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School News

Mozart/Beethoven schools join forces

Mozart Elementary School students joined Beethoven Elementary School students to be included in the 8,000 students reached annually by ReadBoston's Family Literacy Project.

An ambassador for literacy, ReadBoston's Family Literacy Project (FLP) establishes classroom-based home lending libraries and parent-teacher conferences in our communities' elementary schools. The FLP is nearly doubling its scope this year to include 24 Boston Public Schools.

The City of Boston's early literacy campaign is now reaching a total of 2,260 students in six elementary schools in the West Roxbury/Roslindale neighborhoods.

"At Beethoven Elementary School we became involved with the FLP mostly because of its home reading program," said Beethoven Principal James Kirk. "Through our involvement, the FLP also initiated individual parent-teacher conferences. In our first year approximately 90 percent of parents attended the conferences. As that shows, the program has really had an impact on helping us ensure that families are actively involved with their children's education. For us, the best part of the program has been the successful parent outreach."

Teachers in participating schools establish classroom lending libraries to send books home at least four times a week with their students and agree to hold parent-teacher conferences twice yearly. Fulfilling an FLP goal of family involvement in literacy education, teachers work collaboratively with families to help students learn to read. Students are expected to read to their parents or have their parents read to them at least four times per week for 20-30 minutes.

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