

# Robert Frost Elementary

April 8, 2008

**Book Exchange: Every Wednesday! Bring a book, take a book!**

April 14-18 WASL testing Grades 3-6 (teacher will send specific schedules for class)

April 15 3:30 Reunion Social para las madres que hablan espanol

April 21-25 WASL testing Grades 4-5 (teacher will send specific schedules for class)

April 21-25 School Secretaries Week

April 24 5:30 Family Literacy Evening

April 28-May 2 WASL make-up testing as needed

**Remember! Every Wednesday is Early Dismissal at 2:00 PM (AM K at 10:55 AM, PM K at 2:00PM )**

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## Message from the Principal

*Sue Anne Sullivan*

Dear Parents:

It soon will be time for the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL.)

**Frost students in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade will take the WASL during the April 14-25 testing window.**

**It is imperative that students attend school during the testing weeks.**

Please schedule appointments and extra vacation days before or after test weeks. Our testing will begin first thing each morning, so it will be extremely important that all students arrive promptly and ready for their day to begin. WASL tests cannot be "studied for," so the best way for a student to prepare is to get a good night's rest and to eat a nourishing breakfast.

(If students are ill on a day they are scheduled to take a WASL test, makeup tests (one per day) will be administered during the week of April 28-May 2.)

**The WASL assessments are:**

- Grade 3-Reading and Math
- Grade 4-Reading, Math and Writing
- Grade 5-Reading, Math and Science
- Grade 6-Reading and Math

Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be testing during the week of April 14-18.

Grades 4 and 5 will continue testing during the week of April 21-25.



You will be receiving a specific schedule from your child's teacher. Please keep that schedule in a place where you may refer to it easily.

Band and Orchestra students- please note: Band and Orchestra will be held on their usual days. Orchestra schedules will remain unchanged. *Band students will be released 10 minutes earlier* in order to board their bus and arrive back at school in time to prepare for the day's testing.

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning provides information to assist us in measuring the progress your child has made during the year and to help us with instructional decisions that will be made for the upcoming school year. Though the tests are important in helping teachers work more effectively with your child, they only provide part of the total picture of your child's progress. Teachers assess student performance in a variety of ways on a regular basis, and their ongoing assessments and professional insights into your child's academic progress continue to be your best source of information on "how your child is doing."

Parents, your encouragement and support help your children to perform their very best at school. Please be sure to give your children an extra hug and kiss and words of encouragement as they leave for school on WASL test days!

Sincerely,

Sue Anne

## Frost Farm maple wood given to our school!



At the PTSA meeting last week, I made an announcement regarding a gift that our school will be receiving soon. We are lucky to be the recipients of wood from a maple tree that stood for many years on the New Hampshire farm where Robert Frost lived with his wife and young children. He wrote the poem "Tree At My Window" about this tree.

Last fall, it was necessary to have the tree taken down and the trustees of the farm decided to make the wood available for sale to Frost poetry lovers and artisans. I recently learned about this and inquired about the availability of the wood. Upon learning of our school and our dedication to honoring our namesake, the Frost Farm has decided to give us some of the maple wood!



We have already received a small slice of a branch (a "sugar maple cookie") along with a certificate of authenticity, noting that it is a gift to Robert Frost Elementary School. What a thrill to hold it in my hand. Please stop by the office and have a look at it next time you are in the building!

So we all need to get our imaginations going and think about what we might create with the maple wood! There are some rough branch pieces available (with bark) and some milled blocks of various sizes. Please let me know if you have any ideas!

Here's the link to the Frost Farm:  
<http://robertfrostfarm.org/>

## Tree At My Window

-Robert Frost-

Tree at my window, window tree,  
My sash is lowered when night comes on;  
But let there never be curtain drawn  
Between you and me.  
Vague dream-head lifted out of the ground,  
And thing next most diffuse to cloud,  
Not all your light tongues talking aloud  
Could be profound.  
But tree, I have seen you taken and tossed,  
And if you have seen me when I slept,  
You have seen me when I was taken and swept  
And all but lost.  
That day she put our heads together,  
Fate had her imagination about her,  
Your head so much concerned with outer,  
Mine with inner, weather.

## Skip Counting in First Grade

In math, first graders are learning to skip count. Students are practicing counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. We are learning that skip counting is repeatedly adding groups of a specific number.



We are playing games, solving story problems, and grouping objects to practice skip counting. First graders are learning that skip counting is a faster and easier way to count!