

April 2006
Head of School Report for the BFCCPS Board of Trustees

Overall Year to Date Student Enrollment

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	06 Final FTE
# of students	402	390	384	384	381	380	378	378	378	378			

Year to Date Enrollment Information by Grade and Wait list

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
July Enrollment	44	46	44	46	47	49	47	46	33
August Enrollment	44	46	44	46	46	49	46	41	28
September Enrollment	44	45	44	47	46	49	46	36	27
October Enrollment	44	45	44	47	46	49	46	36	27
November Enrollment	44	44	44	47	46	48	46	35	27
December Enrollment	44	44	43	47	46	48	46	35	27
January Enrollment	44	44	44	47	46	47	46	33	27
February Enrollment	44	44	44	47	46	47	46	33	27
March Enrollment	44	44	44	47	46	47	46	33	27
April Enrollment	44	44	44	47	46	47	46	33	27
Wait list	47	22	24	27	6	0	0	0	0

The withdrawal table below represents all withdrawals between 3/17/06-4/12/06:

<i>Grade</i>	<i># of withdrawals</i>	<i># accepted off wait list</i>	<i>Date of withdrawal Reasons given for transfer</i>
		<i>No withdrawals this</i>	<i>month</i>

Staff Changes

Katri Miller resigned from her position as French Teacher in Grades 2-4 due to family illness. Her last day was March 24. Elizabeth Donovan has joined us in that position. (Resume available at the board meeting)

Technology

The Holt Spelling Program, used by grades 7 and 8, is now installed on all of the laptops in the library as well as in the media lab. The library now has 11 black wireless laptops, 3 silver wireless laptops and 10 black wired laptops available for student use.

We have installed 2 programs in the media lab for use by the Latin classes. One called "Hot Potatoes" and the other a website program called "Quia"

The Hot Potatoes Suite includes six applications, enabling you to create interactive multiple-choice, short-answer, jumbled-sentence, crossword, matching/ordering and gap-fill exercises for the World Wide Web. Hot Potatoes is not freeware, but it is free of charge for publicly funded, non-profit, educational users who make their pages available on the web.

Designed specifically for foreign language and English educators, [Quia](#)™ is the most advanced and easy-to-use e-learning platform for delivering activities over the web to students.

Professional Development

- 3/10 Patricia Fairbanks attended ASE Conference; Law Seminar with Stoneman, Miller and Chapman on "Student Records and Confidentiality"
- 3/23 Ellen Williamson and Kate Edgar did Microsoft Office Training
- 3/23-3/24, Karen LaPlaca, Reading Specialist, attended Massachusetts Reading Association Conference
- 3/25 Museum of Science, Half day Engineering and Technology workshop. Attended by: Kathy Urkevic, JeanMarie Sette, Gail Trotin and Susan Davis
- 3/31 All teaching attended MCPSA Best Practices Workshop in Worcester; Many K-4 attended Sally Grimes workshop on "Best Reading Practices"
- 4/8 Pat and Jennifer Fairbanks at MGH "Expository Writing- Techniques and strategies for the language disabled student".
- 4/11 Tina Haas and Donna Maurer attended "Paraprofessional Training"

In-School Enrichment and Assemblies

- 3/17 Grades-5-8 Assembly
- 3/24 Macbeth, Grades, Grades 5-8
- 3/30 World's Largest Concert, Grades K-5
- 4/7 Assembly, Grades K-4
- 3/30 Grades 5-8 Science Night with evaluations by outside judges

Curriculum

- 3/26-4/10 English Language Arts and Reading Grades 3-8 completed

Middle School News

- 3/22 Grade 6 National Latin Exam
- 4/8 Grade 8 Participated in the Rube Goldberg science competition at Fay School in Southboro, Monty Grob and Kevin Buckley were the advisors

Educational Field Studies

- 4/11 Grade 5 to the Museum of Science
- 4/10-4/13 Grade 7 to Quebec
- 4/10-4/13 Grade 8 to Washington D.C

Community Connections

- 3/16 Collected \$211.00 for Foundation for Children with Cancer for "Hat's On Day"
- 3/25 Deb Schwab was a regional appraiser for the Destination Imagination Competition
- 4/12 Grade 6 to the Franklin Senior Center to write poems with the seniors

Fine Arts Department

BFCCPS Designated as one of the top 100 schools or communities in America for music education!!!!!!!!!!

- 3/22 Joe Perna attended the National Art Conference in Chicago
- 3/30 March was Music in the Schools month and culminated with the World's Largest Concert Assembly for grades K-5

Student Services

3/22 PAC Meeting speaker was Julie Sacchetti, LCSW; MSW; Certified Parent Educator and Family support Specialist

Miscellaneous

K-4 committee on Playground rules, headed by JeanMarie Sette

Parent Connection

4/6 LAMO (Learning About Myself and Others) parent program presentation by Mary Brennan
 4/7 "Take Me Out to the Ballgame", Family Social was well attended

School Calendar

A draft version of the 2006 2007 school calendar draft has been put together with input from faculty input and finalized by the Admin team. It is ready for consideration and future vote by Board.

Enrollment

New Family meeting was held on 3/23, Jackie LaNeve spoke on our 4 Pillars, Pat Fairbanks spoke on Special Education and K-4 Curriculum. A tour was given

Enrollment numbers:

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Rec'd as of 12/7	14	5	1	4	0	2	2	0	0	29
Rec'd as of 1/10	52	13	12	11	10	7	5	5	0	115
Rec'd as of 2/7	136	52	33	27	31	22	16	12	2	331
2005	131	31	36	35	12	15	13	6	2	281
Difference between '05 & '06	+5	+21	-3	-8	+19	+7	+3	+6	0	49

Enrollment 2006-2007

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Avail seats	44	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	15	66
Accepted	44	0	0	2	0	5	4	8	2	65
Declined	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	6
Waitlist	46	34	20	20	22	17	11	2	0	172

New Enrollment period (K-8) to begin on May 1 and end on June 16. Public lottery to be held on June 23.