

August 28, 2008

Hi everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are ready for the exciting start of the new school year!

In addition to this letter serving as a “welcome” to new families and a “welcome back” to our veteran families, I want to give you a few updates on the many happenings here at FRCS this summer. We have been actively working and preparing for a successful 2008-2009 school year since June. A few of these summer highlights include the following:

- We have been interviewing for several vacant and new positions. I am pleased to announce that we have hired many impressive and talented faculty/staff members to join our team. They come to FRCS with diverse educational and professional backgrounds. The new staff participated in our New Staff Induction program this month and joined the entire staff during orientation this past week. Throughout the upcoming year, I will introduce you to them in the Director’s Digest.
- We have spent the past 18 months working diligently to develop a comprehensive expansion project which is both fiscally and educationally sound. As you know, the financial marketplace has been quite unpredictable lately, which has resulted in a slight delay in our project. While we still plan to break ground on this exciting plan this year, it will not occur during the first term.

Please know that this delay is in no way related to the school’s financial health or to any issues with the construction designs. We have simply been impacted by unfortunate timing in the national marketplace which we expect to be remedied for our project in the next few months. I will provide more information during the start of school.

- Given fuel costs and the convenience of the regional bus program, we have continued with our plan to expand our transportation service for families throughout our district. This summer we awarded the contract through a formal bid process to Vendetti Motors, Inc. Also, as a result of the delay in the construction project, the shuttle bus program is currently on hold. Please note that parking, drop off, and pick up procedures will remain as previously conducted.
- Technology! We have purchased 80 computers and will be installing them over the next several weeks. We are also in the process of re-imaging all staff computers and adding Microsoft Office 2007 and Adobe Master Suite to all. We have also purchased and installed a new file server and new mail server which will greatly assist in a more efficient and powerful network.
- Finally, please find enclosed in this information packet, the following items:
 - September 2008 Lunch Menu
 - MassHealth Eligibility and Registration Form
 - Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application
 - Internet Use Policy for Foxborough Regional Charter School Student
 - 2008-2009 Student/Family Handbook

As always, please check the website, www.foxboroughrcs.org, for updates, information, and copies of the above-mentioned forms, including the “Do Not Photo” request form, Carpool forms, and PIE information.

That’s it for now! I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer, and I look forward to working with all of you for a very productive and successful school year!

Sincerely,

Mark Logan
Executive Director