



### Falcons Capture League Soccer Championship

Our students not only continue to excel in the classroom, but they also are helping to shape a very successful athletic program here at FRCS. The Falcons soccer team impressively captured the Charter School Association championship, defeating Prospect Hill Academy 3-1. Nick Champagne, adding to his league high scoring title, by netting all 3 goals. Marc Carpino, the league's best keeper, provided another excellent effort in net.

The semifinal game against Community Charter School was an emotional and lengthy back and forth effort. Tied at the end of regulation, 0-0, the teams went through two rounds of penalty kicks with still no winner. The teams then went to a sudden death period with Elise Procope scoring the winning goal.

Congratulations to Coach Bonnie Donahue and her team of champions!

*Falcons Varsity:*

- Nick Champagne
- Breanna Lombardi
- Bonnie Donahue
- Brian Francois
- Jeannot Pierre
- Jordan Simon
- Justin Haffermehl
- Robert Heaton
- Tom Ellis
- Marc Carpino
- Chris Johnson
- Elise Procope

*Falcons Junior Varsity:*

- Melissa Woodman
- Vanessa Lubiner
- Ben Tansi
- Wesley Evans
- Alexa Kozak
- Daria Bahdanava
- Donovan McAuliffe
- Zack Pina
- Carrie Long
- Patrice Nevil
- Dylan Delisme

### Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

For the second year in a row, the 6th grade participated in "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" as an ongoing community service project for the month of October. Through donations large and small, we raised \$256.41!! Here's an idea of just how significant this contribution is:

- 6 cents provides water for a thirsty child
- \$1 immunizes a child against measles
- \$2 provides nutrition for three hungry children
- \$176 buys school supplies for 80 children

Thank you to our entire 6th grade for being so generous. Also, a big thank you to our wonderful 6th grade teacher team for all of their efforts: Amanda Carey, Kristine Flint, Valerie Souza, and Robyn Wood.

### Regional Task Force Established to Communicate Student and School Successes

We are working with the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association to create a regional network of parent advocates. This "communications" team is being established to easily mobilize other parents, community members, and business leaders throughout our region to write letters to local newspapers/media outlets, to communicate with local and state officials, to rally on the State House steps/offices, and to advocate for the charter school movement given their own successes at our school.

Our communications plan will be based upon a very successful model developed originally for Boston-based charter schools. The parent leader for that group will be meeting with our task force here at the school this month to conduct a "training" program, so we are effectively and efficiently creating and implementing a plan.

Our team currently consists of Heidi Berkowitz, LeeAnn Cerretani, Dr. Jim Green, and me. As this effort becomes more formalized, we will seek other members to join and help coordinate our outreach plan.

### School Expansion Project and Communications Plan Moves Forward

This week, we continued with our in-house plan to update students on the expansion project. I met with the 8th graders to highlight the plan and will continue to do grade-level updates so our students are well-informed about the upcoming significant school improvements.

Also this week, members of the Facilities Committee and other interested parties were given a presentation by the project architects, viewing the most recent design and providing valuable input to the process.

Next week, we'll have a new page on our website, allowing you to read and view updates of the project. Please check out the architect's feasibility study and draft design schematic as the first online reports.

Once a contractor and manager have been selected for the construction and renovation of the school, we will begin a more formal communications plan to keep everyone updated. This will be done through Digest updates, the website, and an open house series. As always, stay tuned!

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