

"I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed." - Michael Jordan

FRCS Lady Falcons Repeat as Charter League State Basketball Champions!

The FRCS Lady Falcons dominated top-seeded Prospect Hill Academy (PHA) Wizards in last Sunday's 30 – 21 final playoff game. For the second year in row, the Lady Falcons came away with the grand prize.

Holly Gantor was named tournament MVP, and named to the All-tournament team with teammate Elise Precope. The Falcons finished the season 18 - 2 overall. The Falcons record for the last three years is 52 – 9. Please congratulate the members of the girls squad for an excellent season. Way to go!

In boys action last Friday night, the FRCS Falcons ended the season in defeat to PHA. The team worked extremely hard against the top-ranked Wizards closing the gap at the end, but not close enough to take the lead. Give those boys a big hand for all their hard work this season!

Finally, the cheerleading squad performed in the Showcase on Saturday to a packed house. The girls were amazing as they executed their new dance routine. Congratulations on an exceptional season!

Dori Rogers, FRCS 7th Grader, and Her Team Earn Gold Medal at National Skating Competition

Dori Rogers was honored to compete with her juvenile synchronized skating team, the Colonials, in the March 4-7 U.S. Synchronized Skating Team Championships in Portland Maine. Her team placed third (bronze medal) in the nationwide competition.

This caps off a successful skating season that also included a second place finish in the Eastern Sectional competition. Since last May, Dori and her teammates trained diligently with twice a week practices to prepare for this season-ending event.

Dori's team has 20 skaters that perform intricate formations (moving circles, spinning wheels, intersections) where the goal is for each skater to blend perfectly with all the other skaters in complete unison. Synchronized Skating is crowd pleasing to watch and popular with skaters. Congratulations Dori on your commitment, hard work, and impressive accomplishment!

FRCS Teams Already Preparing for June Relay for Life to Raise Money and Awareness for Cancer Research

On June 19, 2009, the Relay for Life for Greater Foxboro will be held at the Ahern Middle School track in Foxboro. We again will be sponsoring teams and providing volunteers to make this year the best ever. In addition, our June Spirit Day donations will be dedicated to the Relay and the wonderful work accomplished by the American Cancer Society.

If you would like to sponsor a team, please email me or stop by the front office. Information packets and coordinating forms are now available. Thank you for your support!

Friends of FRCS Foundation Formally Established to Advance School Educational Endeavors

This has been a very busy year for the *Friends of Foxborough Regional Charter School Foundation*. Most of the work has been behind the scenes and has been focused on the application process and other activities including defining the mission, purpose and goals.

The Foundation is a separate entity than the school and has its own Board. Currently, the *Friends* Board is made up of Lori Rudd, Kathleen Crawford, Cindy McGinty and myself. We are currently working on ways to strategically build the board with members who have strong fundraising experience and financial network connections.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Friends of Foxborough Regional Charter School Foundation is to aid and benefit the school in the advancement of its educational purposes. The Foundation does so through the solicitation of gifts of real or personal property from individuals, organizations, corporations, and other entities.

The Development Office is responsible for coordinating all fundraising and communication activities on behalf of the school. The Development office is responsible to:

1. Organize and manage an effective program of private gift support from friends, businesses, alumni, and other organizations and foundations
2. Approve all fundraising activities by any organization whose primary purpose is to raise funds for the benefit of a Foxborough Regional Charter School group or by any organization that uses Foxborough Regional Charter School's name and/or facilities for the purpose of fundraising
3. Keep accurate records and reports of all gifts to the school.

Goal:

The primary goal of the Friends of Foxborough Regional Charter School is to diversify funding to ensure the School's long-term financial stability by raising funds from corporations, foundations, and individuals. Fundraising campaigns are designed to secure private support for the school's goals including but not limited to:

- Funding for facility needs
- Funding and expansion of FRCS programs and initiatives
- Strengthening FRCS technology
- Building a strong, enduring base of unrestricted support

Objective:

Development involves those activities by which an organization promotes, advances and fulfills its mission. While Development involves every aspect of an organization's operations - from communications to program delivery - the primary activity is fundraising. The Foxborough Regional Charter School's fundraising capacity relies upon:
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- The school's unique Mission and competitive strategic position
- The school's demonstrated effectiveness in fulfilling its mission and delivering its core competencies
- The active leadership and involvement of its Board
- Its capacity to successfully implement and maintain the activities funded

School Fundraising Plan:

Annual Appeal

Each year the Foundation will work with the school Administration and Board to identify priority projects that will benefit from the annual appeal. A school wide campaign will then be launched to fund the identified project(s). The appeal will be delivered through mail to parents, vendors, alumni and community members and will also be announced and supported on the school's website.

Signature Events

Two annual events will be held to raise money for specifically identified projects. The projects will be determined at the beginning of each year as part of the overall fundraising plan. Planning and communication for these events must be approved by the Development office. In addition, all solicitation for sponsors and donors must also be coordinated through the Development office.

Grants/ Foundations

The Foundation will research, identify and write competitive federal grant applications that will fund school wide initiatives.

Sponsors/Donors

The Foundation is responsible for the cultivation and solicitation of donors and sponsors. All record keeping, tracking and reporting must be coordinated through the Development office. Donors and sponsors for school-wide events will be tracked through the school based database and available to school group supporters on an as needed basis. Requests to solicit any sponsorship or donations for any/all events and or activities that support the school, must be coordinated through the Development office.

Capital Campaign

The Foundation will be responsible for overseeing an organized drive to collect and accumulate substantial funds to finance major needs of an organization such as a building or major repair project.

In addition to the Foundation, which focuses on large whole school capital projects, we have 3 parent groups, independent of the Foundation, whose goals are to support families and the school.

Parents in Education (PIE)

PIE provides our families with many social and cultural events throughout the year. Its sole purpose and role is to support the goals of the administration and teachers through coordination of programming that enriches the student experience. Some of the ways that PIE supports our students and families include:

- The Arts in Education program that enriches the curriculum
- Family Dances and social events for K-5

- An annual Book Fair
- An annual Holiday Fair
- A staff appreciation luncheon in the spring
- An annual end of year picnic

Special Education Parent Action Committee (SEPAC)

The mission of the PAC is to work toward the understanding of, respect for, support and appropriate education for all children with special needs in the school.

SEPAC's goals are to:

- Provide a network of support for parents, including access to relevant information, training and emotional support.
- Encourage an atmosphere of open communication, understanding and mutual respect among all students, parents and the community at large
- Collaborate with the parent teacher groups, school councils and other school organizations towards the betterment of education in the FRCS community
- Stay current on public policy issues which impact all education in Massachusetts and respond as necessary.

Scholarship, Grant and Memorial Program

The Scholarship Committee provides college scholarships to graduating seniors and grant funding to classroom teachers to enrich their curriculum. Its sole purpose/role is to provide monetary support and recognition based on merit/achievement.

The scholarships include:

Michael G. McGinty Memorial Scholarship - Honoring the life of Foxborough resident Michael G. McGinty who died in the Twin Towers on 9/11, this scholarship recognizes an outstanding commitment to service within school and community.

Olivia Robyn Wood Memorial Scholarship - Honoring the life of former student Olivia Robyn Wood who enjoyed the arts, this scholarship acknowledges distinction in English and writing, and exceptional dedication to dance, drama, music, or sport.

The PIE Scholarship - Created to assist a promising student who can demonstrate both the need for financial assistance and a strong potential for success in attaining their continuing education goals.

FRCS Memorial Scholarship - Created to honor the senior who best exemplifies the core beliefs upon which the Foxborough Regional Charter School was founded, this scholarship is dedicated to the memory of departed members of the FRCS community.

FRCS Teacher Grant - The teacher grant is a grant that is awarded for fees and/or materials associated with instruction and assessment focused on improving and enhancing the classroom environment.

Each of these organizations does a wonderful job supporting and engaging families in activities that have made us the strong community we have become over the past 11 years. Please watch for additional information in the coming weeks about the Foundation and it's upcoming plans and activities.