

A newsletter

from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

- 20 **May (Wednesday)**
PTO Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 20–21 **May (Wed–Thur)**
Grades 2–4 Play
- 25 **May (Monday)**
SCHOOL CLOSED
Memorial Day
- 28 **May (Thursday)**
MCAS testing period ends
- 1 **June (Monday)**
Town-wide Spring 7/8
Orchestra+Chorus Concert
7 pm Pine Manor
- 2 **June (Tuesday)**
 - PTO Book Fair
 - Town-wide Spring 7/8 Band Concert
 7 pm Pine Manor
- 3 **June (Wednesday)**
 - PTO Book Fair
 - PTO meeting
 7 pm library
- 4 **June (Thursday)**
 - PTO Book Fair
- 4–5 **June (Thu–Fri)**
Grade 8 New York City Trip
- 8 **June (Monday)**
 - Teacher Retirement Party
 - Spring Picnic and Used Book Sale
 5 pm library
- 9 **June (Tuesday)**
 - School Council Meeting
 8 am 2nd floor conf. room
- 11 **June (Thursday)**
(Spring Picnic and Used Book Sale RAIN DATE)

Traditions and Transitions

Last week, I had the pleasure of seeing another unique Lawrence tradition for the first time: the Eighth Grade Digital Portrait Project. Conceived by former Lawrence parents and artists David Leifer and Anne Pfaff, this project enables our eighth graders to create powerful self-portraits. The students first heard David and Anne give a presentation on contemporary self-portraits, including how to make a visual statement by developing a theme and telling a story with imagery. Working in small groups, they then fanned out around the school grounds to take digital photographs. In a second workshop, students worked on laptops and manipulated their images to create stunning and creative portraits. Watch for them on display in the hallway during June!



**Principal's
Corner**

Moving on from Lawrence School to Brookline High School is a major transition for our students (and their families). Tradition and ritual play an essential role in helping prepare for life's transitions. The annual class trip to New York City (June 4–5) is another Lawrence tradition that our students look forward to. And, of course, Eighth Grade Graduation (Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m.) will be a special event. In another wonderful tradition, seventh grade students and parents host a reception for the families of grade eight following graduation.

As we prepare to say good-bye, we also get ready to welcome our next generation. To date, we have 63 incoming Kindergarten students registered. We will greet them and their families on Wednesday, May 13, for a visitation day, the first step of what we hope will be a rich and rewarding journey through Lawrence School.

French philosopher Henri Bergson suggests, "To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself." I look forward to watching our students' continued creation in the years to come.

—Rick Rogers, Principal



MCAS schedule for this week

- May 12 and 13: Grade 3, 5, and 6—Mathematics
- May 14 and 15: Grades 4, 7, and 8—Mathematics
- May 19 and 20: Grade 5 and 8—Science and Technology

Save the Date!

Come to the library on June 8 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. to help the PTO say farewell to two people who have been an integral part of the Lawrence community for many years: Mary Sodano and Kathy Lynch. We'll also say good-bye to other teachers and staff leaving Lawrence this June. (If you'd like to lend a hand with the party, please contact Vicki Skolar at vic skol@yahoo.com or Melanie Marcus at mlmarcus@mindspring.com.) Afterwards, head outside for the Spring Picnic from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (rain date: Thursday, June 11). To help out, contact Nancy Gerber at Antinancy@rcn.com or Sam Whyte at swhyte@rocketmail.com.

