about the muralist Mantra who specializes in insect art, and then draw or paint your own insect and mount it in a paper shadow box. One day workshop: Tuesday, May 14th.

## Spirit Days

Each month, we will have a new spirit day with a different theme. All students are encouraged to participate as the Flex with the most participation will earn a prize later on in the school year. This is a great way to show school spirit and have fun with peers.

The spirit day theme will be announced on morning announcements the week before/week of the spirit day. For the month of April, the spirit day is on Friday, April 26th and the theme will be announced the week before.



## ATTENTION 8th GRADERS: Register for High School Experience

High School Experience is a transitional program to help 8th graders as they move to the high school next year. The program runs on **August 6th & 7th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Students

- Tour and learn to navigate their new school
- Meet and greet with FHS faculty & peers
- Learn how to read a class schedule
- Participate in team building activities
- Communicate with upperclass student leaders
- Learn the “ins and outs” from an “expert”
- And more!

Here is a brief [video](#) describing the program!

Use this website to register: [www.FranklinLifelongLearning.com](http://www.FranklinLifelongLearning.com)

Questions? Contact: Kristin Letendre Smith, Director: High School Experience  
([smithk@franklinps.net](mailto:smithk@franklinps.net))

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## Important Dates:

April:

- Tuesday, April 2: 7th/8th grade ELA MCAS
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- Wednesday, April 3: 7th/8th grade ELA MCAS
- Friday April 5: MICCA Festival (Band)
- Saturday, April 6: MICCA Festival (Chorus/Orchestra)
- Tuesday, April 9: 6th grade ELA MCAS
- Wednesday, April 10: 6th grade ELA MCAS
- Friday, April 12: Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- Monday, April 15-Friday, April 19: No School (April Vacation)
- Friday, April 26: Spirit Day (theme TBD)

May:

- Wednesday, May 1: 7th/8th grade Math MCAS
  - Thursday, May 2: 7th/8th grade Math MCAS
  - Week of May 6: Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Wednesday, May 8: 6th grade Math MCAS & 8th grade STE MCAS
  - Thursday, May 9: 6th grade Math MCAS & 8th grade STE MCAS
  - Friday, May 10: Footlighters Performance of *Footloose* (6pm)
  - Saturday, May 11: Footlighters Performance of *Footloose* (6pm)
  - Tuesday, May 21: Reading MAP
  - Thursday, May 23: Math MAP
  - Friday, May 24: Spirit Day (theme TBD)
  - Monday, May 27: Memorial Day (no school)
  - Monday, May 27: ASMS Band Performance in the Memorial Day Parade (10am)
  - Wednesday, May 29: 8th grade Civics MCAS (one class period)
  - Thursday, May 30: 8th grade Civics MCAS (one class period)
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