

January 13, 2020

Dear 6th Grade Families,

Hope you enjoyed Art week! If you didn't get to come, please take a little time to stop by the school and ask your child to show you their work if they had art first semester. The Orchestra concert was such a joy to listen to. The students led by Mr. Cutler (and Dr. Bercaw!) were outstanding.

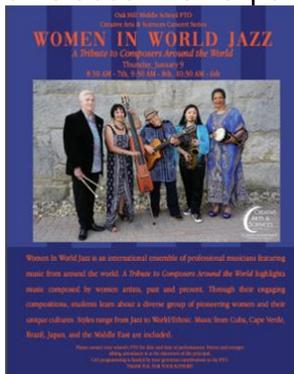
Coming on the Early Release Day, February 6: Safe Schools Day

Sylvia Ruth Gutmann, a survivor of the Holocaust, will be coming to talk with 6th grade students on Thursday, February 6 from 9:45 to 10:45am. Sylvia is a Framingham resident and has spoken to middle schools here and abroad. Her presentation will support the day's theme around students learning to take a stand and be supportive of one another. If you are interested, she will be speaking and sharing her story at Temple Beth Shalom in Needham on Sunday, January 26 at 3pm and this visit is open to the public. Ms. Gutmann recently published a TEDTALK (about 17 min.) She also has published a memoir entitled: [A Life Rebuilt: The Remarkable Transformation of a War Orphan](#). If you have any questions, please reach out. She kindly took the time to meet with me over the weekend in preparation for her visit and I could feel her strength and believe her message will resonate with our students.



Some other reminders for the week ahead and in January:

Creative Arts and Science Program - This group of talented women presented to all students last Thursday. It was like traveling all over the world listening to different music performed by the group. The music included works from the US, Israel, Japan, Brazil, and Cabo Verde. Ask your child about their experience! One of the best programs we have ever invited to Oak Hill!



Principal Coffee with Superintendent Dr. Fleishman, School Committee and Oak Hill PTO: Coming Thursday, January 23 at 8:00am in the Oak Hill library.



During this meeting, Dr. Fleishman and I will share about some of the academic, social-emotional and anti-bias work that we are doing at the school and district level and then the rest of the meeting will be to take your questions and listen to any of your feedback about your children's experiences in the school. School Committee members will also join us to discuss important system issues and to answer your questions. We hope you can make this meeting. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Please [click here](#) if you plan on coming!

6th Grade Social - Coming Friday night, January 24 from 6pm to 8pm.

There's a lot of excitement about this event! The students decided on a theme of a Luau Tropical Party. We need parents to help out on Jan. 24:

[Please sign up here.](#)

Teachers are volunteering their time on a Friday night to put this program on for all students in 6th grade! Thank you, John

Questions: E-mail [Tierney Leary \(tierney_leary@newton.k12.ma.us\)](mailto:tierney_leary@newton.k12.ma.us)



Oak Hill School Geography Bee:

Our school will continue as a participant in this competition and this year we will run three rounds of the competition over the course of one competitive week. We will share the results of the Bee after our school-wide competition. Events take place on Jan 27, 29 & 31.

MCAS 2020: Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacation on the test dates.

- **6th grade:** ELA- April 9, 13 (periods 1-3) and Math- May 12, 13 (periods 1-2).

John Harutunian, Principal