

# The Bear Facts



*The Charlotte A. Dunning School  
community—encouraging active  
learning by recognizing and developing  
the unlimited potential in all*

**May 2012**

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## MAY

- 4** Scrip Gift Card  
Order Form Due
- 5** Spring Fever Fun Fair,  
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- 9** PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,  
Media Center
- 10** Early release, 1:00 p.m.  
Teacher Appreciation  
Luncheon
- 18** Bear Facts Deadline
- 28** NO SCHOOL,  
Memorial Day

## From the Principal's Desk

**“One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.” ~Carl Jung**

As we enter the month of May in all school communities, we immediately come upon the celebration on the calendar which has been designated as “Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week”. I often find it funny that we would need a week designated to do this as I am a firm believer in the fact that this should be an ongoing, regular tradition in all schools. The staff and teachers in our building, along with your children and families, make our days tick. The clock would stop without our teachers.

There are many things that I feel thankful and appreciative for as the principal that has THE best staff that I have ever worked with. Below are just a few:

*I am thankful for the many hours above and beyond our school day that our teachers give to help students for individual tutoring, clubs, and support.*

*I appreciate the way that the staff cares so much about our students, their colleagues, and our school community. Without this primary core value, we wouldn't be able to be where we are now.*

*I thank the staff for showing caring and appreciation for students whose cultures, learning styles, and needs are different from others. All students feel valued and important in our school community.*

*I appreciate my staff for the way they can laugh, cry, smile, and hug in any circumstances. There is no hiding behind any facades and we all know that being ourselves is okay! Our kids see the real people that we are.*

Believe me, these are just a few of the MANY things that come to my mind during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week, and I would ask you to take the time to reflect upon your appreciation for the Dunning staff and how they have made a difference in the lives of your children and families. I am sure they would appreciate hearing that!

Have a lovely May!

Best regards,

Kimberly Taylor  
Principal

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## MCAS Testing Dates for May

### Grades 3 and 5:

**Mon. 5/7 and Weds. 5/9**  
Mathematics

### Grade 4:

**Mon. 5/14 and  
Tues. 5/15**  
Mathematics

### Grade 5:

**Weds. 5/16 and  
Thurs. 5/17**  
Science Technology

### Grades 3-5:

**Fri. 5/18 and Mon. 5/21**  
Math and Science/  
Technology Make-ups

Please encourage your child to get sufficient rest the night before any tests, to eat breakfast, and to extend their best effort. It is strongly discouraged that any appointments or trips be scheduled that may prevent your child from attending school during these times. We appreciate your support.

Also note that it is extremely important that children arrive on time to school each day as testing begins first thing in the morning. Students who are tardy will not be admitted to their classrooms after 9:05 will be scheduled to take a make-up exam.

## PTO President's Report

Hello from the PTO!

April was chock-full of events! Thanks to **Stephanie Nugent** for coordinating two of the fundraisers held this month- Chuck E. Cheese and Barnes & Noble. Both were fun and successful! Thank you also to **Dianne Wolpert**, our outgoing Bingo-for-Books Coordinator, and to **Deb Hurowitz**, our incoming Bingo-for-Books Coordinator, for a great time at this year's last Bingo (held on April 27<sup>th</sup>).

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is May 6-12; please say thank you to all your favorite Dunning teachers! I'm lucky to have had my kids in almost all of the classrooms, and I can honestly say, we are lucky to have such dedicated, creative teachers here at Dunning!

I hope to see everyone at the **next PTO meeting, on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**! Please note: we will be starting it 30 minutes early (at **6:30 p.m.**). Mrs. Taylor will be presenting the school survey results and we will also be voting for the new Executive Board officers.

The following people have been nominated for the '12-'13 Executive Board:

President: Stephanie Nugent  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jodie Simeone  
Treasurer: Rachael Scanlon  
Recording Secretary: Stephanie Ngom

We also have 2 positions available for nomination/election. If you are interested, contact me or another current Board member and we can give you more information:

**Vice-President**— *primary duties include: reviewing the monthly accounts with the Treasurer; putting in permits for events held after school hours; attending a monthly E-Board meeting and the monthly PTO meetings; stepping in to run meetings if the President is unable to.*

**Corresponding Secretary** — *primary duties include: attending a monthly E-Board meeting and the monthly PTO meetings; copying and distributing flyers for backpacks; sending out Google emails to families.*

Lastly, please note that we have moved the last PTO meeting (originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>) to **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Cheers!

Moira LaPointe  
PTO President  
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## A Note From The Main Office: Important Information Needed

If there are any families in Grades K-4 who know that their child or children will not be returning to Dunning School on August 29, 2012, because they are moving out of Framingham or attending private school, please notify Mrs. Heiman in the school office. Thank you for your cooperation!

## News from the Library

It was great to see so many members of the Dunning community, and your support of our school, at the Spring Fling! Thanks to the generous donations made that night, our library will soon own many more new books.

During April, we read entertaining stories that support the social studies, science, math, and language arts curricula. Ask your second, fourth or fifth grader about surprise happenings in *Tadpole's Promise*, by Jeanne Willis and *Tops & Bottoms*, by Janet Stevens. Children in grades Kindergarten and 1 enjoyed Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes. Third graders learned how standard units of measurement came to be, and "which ruler's ruler would rule!" (from *Millions to Measure*, by David M. Schwartz).

Nancy Serkez

Library Assistant

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## Making Reading Connections... To Real Life Situations

"The world's favorite season is the spring.

All things seem possible in May."

- Edwin Way Teale

For many of us, this quote reminds us of how much progress our students have made since we started school last September. With eight months of school over, things that once seemed impossible have been mastered. Students who didn't know the alphabet are reading to their parents. Students who thought reading was boring can't be prided away from *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or *Horrible Harry* or *Time For Kids*. It's a good problem to have!

The ongoing challenge for teachers is to teach the students to decode and comprehend text. The challenge for a parent is to provide a positive role model as an engaged and enthusiastic reader who makes time to read even in the midst of a busy life. In these days of heavily scheduled sports and other extracurricular activities, it may seem that there is no time for independent/practice reading at home for grade school students. However, the only way for students to become better readers is to read, read, read! Reading at home can come in chunks of ten or fifteen minutes two or three times a day and doesn't have to be done at a single session. One of the most important reasons to have students read for longer periods of time is to build reading stamina. For beginning readers, like beginning runners, practice sessions need to build up gradually to the desired length of time or distance. Having some regularly scheduled times each day to read will help provide the structure necessary to support both beginning and extending readers.

This month's Reading Connection talks about summer reading. We will be having a very exciting summer reading challenge that you will be hearing about soon. In the meantime, after reading these Tips for Reading Success during the summer, be sure to talk with your child's teacher about what s/he will need to do during the summer to continue to develop as a reader.

Anne Sullivan

Literacy Specialist

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### Ongoing programs that raise money for Dunning!

#### • Gift Cards (Scrip):

Purchase your gift cards from a huge selection of retailers through Dunning's Scrip program and help earn money for our school. **Groupon gift cards are now available through Scrip!** See the flyer and order form attached to this newsletter for more information. This month's order due date is **May 4<sup>th</sup>**.

#### • GoodSearch & GoodShop:

Help earn money for Dunning every time you search the internet or shop online by using Goodsearch.com and Goodshop.com. Just select "Charlotte A. Dunning Elementary School" where it says "Who Do You Support?". There are many coupons available on the site as well. Sign up for their newsletter on the website and you will receive emails with the latest promotions.

## Care and Share

Dunning really knows how to Care and Share!

During the month of May, we will be collecting cans of **Tuna!**



Help teach your children learn to care about others by sending in a can (or more!) with your child.

Have a great month!

Carol Berlin  
Care and Share Liaison  
Fifth Grade Teacher

## Box Tops and Labels for Education

Congratulations to Mrs. Crosby's Room 12 and Mrs. Gazard's Room 13, our gold medalists for March. This month we got to announce the winners during Community Meeting and the entire school got to give themselves a round of applause. It's been a fabulous Box Tops and Labels for Education year and the community definitely deserves a round of applause.

Labels for Education has a great bonus offer for us this spring. If we increase our total submission by 10%, 25% or 50% over last year, we earn bonus points of 10%, 35%, or 50%. As of April 16<sup>th</sup>, we need less than 300 UPCs to earn the 35% bonus. A list of participating products is included at the back of the Bear Facts. If you buy any of the Labels for Education products, send in the full UPC (not just the point value) or the bottle cap for V-8 bottles as early as you can this month. There is a June 1 deadline and together we can earn the 35% bonus.

Dunning has earned \$1,622 from Box Tops this year. We've earned the second highest amount of all the Framingham schools and are ranked #17 in a 10-mile vicinity. We've moved up the rankings each year and my goal is to get us into the top 10 next school year. We are continuing to collect for the rest of the school year and we'll be doing summer collections too. If you want to find out more about summer specials, please join the Facebook group "Charlotte A. Dunning Box Tops and Labels for Education" Last year, there were a number of contests announced after school ended and it's an easy way for me to notify everyone of special summer contests and promotions.

Donna Taub  
Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education Chair  
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## The Editor's Corner

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month!

Last month, we had an incredibly warm vacation week that allowed everyone to enjoy a host of outdoor activities ranging from bike riding and canoeing to shooting hoops and kicking a ball around. Even taking walks after dinner makes for some good family time and for a hint of exercise. Eating right and getting some exercise at a younger age makes for better habits as we get older. I know we hear it every day, but it's true. Keep a lookout this month for information on Field Day 2012 at Dunning!

In the spirit of a myriad of things, I wanted to take a moment to remember a remarkable woman that I was fortunate enough to work with on the *Bear Facts* and have fun with during the 2010 Spelling Bee. It was exactly a year ago that Sarah Feather passed away after a battle of a lifetime and I am dedicating this newsletter to her, a fellow gym rat and word junkie. I would also like to give a healthy "shout out" to her amazing sons Whit and Avery, and of course, to her husband, Boston Marathon runner, Ed. Honoring and remembering Sarah this May.

Double cheers,

Jody Troderman  
Bear Facts Chair  
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## ~~~~~ Help Wanted! ~~~~~

We have several open Chair and Executive Board positions for the 2012-2013 school year if you're interested in stepping up and getting involved:

### Committee Chair openings:

- Beautification      • Book Fair      • Playground
- Creative Arts      • Hospitality      • Spirit Wear
- Square One Art      • Pasta Dinner\*

\*(Andrea Dunne-Adrian will Co-Chair this event and mentor you.)

Note that all of the above positions can have Co-Chairs.

### Executive Board openings:

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If you are interested in any of the positions above, please email PTO President Moira LaPointe at [moiralapointe@yahoo.com](mailto:moiralapointe@yahoo.com).

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## **PTO Meeting Minutes April 11, 2012**

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Moira LaPointe, PTO President.**

**14 people in attendance.**

**Handouts: Agenda and updated budget**

### **Presidents Report:**

Four people are interested in PTO executive board positions for the 2012-2013 school year. The positions of Corresponding Secretary and Vice President are still open. If anyone is interested in a position please contact a current executive board member.

Moira LaPointe presented a motion to nominate the following individuals for next year's open board positions:

Stephanie Ngom for Recording Secretary. Mara Sherman seconded the motion.

Rachael Scanlon for Treasurer. Kathy Bush seconded the motion.

Jodie Simeone for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Mara Sherman seconded the motion.

Stephanie Nugent for President. Rachael Scanlon seconded the motion.

Next year there are committee chair openings for the following:

Beautification, Playground, Book Fair, Creative Arts, Spirit Wear and Square One Art.

In addition, our Pasta Night coordinator Andrea Dunne-Adrian would like someone to co-chair with her next year.

If anyone is interested in these open positions please contact an executive board member.

### **Principals Report:**

The community school effectiveness survey will close this Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We have 96 returns as of today and this is a 30% return. We have 492 students in the school and 396 families. The goal is for us to receive 100 returns.

Most people responded by saying "always" and "often". 75% or more stated this. For the most part responses are positive.

The most dissatisfied group with the principal is the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Their feedback is generally about long term issues that have been going on. Some of the feedback states they are unhappy about student group punishments and would rather see individual punishments.

The most responses have been received by the 1<sup>st</sup> grade parents.



The purpose of this survey is to get feedback and draw connections.

At our May PTO meeting the survey results will be publicly published and presented.

After school vacation the staff will be participating in an anonymous evaluation regarding the principal.

This year's Kindergarten Expo will be at Framingham High School on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

There will be two Dunning Kindergarten tours on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The first tour will be at 1:30 P.M. and the second at 6:30 P.M.

On Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> there will be no school for the current Kindergarteners and there will be an orientation for the new incoming Kindergarten students.

### **Teachers Report:**

Many field trips are coming up and generally there are quite a few this time of year. We will be using the PTO's money for these trips and the staff is very appreciative of this.

The teacher's are also appreciative of the PTO efforts with the recent auction on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Budget Update:** Treasurer Rachael Scanlon stated that the auction profit numbers are in and it was a great effort and a wonderful evening.

SCRIP program is doing better than projected making \$940 dollars so far this year.

Overall we are doing well and are on track for the year.

### **Committee Updates and information:**

**Hospitality:** Caroline Ferrante is the coordinator. The teacher's appreciation luncheon will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for food donations and a sign-up sheet is being passed around the room this evening.

**Playground:** We currently do not have a committee chairperson. We need a volunteer to oversee the delivery and spreading of mulch. We need to add mulch every other year to maintain the playgrounds safety. In the past, we spent \$4,000 dollars to have mulch delivered. Last time the Building and Grounds department separated the mulch and set it near both playgrounds. As in the past, we would like to then have volunteers spread the mulch. The goal is for this to take place before the school is out for summer vacation.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Events:** Mary Abramson and Kathy Bush are the 5<sup>th</sup> grade liaisons. Bearly-A-Store coordinator Melissa Noah mentioned that the April store date has been changed to May 2<sup>nd</sup> due to a number of field trips. Kathy Bush stated the fifth graders went on a field trip to Drumlin Farm last week and on other dates they saw the Reenactors of the American Revolution and walked the Freedom Trail in Boston. They also recently viewed the Art Quest in school presentation. Mary Abramson mentioned Diane Wolpert will be working with Imprint Express to have the children's tee shirts printed this year. It was decided this evening that they will try on sample shirts in school to determine their correct size.

**Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser:** Stephanie Nugent is the coordinator. The event will take place tomorrow, Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 3 P.M. to 9 P.M. This is an early release school day. Children will all go

home with stickers and information there backpacks. 15% of everything sold will go back to the school. If teacher's come they get a free meal and drink.

**Barnes and Noble fundraiser:** Stephanie Nugent is the coordinator. This event is tentatively scheduled for 3 to 7 P.M. on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be at the Framingham Barnes and Noble bookstore. Mrs. Taylor will read to the children and has helped to get additional volunteer readers.

**School Pictures:** Julie Ferrari is the coordinator. Mara Sherman requested that people who have not returned their children's photos and payments from the spring picture date should please do so.

**Spirit Wear:** Stephanie Ngom is the coordinator. Mara Sherman mentioned that 50 very small tee shirts will be ordered to sell at the upcoming Kindergarten orientation on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Box Tops for Education:** Coordinator Donna Taub mentioned our total this year is 1,750. We already have 150 collected for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Spring Fair:** Tara Brewer is chairperson. She mentioned the event date is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee is hoping for nice weather so the fair can be outside. The inflatables and the D.J. have been booked. House of Dance is coming again this year. The ice cream has been donated by Ben and Jerry's. The Framingham Fire department will be bringing a fire truck. Super Cuts will be working with the children's hair design. She needs volunteers to help with the craft table. Even people for one hour would be helpful. There will also be basket raffles once again. All is going well with the preparations and the event should be lots of fun.

**Spring Fling:** Kathy Bush would like to publically thank chairpersons Mary Abramson, Moira LaPointe and Mara Sherman for their fine efforts coordinating the recent PTO auction.

**The next PTO is on May 9th at 6:30 P.M.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bush



## Framingham Public Schools

**PLEASE COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU ARE REQUESTING  
CHILDCARE (*Baby-Sitter or Daycare*) TRANSPORTATION FOR 2012-2013  
GRADES K - 5 ONLY**

Transportation to childcare is the responsibility of the parent, not the school district. Requests will be reviewed by the Transportation Department. **Please note that childcare transportation may not be available on the first day of school, please plan accordingly.**

**ELIGIBLE RIDER for CHILDCARE TRANSPORTATION:** Home address is ***more than 2 miles*** from the school attending and childcare location is ***more than 2 miles*** from the school attending.

**INELIGIBLE RIDER:** Home address is ***less than 2 miles*** from the school attending. This form may be submitted, however, **it will be reviewed after the placement of all eligible riders.** The childcare location must be ***more than 2 miles*** from the school attending. If transportation is available, the fee is \$270 per child/\$540 family cap.

The child must go to and/or from this location **FIVE days a week**. For the safety of the child, there are **no** exceptions to the five day rule. You will be notified of the acceptance or denial of transportation.

If your childcare arrangements change during the school year and bus transportation is not available to the new location, you will be responsible for providing the transportation.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

School attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in September of 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If your child is to be picked up in the morning at a location other than the home bus stop:**

Name of childcare provider \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address of childcare provider \_\_\_\_\_

**If your child is to be dropped off at the end of the school day at a location other than the home bus stop:**

Name of childcare provider \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address of childcare provider \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to:**

Framingham Public Schools, Parent Information Center  
454 Water Street, Framingham, MA 01701

**DEADLINE — JUNE 15, 2012**

# Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

May 2012

Charlotte A. Dunning School  
Anne Sullivan, Literacy Specialist

## Book



### Read-aloud favorites

#### ■ *Little Owl's Night*

Little Owl is happy in the forest at night. He and his animal friends gaze at the moon and stars. But he's curious about daytime, so one night he tries to stay awake until the sun comes up. Will he get to see what happens when night ends? A cute story by Divya Srinivasan.



#### ■ *Just Behave, Pablo Picasso!*

Jonah Winter's biography will introduce your youngster to a famous painter. But Picasso wasn't always famous. At first, some people didn't like his art because it was different. He kept painting, however, and eventually created a brand-new style called cubism. (Also available in Spanish.)

#### ■ *Cherries and Cherry Pits*

In Vera Williams's book, a little girl loves to write stories about people eating cherries. The fact that they're always spitting out the pits gives her an idea. If she planted the pits and they grew into trees, she'd have enough cherries to share with people all over the world.



#### ■ *My Baseball Book*

How many players are on a baseball team? How many innings do they play? Your child can learn the basics of baseball in this fact book by Gail Gibbons. The simple language and labeled drawings show the parts of a baseball diamond, the rules of the game, and more.



## Summertime is reading time

Whether your youngster is playing with toys, having a picnic, going out, or getting ready for bed, summer is full of opportunities to read. Use these suggestions to keep his skills growing while he's not in school.

### Playtime

Toys and books make a good combination. Try putting transportation storybooks with your child's cars and trucks, or adventure books near his toy figures. He can use his imagination to act out the stories with the toys.



### Mealtime

Stories, like family meals, are perfect for sharing. Carry a bag of books along on a picnic. After you eat, read aloud to your youngster, or let him read to you. You might also read stories that are related to what you eat. For instance, try *Lunch* (Denise Fleming), and then make a fruit salad with ingredients mentioned in the book.

### Activity time

Your child can read on the way to destinations or before you leave the house.

Try a book like *Maisy's Pool* (Lucy Cousins) if you're going swimming, or *Zoom!* (Diane Adams) on the way to a carnival or county fair. When you arrive, your child will be excited to do activities he just read about.

### Bedtime

Youngsters love bedtime rituals, and reading can be the coziest part. Let your child choose favorite stories to read at bedtime. By reading the same ones regularly, he'll soon learn the words. *Tip:* If he has a slightly later bedtime during the summer, have him use that time for reading on his own. ♥

## Hooray for reading!

Does your child love books? Let her share her joy of reading with others. Here's how:

- Suggest that she make a summer reading poster. Offer to take photos of her holding a favorite book in each hand or reading under a tree. Then, she can glue the photos to a poster board and add a slogan like "Reading is cool" or "It's summer! Let's read!" Hang her poster above a bookshelf or in a hallway at home.
- Let your youngster have a book swap party with friends. Each guest can bring several books she has read and leave with a few new ones. *Idea:* Have children come dressed as their favorite book characters—everyone can try to guess who they are. ♥



# Writing every day

Writing a little each day will get your youngster used to putting ideas and information on paper. Consider these quick activities:

- When your child finishes a dot-to-dot picture or a coloring book page, she can practice creative writing by adding a sentence or paragraph that describes it. *Example:* "The fire-breathing dragon was big and fierce."



- Have a written conversation with your youngster by sending notes back and forth to each other. Try to use a few words she's not familiar with so she can learn new ones. *Tip:* Suggest that she have a written conversation with a sibling or friend.

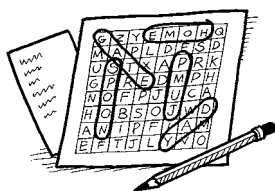
- Ask your child to keep track of something. Say she loves stuffed animals. Let her make a list of all the ones in her room, including the type of animal and color. If she hasn't named them yet, now would be a good time! Or have her inventory your family's movie collection or write the names of all the cities or towns she has visited. ♥

## Fun with Words Word puzzles

Word puzzles can improve your youngster's spelling and vocabulary. Here are two you can make at home.

### Word search

Have your child write down any five words. Then, draw an 8 x 8 grid on a piece of paper. Write the words—down, across, or diagonally—one letter per box. Fill in all the other squares around them with random letters. Let your youngster search for his words and circle them. Next, have him make a word search for you.



## Parent to Parent

### Grocery store reading

Grocery shopping with my twins used to be a chore. Then, one day we saw a mother and two children who seemed to be having fun in the store. I noticed the kids were holding coupons and matching them to products on the shelves. I decided to try that with my girls.

The next time we went to the store, I gave each of my children a plastic bag with 10 coupons for items we needed to buy. I told them to read the coupons and try to find the items as we went up and down the aisles. Before I knew it, they were reading words like "family size," "waffles," and "paper towels." As they found each item, they handed the coupon to me and put the product in our cart.

Now we play this reading game every time we go grocery shopping. The trips are a little more fun, and the girls are learning to read more words. ♥



### Cryptogram

Ask your child to write the alphabet across the top of a sheet of paper. Below each letter, he can write a number, 1–26 (A = 1, B = 2, and so on). Take turns thinking of a word (*park*) and writing the corresponding numbers (16, 1, 18, 11). The other person has to use the code to figure out the word. ♥

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To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's reading, writing, and language skills.

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## Teacher appreciation

**Q** My son wants to give his teacher an end-of-year gift that shows what she has taught him. Any ideas?

**A** A handwritten, homemade gift is a nice way for your child to express appreciation for a good school year.

You might suggest that he write a poem about his favorite subject. He can mention characters from books or facts about explorers or inventors. Or he could write a nature poem and draw pictures of seeds,

flowers, trees, and rocks that he learned about. If your youngster isn't writing much on his own yet, let him dictate what he wants to say. After you write it, he can copy it in his own handwriting.

A more experienced writer might make an alphabet book. Have him put one letter on every page and write and illustrate a memory from the year for each letter. *Example:* "A is for the apple orchard where we had our field trip. B is for the Berenstain Bears books we read." ♥





## A Living History Civil War Encampment – May 4-6

You won't want to miss the Living History Civil War Encampment on Framingham's Center Common (Village Green). Beginning on Friday afternoon Union and Confederate soldiers will be setting up their camps and getting their campfires going...

Friday evening at 7:00 pm storyteller and folk musician Bill Wellington will be performing "Uncle Tom's Cabin – the Book That Destroyed Slavery in America" at the Edgell Memorial Library. Bill is a Framingham native and a favorite among those who have seen him perform. The performance is \$5.00 per person and this admission buys



you a collectible Civil War encampment button.

This button can be used for the rest of the weekend to access programs in the Framingham History Center buildings surrounding the Centre Common. To reserve seats, email [Charlene@framinghamhistory.org](mailto:Charlene@framinghamhistory.org) or drop by the Edgell Memorial Library at 3 Oak St, and purchase your button in advance.

Camp opens again on Saturday at 9:00 am with drills and demonstrations. Children can participate in activities around the firing of the 5<sup>th</sup> Mass Battery cannon at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm on Saturday and at 1:00 pm on Sunday. The blacksmith will need help pumping the bellows for his forge as he demonstrates the manufacture of items needed on the battlefield.

Throughout the weekend President Lincoln, Julia Ward Howe and Framingham's General George Gordon and other dignitaries will be strolling the grounds available for conversation or a photo. Children can join in the wash and wax of the Civil War soldier on Saturday at 12:30 and the Ice Cream Social that follows.

Don't miss this opportunity for an experience your family will never forget!

To see a full schedule of events and descriptions of activities go to [www.framinghamhistory.org](http://www.framinghamhistory.org)

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Purchase your **gift cards** from a huge selection of retailers through Dunning's Scrip program and a portion of your purchase will be donated to Dunning by the retailers.

You can also use gift cards for your daily shopping needs at supermarkets, drug stores, coffee shops and restaurants. An order form is on the back of this flyer.

Please send in your order in your child's folder or place in the Scrip mail slot in the school office by **Friday May 4th**. Orders received by May 4<sup>th</sup> will be ready for pickup by **Wed. May 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Next month's order due date will be **Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>** and those orders will be available for pick up by Wed. June 13<sup>th</sup>. Additional order dates can be added upon request.

Questions? Contact Carol Parga at 508-877-2106 or [carol\\_parga@harvard.edu](mailto:carol_parga@harvard.edu)



# GIFT CARD (SCRIP) ORDER FORM 2012

Last/First Name (of adult): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cert /Check#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL# (Weekend): \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Dunning PTO to: \_\_\_\_\_ a. I will PICK-UP at Dunning School Office (on Friday from 3 – 5 pm)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ b. Please MAIL in my self-addressed STAMPED ENVELOPE\*

\*I agree that Dunning PTO will not be held accountable for lost or stolen certificates occurring during the transportation of said certificates to me. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in quantities & dollar amount. <b>Make checks payable to: <u>Dunning PTO</u></b> Orders in by Friday at 3 p.m. will be ready the following Fri.					<b>Order drop off deadline: Friday 3 p.m.</b> at Dunning School Office. Place orders in “Scrip” mail slot in office or send in your child’s folder in envelope labeled “Scrip Order”				
	%	#	Amt	\$		%	#	Amt	\$
AMC Theatres	7%		\$25		Marshalls	7%		25/100	
Aeropostale	7%		\$25		Michaels	4%		\$25	
Applebee’s	8%		\$25/50		Olive Garden/Red Lobster/Longhorn	9%		\$25	
Barnes & Noble	9%		\$10/20		Panera Bread	9%		\$10/25	
Barnes & Noble	9%		25/100		Sears	4%		25/100	
Bath & Body Works	13%		\$10/25		Six Flags One-Day Admission	8%		\$32	
Bed Bath & Beyond	7%		\$25		Sports Authority	8%		25/100	
Best Buy	3%		25/100		Staples	5%		25/100	
Chili’s	11%		\$25		Star Market & Shaws	4%		25/100	
CVS (pharmacy included)	6%		25/100		Starbucks	7%		\$10/25	
Dick’s Sporting Goods	8%		25/100		Stop & Shop	4%		25/100	
Dunkin Donuts	4%		\$10		T.J. Maxx	7%		25/100	
GAP/Banana Republic/Old Navy	14%		\$25		T.G.I. Friday’s	9%		\$25	
Groupon.com	7%		\$25		Target	2%		25/100	
Home Depot	5%		25/100		The Children’s Place	12%		\$25	
iTunes	5%		\$15/25		Walgreen’s	6%		25/100	
JC Penney	6%		25/100		Wal-Mart	2%		25/100	
Jiffy Lube	11%		\$30		<b><u>OTHER – Write In:</u></b>				
Jo-Ann Fabrics	6%		\$25						
Kohl’s	4%		25/100						
Lands End	16%		25/100						
Legal Sea Foods	13%		\$25						
L.L. Bean	15%		25/100						
Lowe’s Home Improvement	4%		25/100						
Macy’s	10%		25/100		<b>TOTAL OF ORDER =</b>				

99 Restaurants-\$25; Ace Hardware-\$25/100; Aeropostale - \$25; AMC Single Admiss-\$9 50.; Amazon-\$25/100; American Eagle Outfitters-\$25; American Express \$25/100; Avis-\$50; Bass Pro Shops-\$25/100; Bertucci’s - \$25; Bloomingdales-\$25/100; Body Shop -\$25; Boston Market-\$10; Brooks Brothers - \$25; Brueger’s Bagels-\$10; Budget -\$50; Build-A-Bear-\$25; Burger King-\$10; California Pizza Kitchen-\$10; Carnival Cruises-\$100; Casual Male-\$25; Celebrity Cruise-\$100; Cheesecake Factory-\$25; Christmas Tree Shop - \$25/100; Chuck E Cheese-\$10; Claire’s-\$10; Crate ‘n Barrel-\$25/100; Dave & Busters-\$25; Disney-\$25/100/1000; Domino’s-\$10; Dream Dinners - \$75; Dress Barn-\$25; Eddie Bauer-\$25; Express-\$25; Exxon/Mobil-\$50/\$250; Finishline-\$25; Foot Locker -\$25; GameStop/EBGames-\$25; Gift Card Wrappers-\$2; GNC-\$25; Guitar Center-\$25; Gulf-\$25; Hallmark Store-\$25; Hard Rock Café-\$25; Harry&David-\$25; HomeGoods - \$25; Honey Baked Ham-\$10; Hyatt-\$50/100; J Crew-\$25; J Jill-\$25; KFC-\$5; Kmart-\$25/50; Limited-\$25; Lord & Taylor-\$25; Marriott -\$50/100/500; Men’s Wearhouse-\$25; Nike-\$25; Office Depot-\$25/100; Office Max-\$25/100; Old Country Buffet-\$25; Omaha Steaks-\$25; Outback Steakhouse-\$25; Overstock.com-\$25; Panera Bread-\$10/25; Payless-\$20; PF Changs-\$25; Petsmart-\$25; Pier 1-\$25; Pizza Hut-\$10; Pizzeria Uno-\$25; Pottery Barn -\$25/100; Qdoba Mexican Grill-\$25; Radio Shack-\$25; Rainforest Café-\$25; Red Robin- \$25; Regal Single Ticket-\$9.50; Regis Salons-\$25; REI- \$25; Restaurant.com - \$20; Restoration Hardware (no on-line)-\$25; Rite Aid-\$25; Ritz-Carlton-\$50; Rock Bottom Brew-\$25; Ruby Tuesday-\$25; Shell Gas-\$25/50/100; Shutterfly-\$25; Subway -\$10/50; Sunglass Hut-\$25; Sunoco-\$50/\$250; Supercuts-\$25; Talbots-\$25; Texaco-\$25; The Container Store-\$25/100; Toys ‘R Us- \$20; Uno’s Chicago Grill/Pizzeria Uno’s-\$25; Wendy’s-\$10; Whole Foods - \$25/100; Williams-Sonoma - \$25/100; Zappos.com-\$25 on-line only

**For a complete listing of merchants and additional info, check out: [www.framingham.k12.ma.us/dunning.cfm](http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/dunning.cfm) and click on the link for Scrip**  
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Just select "Charlotte A Dunning Elementary School" where it says "Who Do You Support?" and then proceed with your shopping!

## **Dunning School Logo Wear Order Form**

**SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.**


**ALL ORDERS ARE FINAL**

**Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. You will be contacted if your item is no longer available.**




**Please return form in an envelope labeled: "PTO Box: Spirit Wear" with a check made out to "Dunning PTO"**

**For questions, please contact Stephanie Ngom at townemgom@yahoo.com**



### **ADULT SIZES**

Item	Picture	Description	Price	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total
1		Adult Full Zip Sweatshirts Navy Blue with a White Imprint	\$30.00	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
2		Adult Short Sleeve Shirt Navy Blue with a White Imprint	\$12.00				N/A		

### **YOUTH SIZES**

Item	Picture	Description	Price	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total
3		Youth Short Sleeve Shirt Navy Blue with a White Imprint	\$12.00					N/A	
4		Youth Short Sleeve Shirt Navy Blue with a White Imprint	\$12.00	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
5		Youth Long sleeve Shirt Navy Blue with a White Imprint	\$15.00	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
6		Youth Baseball Hats Navy Blue with a White Imprint	\$8.00	ONE SIZE FITS ALL					

### **NOVELTY ITEMS**

Item	Picture	Description	Price	Quantity	Total
7		Water Bottles Blue with a White Imprint	\$5.00		
8		Car Magnet White with Blue Imprint	\$4.00		

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS ROOM # / TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # : \_\_\_\_\_



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## **"Support Our Fundraiser!**

As a way to target the problem of lost belongings and a large lost and found closet, Charlotte A. Dunning PTO is fundraising with **Mabel's Labels**, a company with all types of labels that are colourful, indestructible, easy-to-use and fun!

Iron-Ons, Stickies, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more! Personalize your labels with names, nicknames, initials - whatever you choose. Cool icons help even little ones identify their own belongings. Dishwasher, microwave, laundry & kid tested! Dispatched within 24 hours!

Visit [www.charlottedunning.mabel.ca](http://www.charlottedunning.mabel.ca) to place your order while helping our fundraiser!"

## **"About Mabel's Labels!**

We are moms who were frustrated by the amount of stuff that left our houses, never to return. After lots of research and testing we created the perfect fun, durable labels for the stuff kids lose!

Our sticky labels and clothing labels, which are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe, are not only practical, but also designed to be very special to each child. The labels are customized with a child's name, favourite mix of colours and an icon (animal, symbol, etc.). We have also expanded our product line to include personalized stationery products, ID wristbands and household labels."

We strive to continuously design innovative labels for babies, kids and grown-ups alike. You'll be amazed at what you can label!"



**Breakfast**  
Full Paid \$1.50  
Reduced \$.30

**Lunch**  
Full Paid \$2.50



Friday

Thursday

WHOLE WHEAT  
BAGEL PIZZA  
MIXED GREENS SALAD  
TUNA SALAD IN  
WHOLE WHEAT ROLL  
MINSTRONE SOUP  
FRESH OR CANNED FRUIT  
VEGETABLE STICKS

SICILIAN STYLE  
NORTH END PIZZA  
MIXED GREENS SALAD  
TUNA SALAD IN  
WHOLE WHEAT ROLL  
MINESTRONE SOUP  
FRESH OR CANNED FRUIT  
VEGETABLE STICKS

WHOLE WHEAT  
FRENCH BREAD PIZZA  
MIXED GREENS SALAD  
TUNA SALAD IN  
WHOLE WHEAT ROLL  
MINESTRONE SOUP  
FRESH OR CANNED FRUIT  
VEGETABLE STICKS

SICILIAN STYLE  
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