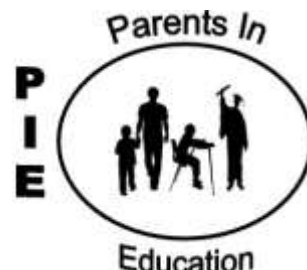


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Welcome Back! We hope the first few weeks of school are going well for everyone! It's hard to believe that tomorrow is October 1st!

Please note: this is meant to be an electronic resource as there are several links included. We do not have a print out format available at this time.

Important Information

You are reading the first PIE newsletter for the 2013/2014 school year. We distribute a new newsletter about once every two weeks. The best place for all information about PIE is our website: www.frcspie.weebly.com.

We suggest you add this as a favorite and check it often. On the website you will find all information about upcoming PIE events. Everything from our monthly meetings to the Harlem Wizards visit is available in an easy to use format.

As volunteer opportunities become available for events we will post the link to our Sign up genius to that event under the upcoming events page. You can also find great resources on our site as well. If you have any suggestions or we are missing something you would like to see, please send us an email via the site or to frcspie@comcast.net. We hope you enjoy it!

FRCS Stamp Project

The Holocaust Stamps Project

Needs YOUR Stamps!!!

Do YOU have any old, "useless" stamps? Please consider donating to:

The Holocaust Stamps Project

at Foxborough Regional Charter School

131 Central Street, Foxboro, Massachusetts 02035

See more information on this [flyer](#).

SOS - Sort Our Stamps!

Sort our Stamps! We are trying to reach a goal of 4 million stamps by the end of the school year! Will your family please take a bag of stamps, trim and count them for our community service project? We are getting many, many donations of stamps from around the United States and other countries and we need help trimming and sorting. In July we broke the 3 million mark for our stamp count! By helping you join hundreds of other volunteers in our school and local community!

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Book Fair will run from October 8-10 with one family shopping night on Thursday, October 10th. Our online book fair will also be available from September 30 – October 16th. All books ordered through the online fair will be shipping after October 16th. The online fair can be found [here](#).

You can find the sign up for volunteering [here](#). [Here](#) you will find the shopping schedule. Students in grades 7-12 will be able to shop during AE periods with a pass from the teacher.

October 10 we will be open from 3:30 to 8PM for any families who would like to shop together. Our PIE meeting will be on the same evening so you can feel free to stop by and shop before or after the meeting. Childcare is available.



All For Books (formally One For Books) - as a fun part of Scholastic Book Fair we will be running our All For Books contest again. Each classroom will receive a container to collect money in. At the end of the contest the homeroom that has collected the most money gets a small prize and the teacher gets \$100 in books for their classroom. The money we raise during this contest allows us to provide books to children who otherwise would not get them. Collection containers will be in classrooms starting September 24, 2013 and the contest will run until the last day of Book Fair October 10, 20. You can view our letter with more great information [here](#). Good luck all!

PREORDER THE NEW DIARY OF A WIMPY KID BOOK!

- Jeff Kinney's newest book is scheduled to be released and go on sale November 5, 2013.
- Scholastic Book Fairs is offering a specially priced paperback edition of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*#8.
- To order your copy, complete a Pre-order Form the form is [here](#).
- Orders placed at the Book Fair will be shipped directly to your school beginning November 5.*
- There's NO cost for shipping and, remember, each purchase benefits your school!

Specially priced paperback edition at the low price of \$8.49 (\$13.95 hardcover elsewhere)



PIE Shed

Some of you may have noticed the nice new shed that now resides by the playground. The shed belongs to PIE and will be used for storage from this point forward. That's right families, if you have been storing PIE items in your sheds, basements, attics and barns you may now get in touch with us at frcspie@comast.net to arrange to drop it off to be stored in the shed.

We are so thrilled to have a home for the various items families have so generously opened their homes for. Thank you all for your help over the years, you may now have your storage space back ☺

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

A big thank you goes out to Tanya Keating for all of her hard work planning the Back To School Picnic. We had a huge turnout for event and several grades were represented. Families were able to play games, enjoy music, earn prizes and play on the playground. We hope to make this an annual event!



AUTHOR ROBERT BUYEA VISIT

PIE is pleased to be working with 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Elia to bring author Robert Buyea to the school on October 28th. Mrs. Elia assigned Mr Buyea's book, *Because of Mr. Terupt*, to her incoming 5th grade class this year. Mr. Buyea will be coming to the school to visit and speak with grades 5-7 and will be signing purchased copies of his books for any students who would like them. An order form for the books can be found [here](#).

Rob taught third & fourth graders for six years before moving to Massachusetts, where he now lives with his wife and three daughters. He teaches biology and coaches wrestling at Northfield Mount Hermon School. *Because of Mr. Terupt* was his first novel. The sequel to it, *Mr. Terupt Falls Again*, will also be available for purchase.

A link to Mr. Buyea's website can be found [here](#).

Cub Scout Pack 314 News



We have held our first parent meeting and have our all Pack meeting scheduled for October. Troops are forming NOW! Open to all boys in Grades 1-5. Please contact us right away if you are interested in signing your son up for Cub Scouts.

We are also looking for some adults to step in and take on leadership roles within our new pack. To get more information contact Jim Green at jrgreenmd@yahoo.com or 508-543-9283.

Scholastic Read for the World Record

The results are in! All students who participated in the Scholastic Read for the World Record contest this summer received their certificates and prizes in homeroom on Thursday, September 19. The students who logged the most minutes in each grade category won the grand prize: \$50 gift certificates!

We would like to congratulate the following students for their efforts over the summer. They are our grand prize winners!!

Emily Kollar – 1st Grade

Kira Davis - 3rd Grade

Cassandra Bonilla - 7th Grade

Marissa Holske - 10th Grade

Honorable mention goes to two students who made considerable efforts over the summer but came in just under the first place winners:

Connor Davis – 5th Grade

Tyler Smith - 6th grade

Congratulations to everyone who participated. Our school logged 172,844 minutes this summer, what makes that number even more impressive is that it was achieved with just 105 students participating. Imagine what we can do if all students participate in next summer's contest! PIE is happy to have worked with Mrs. Turcotte to make this contest possible.



Emily is all smiles as she receives her award!



Cassandra, our overall top reader poses with her certificate and grade prize.



Marissa and Mrs. Turcotte pose as Marissa is presented her award and prize.



Tyler poses with Mrs. Turcotte after receiving his award for reading over the summer.



Kira and Connor worked hard all summer and competed against each other. While Kira ultimately won the contest for their grade level, Connor was some fierce competition!

Volunteer Opportunities for 2013-2014 School Year for Both Adults and Students

We are looking for **student** help this year as well. We've created a Sign Up Genius page that lists all of the volunteer opportunities. We will add more as needed. The link to the sign up page is [here](#).

The form for **adult** volunteering can be found [here](#). We also encourage you to let us know if you have any special skills you would be willing to share with the school as they may come in handy. When you let us know what you are interested in helping with, we will send you an email when the event comes up to let you know what help is needed. Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to working closely with you in the upcoming year!

Be Part of Team FeRoCious

Last year PIE was able to bring the Harlem Wizards to FRCS for the first time. The Wizards are similar to the Harlem Globetrotter, in fact some of the Wizards are former Globetrotters. The Wizards are coming back to FRCS this year. We are looking to get our team together to challenge them. Our team is made up of staff, parents and alumni. You can sign up to be part of the team [here](#). Team members **MUST** be at least 18 years of age. The game will take place on Friday, January 17th. Players must arrive no later than 5:30PM. We may be able to get in a few team practices before the big game. Stay tuned for information on that. Information about ticket purchases for the game will be available in late November/early December. Go Team FeRoCious!!!!



Barrett's Haunted Mansion

This year is going to be an Alice In Wonderland Theme!!!! There will be TWO houses this year but we will be responsible for staffing one of them 😊

We have our date! Friday, October 18th, you can sign up to join us [here](#). Everyone who has volunteered in the past has had an amazing time! You can view the pictures from last year's event [here](#). (you'll have the scroll to the bottom). We will need about 40 volunteers made up of parents and staff to make it happen. Anyone 18 or older can volunteer. To view the expectations for volunteers visit the Barrett's Haunted Mansion page: [here](#).



PIE Contact Information

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FRCS Parents In Education

Men's Survey

We want to hear from the men of FRCS! We are looking to find out how men want to be involved. Please take a few minutes to fill out our survey to let us know your thoughts. The survey can be found [here](#) and is completely anonymous so feel free to be as honest as you would like! We look forward to hearing from you 😊

FRCS Family and Staff Survey

PIE would like to know how we are doing. When you have a few moments please take the time to fill out our survey here. If you are a new family to the school we want to hear from you as well! Some questions will give you the opportunity to let us know if you are a "veteran" family or a new family. We appreciate your willingness to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to make PIE a better place for everyone. You can find the survey [here](#).

PIE's Mission

To compliment the school curriculum with opportunities for parents, teachers and students to learn, socialize, communicate and grow.

PIE has the following objectives:

1. To cultivate a strong unity between students, school, and the FRCS community
2. To encourage parent and FRCS community participation and volunteerism in school related activities
3. To serve as a resource for providing educational, enrichment and social programs to students at FRCS
4. To foster communication and understanding between FRCS staff, families, students and the community it serves

PIE meetings are typically held the second Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Media Center. Check the school calendar for exact dates and times. All parents are encouraged to attend (childcare is available). For more information please feel free to contact PIE President, Jennifer Smith at frcspie@comcast.net

If you'd like to make a contribution to our next newsletter or if you would like us to include something in it for you please email us. We are also looking for contributions to post on our website for "My PIE Experience". We would like to hear how PIE has touched your family. It can be anything from having a great time at one of our events to PIE having helped you out in some way. We can keep your contribution anonymous or we can include your name and a photo if you wish. Send us your story via email as well. We look forward to sharing more news with you soon!