

R.H. Conwell Elementary Community Newsletter May 9, 2025

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Dear Community:

Happenings this week: Teacher appreciation week. We can't thank the PTO and the families for all the love this week from special snacks, to breakfasts and lunches, drinks and so much more! The preschool class spent a lot of time outside and were well prepared even though it was wet and raining. We also celebrated School Nurse Day. We are all so grateful for Nurse Meg!



Screen-Free Week: Students and families, please bring your Screen-Free Challenge logs to the classrooms for Monday, May 12 so we (you) can tally the hours you spent off screens. There's still time to join over the weekend! There's a reward for the class with the most screen-free hours. Thank you for your participation.

Betsy's Bookshelf: Can you believe the spontaneous abundance of **green**? I was **birdbathing** in my field the other day, and there were countless shades of green to be seen. The time has come to put our gardens in order, optimistic for the bounty ahead.

So true for our students and children as well! Maybe your child/ren are begging for a little adventure this summer? Here is a link for the Hilltown Families summer programs list, and believe it or not, some camps are near full already. Take a look through, and even if you aren't registering a child, you may be inspired to replicate a scientific or artistic pursuit at home with your children this summer. [Hilltown Families Summer Directory 2025](#)

More into the technology scene? Check out these options for Coding and STEM at UMass Amherst this summer. [iD Tech Summer Coding Camps and STEM Programs 2025](#)

Rainy Day Ideas? There is always an abundance of creativity happening at Meekins. Check out their calendar, and their numerous Museum Passes.

[Meekins Library Calendar of Events](#) [Meekins Museum and Park Passes](#)

Closer to Berkshire County? The [Dalton Free Public Library](#) also has Museum Passes, as does the [Berkshire Athenaeum](#), which hosts events and a book sale.

Love book sales for affordable and good quality books? check this out: [book sales in Mass.](#) And, just in time for Mother's Day, the annual event that supports children's education: [NEF Plant and Garden Market](#). See you there!

Next installment we will venture further abroad...



Enjoy!

School Choice openings for SY25-26: We currently have school choice openings in the First, Second and Fourth grades. Please call the front office for more information 413-238-5856.

From the Nurse's Office: Mark your calendars:

- **Bike Rodeo:** Saturday, May 31, 2025 9-11am at the school. Look for the registration form next week. Each student will need a bike and a helmet. Please contact Nurse Meg if your student needs one or both to participate.

Tis the season for TICKS: The ticks are here. Brush up on how to prevent and treat bites here: [Ticks](#)

Make tick checks on every family member a daily routine. A pointer: any type of tick can carry disease, so take any tick bite seriously.

Upcoming Events:

- Practice 5K for GOTR on May 12 at 3:40
- May 13, 14: Math MCAS testing makeups 15th
- May 15, 2025: Internet presentation for grades 3-6 in the cafeteria beginning at 9:05 a.m.
- May 15, 2025: School Committee at 6:30 in the library
- May 16, 2025: Walk to School
- May 20, 2025: Science MCAS (grade 5 only) -
- May 21, 2025: Safe Trailer Day (more information to come)
- May 22, 2025: All School WO Field Trip (more information to come)
- May 23, 2025: Noon Dismissal
 - 9:00 a.m. Band Concert- EVERYONE IS WELCOME
- May 28, 2025: Arts Night
- May 29, 2025: Career Day presentation 9:05 - 9:50 a.m
- May 30, 2025: All School Meeting Led by 5/6

UPCOMING MCAS TESTING

- **Math: May 13, 14: makeups 15th** April 28-May 23
- **Science: May 20** April 28-May 23 (grade 5 only) -

From the Cafeteria: Please find the May menu [here](#) .

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms! Hope you have a restful and celebratory day!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Cheers,

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz
Superintendent/Principal