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Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending our Open House last week. We loved having you in the building as well as the opportunity to share our learning spaces and all of the valuable information that helps us help your student have a great year.

Just a reminder that the Nock Art Club is back and starting on Monday. Sign up NOW (by clicking [HERE](#))!

The Nock Art Club is a free club which meets weekly throughout the year. The club will meet every Monday after school from 2:10-3:10; the late bus will be available to students. No projects will be assigned during the sessions. Instead, students will work independently in the artistic direction of their choice using the media of their choice. Suggestions and examples will be used to help guide creativity. Students will be encouraged to produce finished works of art.

Our Parent Speaker Series will start again on October 15th in the Nock auditorium beginning at 7pm. Jessica Lahey, the author of ***The Gift of Failure*** will be the featured speaker. Please see the attached flyer for more detail.

On Wednesday our eighth grade science staff, along with GOMI representatives (Gulf of Maine Institute) hosted a professional development workshop that included teachers and scientists from around New England. Mary Kate Allan, Brad Balkus and Kristen Marroncelli did a great job presenting the Drifter Project that we implemented last year. The goal of the group is to create a community of scientifically and environmentally literate students who are knowledgeable about the coastal environment they inhabit and motivated to be effective stewards of it. Both the work and collaboration the other day were exceptional. I will update you on our Drifter Project throughout the year once our 8th graders begin the project in a couple of months.

Yesterday we enjoyed a Nock community assembly that kicked off our summer reading groups. This year's theme was action and adventure. Several Nock teachers were brave enough to dress in costume representing different characters from each of the summer reading selections and did a fantastic job motivating and engaging all of our students before breaking out into groups. Once in smaller multi-age groups the kids did a great job discussing their book of choice and creating a work or art or poem that demonstrated their knowledge of their book of choice.

We will begin our Home Work club next Tuesday and it will continue every Tuesday afternoon. All students are welcome to attend and get their hw done or at least started. This club will help students with their assignments, organizational struggles or to just get a difficult assignment started with the help of a teacher. All of our teachers have an afternoon that they stay to offer extra help and this club is in addition to that. Please take advantage of this opportunity if hw is a struggle in your home in the evening. Brenda Palmisano will begin the club on Tuesdays and then an additional afternoon will be added if this is popular.

Thanks to all of you for your support. Have a wonderful weekend!
Beth

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