

Mary Rowlandson Elementary School

Update

May 16, 2017

<http://rowlandson.nrsd.net/> (Mary Rowlandson website)

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Spinners

Every few years a fad sweeps the nation and becomes a national craze. The most recent fad is fidget spinners. What originally was marketed as a tool to help people be calm and focus has become a distraction and disruptive in many situations. Actually recent research shows they do not have a focusing effect. (<http://www.npr.org/2017/05/14/527988954/whirring-purring-fidget-spinners-provide-entertainment-not-adhd-help>)

I am asking that spinners are not to be sent to school for the remainder of the school year. We are mediating playground and bus disputes about spinner ownership, they being used as toys during class, and if lost students are distraught. The MRE staff has many strategies to help students focus and stay engaged in lessons. Fidget spinners are not effective in accomplishing this goal and do not serve an educational purpose.

Sam Palwalk Fun Run/Walk

The PTO is excited to announce the date of our 2nd Annual Sam Pawlak 5K Fun Run/Walk. Please join us, Saturday, May 20th at 10am at the Mary Rowlandson Elementary and Luther Burbank Middle Schools.

PTO Board Positions available

The PTO is a vital part of the Mary Rowlandson Community. At it's core is enhancing the educational experience for all the students in the school. The help out with defraying the cost of field trips, sponsor the annual Lip Sync Show, provide numerous enrichment shows and trips for the students.

We are desperately in need of a new president, secretary and cultural enrichment chairperson. After many years of dedicated service and support the current presidents are stepping down. Stacy Krammer and Shayna Paul have provided excellent leadership and will help the new leadership transition. If you have any questions or are interested in one of the positions, please let me know

<http://www.lancasterpto.net/>

Relay For Life

MRE and Friends are participating in the Relay for Life on June 3th at the high school and would like to involve the students in our fundraising efforts. Students may wear a hat on May 19th for any donation to our Relay for Life team. All money raised will be used for cancer research

<http://nashobamary.ss8.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1160798&pageId=1160818>

Important Dates

Saturday, May 20th – Sam Pawlak Run

Friday, May 26th – Jump Rope for Hearth Assembly

Friday, May 26th – Half Day of School, Teacher Professional Development

Monday, May 29th – No School Memorial Day

June 8th – Field Day grades 1 & 2

June 8th – Band and 5th grade Art Show

June 9th - Field Day grade 3, 4 & 5

June 16th – Lawn Party

June 19th - Move Up Day

June 20th – Last Day of School (11:30am)

June 20th 5th grade Recognition Ceremony (10:00)

MCAS Dates

4th Grade

Math

Thursday, May 18th - Session 2

5th Grade

Science

Monday, May 22nd – Session 1

Tuesday, May 23rd – Session 2

Community Events

http://rowlandson.nrsd.net/news/what_s_new/community_news

The Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren invites you to attend:

The 6th Annual Conference for
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Community Providers and Supporters

June 7, 2017

9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

The Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel

181 Boston Post Road

Marlborough, Ma. 01752

The conference is FREE and LUNCH IS INCLUDED

Registration 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Light breakfast pastries and refreshments will be provided 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

This conference will provide you the opportunity to meet, collaborate, share, and learn from grandparents and other relative caregivers as well as social workers, community service providers, state leaders, and more from across the state. We look forward to hearing from this year's Keynote Speaker,

local award winning children's book author *Jarrett Krosoczka*,

who was raised by his grandparents.

You will have the opportunity to attend workshops on a variety of issues focusing on the children being raised by grandparents and other relative caregivers such as the impact of trauma on children and families, understanding internet safety, accessing educational resources from childhood through young adulthood, how to talk with children about addiction and substance abuse, and more.

To Register, please contact Colleen Pritoni by 6/2/17:

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