



# CROCKER CHRONICLES

September 28, 2012

Dear Crocker Farm Families,

Happy autumn! As the trees begin to shine their red and orange hues, we are nestling into the flow of school routines. Last week we experienced a few noteworthy events for the 2012 – 2013 school year, including Curriculum Night and our Welcome Back Assembly.

We were very excited that so many families joined us for Curriculum Night! It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet with so many parents and share insight into the daily lives of their child. If you were not able to attend Curriculum Night, please be sure to take the time to connect with your child's teacher to hear ways for you to support your child's learning. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

The focus of the welcome back assembly was our school motto **CARE** and this year's common read aloud, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. Sixth grade students led Crocker Farm through a video speech presented by the author, William Kamkwamba. The Crocker Farm Chorus then led the audience in two songs that encouraged our core values of cooperation, accountability, respect, and empathy (**CARE**).

We are off to a super start to the school year. Please remember, there is no school on Columbus Day, Monday, October 8 and that Picture Day is Thursday, October 11. Look for more information coming soon.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Foley

Co-Principal



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28 de septiembre 2012

Queridas Familias de Crocker Farm,

¡Feliz Otoño! Mientras que las tonalidades anaranjadas y rojas en las hojas de los arboles comienzan a brillar, nosotros nos estamos integrando al flujo de las rutinas escolares. La semana pasada ocurrieron un par de eventos dignos de mencionar, la Noche de Currículo y nuestra Asamblea de Bienvenida para el año escolar 2012-2013.

¡Nos entusiasmó poder ver a todas las familias que se unieron a nosotros para la Noche de Currículo! Fue maravilloso tener la oportunidad de poder compartir con tantos padres y de ponerlos al día con respecto a la vida escolar diaria de sus niños. Si usted no tuvo la oportunidad de asistir a la Noche de Currículo por favor tome el tiempo de ponerse en contacto con el maestro de su niño para poder aprender maneras en las que usted puede brindar apoyo a su aprendizaje. Les queremos dar las gracias a todos los padres que pudieron asistir a la actividad.

El objetivo de la Asamblea de Bienvenida fue nuestro lema "CARE" y la lectura en común de este año fue, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. Los estudiantes de sexto grado dirigieron a Crocker Farm a través de un discurso en video presentado por el autor, William Kamkwamba. Luego el Coro de Crocker Farm presentó a la audiencia dos canciones que fomentaban nuestros valores principales que son la cooperación, la responsabilidad, el respeto y la empatía (CARE).

Estamos en dirección a un excelente comienzo del año escolar. Por favor recuerde, que no hay escuela el lunes, 8 de octubre, Día de la Raza. Además el jueves, 11 de octubre es el día para tomar las fotos de los estudiantes. Más información a venir.

Cordialmente,

Anne Marie Foley

Co-Principal

# ACHIEVEMENT, DIVERSITY & COMMUNITY

**Interim Co-Principals:** Derek Shea & Anne Foley

**Message from the PGO:**

There are two ways to register for the Crocker Farm directory.

1. By going to the hyperlink <http://tinyurl.com/btmt3gn>. (the process will only take about 2 minutes)
2. Completing the enclosed form.

**Safety:**

- **Entering the building** - Please enter and exit through the main entrance during the school hours, 8:30-3:05. **All exits excluding the main entrance will be locked.**
- **Visitor's Pass:** All visitors/parents entering the building are required to stop into the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass. Do not go directly to your child's room. We will be happy to assist you.
- **Bus Pass/:** If your child will be taking an alternate route home, please send a note to inform the teacher/office otherwise they will go home their regularly scheduled route. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please call the office by **12:00 pm** to make any other changes in student's transportation plans to avoid delays or errors in dismissal. Thank you!



**Absence Notification:** Parent/Guardians are required to call the absence line at (413) 362-1659 by 9:00 am if your child will not be in school. Illness, bereavement, family emergencies, are considered excused absences. All other absences are unexcused unless cleared with the administration.

**School Cancellation:** Please call the school cancellation line at (413) 362-1898 in the event of inclement weather conditions.

**Tardy:** School begins at 8:40 am. If you child is tardy to school, please have him/her stop by the main office for a pass before going to their classrooms.

**School hours:** School begins at 8:40 am and ends at 3:00 pm. **\*\*Except on WEDNESDAYS school ends at 1:20 pm.\*\***

**Visiting days:** No visiting day in September. October visiting day – Tuesday.

**LSSE Afterschool Program:**

Afterschool Director – Grace Marczuk  
LSSE Main Office – (413) 259-3065  
Direct Line – (413) 259-3177  
On-site phone number- (413) 325-3155  
Email – [Marczukg@amherstma.gov](mailto:Marczukg@amherstma.gov)

**Chronicles online consent:** If you are not receiving the Chronicles online, and would like to, please email Georgia Malcolm at [malcolmg@arps.org](mailto:malcolmg@arps.org) along with your name, child's name, teacher and grade level.

**Lunch Payments:** Please make checks payable to Amherst School Lunch Program or register to make online payments at <https://www.mynutrikids.com/Login.aspx>

**Allergy Precautions:** Our school community is trying to attain a fragrance free zone. We are asking everyone to consider those individuals in our community who have breathing issues, which may be triggered by perfumes. This is especially important when one meet in crowded venues (such as on Curriculum Night), or in enclosed spaces (such as parent conferences). Thank you for your help in making our community a comfortable experience for everyone.

**Crocker Farm Elementary      280 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002      (413) 362-1600(Ph)      (413) 256-0835 (Fax)**

# 10.1.12

## **BLUE SHIRT DAY™**

An Initiative of  
**STOMP Out Bullying™**



[www.stompoutbullying.org](http://www.stompoutbullying.org)

**World Day of  
Bullying Prevention**

MEAD ART MUSEUM | AMHERST COLLEGE

# The Haunted Museum

A FREE Family Fun Day at the Mead



\*Not a school sponsored event

**Saturday, October 13, 11:00AM-3:00PM**

Halloween-themed activities for all ages:  
spooky "candlelit" tours, creepy scavenger hunts, mask making,  
pumpkin painting, not-scary storybooks for little ones,  
and cider and donuts!

**ADMISSION TO THE MEAD IS ALWAYS FREE**

The Mead is located on the Amherst College campus at the intersection of Routes 9 & 116.  
Look for the tall, gray, stone steeple in the center of campus. Campus parking is free on weekends.

**[WWW.AMHERST.EDU/MEAD](http://WWW.AMHERST.EDU/MEAD)**

## *The Enchanted Forest: "50 Something"*

### *A Non-scary Halloween Event*

*Friday & Saturday, October 19 & 20, 5 – 8:30pm*

*Come to the Enchanted Forest for a magical treat. Creatures emerge along pumpkin lit trails through the woods to share their stories. This year's theme is "50 Something" in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You may meet a spotted salamander with 50 spots or a 50-year-old turtle. Fun for all ages. Registration required.*

*Call early as this event fills fast! 413-256-6006*

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# Full Moon Girls



**Mentoring Tomorrow's Empowered Women.**



A weekly program for girls who:

- ❏ Explore wild nature
- ❏ Make trusting relationships
- ❏ Sing and write songs
- ❏ Play a wide variety of games
- ❏ Learn from fun, inspiring mentors
  
- ❏ Challenge yourself
- ❏ Make herbal remedies
- ❏ Light fires by friction
- ❏ Track wild animals
- ❏ Harvest edible plants
- ❏ Caretake the forest

**Dates:** Fridays, October - May\* (calendar on web)

**Schedule:** 9:30am-3:30pm plus 2 overnights

**Location:** Brook's Bend Farm in Montague, MA

**Cost:** \$1300-1950 sliding scale; scholarships available

**Serving:** Teen girls ages 12-16 in Aurelia Moons

**!! NEW !!**

Girls ages 9-11 in Naia Moons.



To register call the VWS office: 802.257.8570 \* half year option  
Dhyana Miller & Louisa Pugh welcome you to Full Moon Girls 2012-13!  
Not a school sponsored event

**[www.VermontWildernessSchool.org](http://www.VermontWildernessSchool.org)**

# SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 11-12, 2013 | UMass Amherst

*The Rudd Adoption Research Program at the University of Massachusetts  
presents the 5th Annual New Worlds of Adoption Conference:*

## "Contact Between Adoptive and Birth Families: What Works?"

Growing numbers of adoptions involve some form of contact between the child's adoptive family and birth relatives. This has become especially common in domestic infant adoptions, but it is also a key consideration in adoptions from the public child welfare system, and increasingly in international adoptions. This year's "New Worlds of Adoption" conference will highlight research-based practice and policy relating to contact between a child's birth and adoptive families.

### Topics discussed will include:

- How do children with different histories and in different adoption arrangements experience contact?
- What is known about longer term benefits and risks?

**October 1** - Call for Presentations and Posters

**December 3** - Registration Opens

**January 14** - Presentation and Poster Submissions Due

*\*The conference has expanded to two days to accommodate this multifaceted topic. CEUs will be available.*

STAY UPDATED AT:

[umass.edu/adoptionconference](http://umass.edu/adoptionconference)

OR: [facebook.com/RuddAdoptionResearchProgram](https://www.facebook.com/RuddAdoptionResearchProgram)

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## CROCKER FARM SCHOOL STUDENT DIRECTORY -- 2012-2013

The Crocker Farm Parent Guardian Organization (PGO) will be producing a Student Directory for the 2012-2013 school year. If you would like your family to be included in the directory, please complete the entire form below and submit to your child's teacher or to the Crocker Farm office. This form can also be submitted online at the Crocker Farm PGO web site ([www.crockerfarmngo.blogspot.com](http://www.crockerfarmngo.blogspot.com)).

If you do **not** wish to have your contact information printed in the directory, list all students at Crocker Farm below and check the "NO" box.

**YES!** I want my family to be included in the 2012-2013 Directory with the information below. I understand that only the information I provide below will be printed in the directory.

**No.** Do not publish contact information for the students listed below in the 2012-2013 Student Directory.

**\*\*\* Forms should be returned to Crocker Farm no later than Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*\*  
Please be sure to sign and date the form at the bottom of the page.**

**Please print clearly.** If you have more than one child at Crocker Farm, please include all students on one form, as we need only **one directory form per family**. **THANK YOU!!**

| STUDENT INFORMATION |                   |       |         |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------|---------|
|                     | Name (first/last) | Grade | Teacher |
| Student #1          |                   |       |         |
| Student #2          |                   |       |         |
| Student #3          |                   |       |         |

| PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION           |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Parent/Guardian #1 Name (first/last): |  |
| Address:                              |  |
| Telephone (Home/Cell/Work):           |  |
| E-mail address:                       |  |
| Parent/Guardian #2 Name (first/last): |  |
| Address:                              |  |
| Telephone (Home/Cell/Work):           |  |
| E-mail address:                       |  |
| Parent/Guardian #3 Name (first/last): |  |
| Address:                              |  |
| Telephone (Home/Cell/Work):           |  |
| E-mail address:                       |  |

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent or Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## DIRECTORIO DE ESTUDIANTES DE LA ESCUELA CROCKER FARM

La Organización de Padres/Encargados (PGO) está organizando el directorio de estudiantes de la Escuela Crocker Farm. Si a usted le interesa estar incluido en el directorio, por favor **llena esta forma entera**. Si usted **no** desea tener su información de contacto impreso en el directorio, enumere a todos los estudiantes en Crocker Farm y marque el "no" en la caja debajo de la sección de Información del Estudiante. Firme por favor en la parte inferior de la página.

**\*\*\* Devuelva por favor la forma a la escuela antes del primero de octubre\*\*\***

**Por favor escriba claramente.** Si usted tiene a más de un niño en Crocker Farm, por favor incluya a todos los nombres en una forma. **Solo una forma por familia es necesaria.**

| INFORMACIÓN DEL ESTUDIANTE |                 |       |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|
|                            | Nombre/Apellido | Grado |
| Estudiante #1              |                 |       |
| Estudiante #2              |                 |       |
| Estudiante #3              |                 |       |
| Estudiante #4              |                 |       |

**No.** No publique la información de contacto para los estudiantes antedichos en el directorio de estudiantes.

**¡Sí!** Quiero a nuestra familia enumerada en el directorio. Incluya por favor la información siguiente:

| INFORMACIÓN DEL PADRE Y/O ENCARGADO     |  |
|---|--|
| Nombre/Apellido del Padre/Encargado #1: |  |
| Dirección:                              |  |
| Teléfono (casero/célula/otro):          |  |
| E-mail:                                 |  |
| Nombre/Apellido del Padre/Encargado #2: |  |
| Dirección:                              |  |
| Teléfono (casero/célula/otro):          |  |
| E-mail:                                 |  |
| Nombre/Apellido del Padre/Encargado #3: |  |
| Dirección:                              |  |
| Teléfono (casero/célula/otro):          |  |
| E-mail:                                 |  |

Firma del Padre/Encargado

Fecha