



SCHOOL on WHEELS MASSACHUSETTS

SPRING HAS SPRUNG
at SOWMA!

May, 2023

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**Educate Kids
Empower Families
End Homelessness**

- Run, Walk & Wag for Kids SATURDAY, May 6th!
- Tutoring News
- Backpack & Tools for School: Crayons, Pencils and Ear Buds Needed
- Mentoring Spotlight

Saturday - MAY 6th

RUN, WALK & WAG FOR KIDS

Put a Spring in Your Step!

May 6th:

8 a.m. - Bib & T-shirt Pick Up

9 a.m. - Start

Borderland State Park

Dog-Friendly 5K Run & Walk

**Online Registration Closes at Midnight TONIGHT
(Thursday)**

**There will be in-Person Registration
at 8 a.m. Saturday at Borderland**



**JUMP ON
BOARD!!**

Where your pet is a part of our family



Register

**Enter to win this hot-off-the-press dog house
built and donated by Jeff Bassett,
Bassett Construction, Easton, MA**



Included is a remote collar by Pet Stop/Fence-A-Pet of Whitman and treats from Chewy!



**Ashley Foley of
Pet Stop Fence-a-Pet
with SOWMA CEO Steve
Telesmanick
- "Mike" and Remy -**

**PLUS
Remote Collar
for
Obedience
Training**



**PET STOP
BY FENCE-A-PET**

Tickets \$10 - or 3 for \$20!
Winner announced Saturday
(You don't need to be there to win big!)

Enter the Raffle!

Tutoring News

Flowers, reptiles and all things great and small were part of our tutoring program this spring!

SOWMA tutors Deb Beaton, Lillia Luc and Carol Caruff helped students create fairy gardens, while New England Wildlife introduced more students to the wonders of the natural world!



Students at our newest site, The Baymont Hotel in Kingston, Massachusetts earned four-stars for mastering colors and shapes!



Many thanks to the leaders of the Liberty Mutual Foundation, whose support enables us to offer programs to ensure educational growth and opportunity for students impacted by homelessness and poverty.



Be part of our mission to educate kids, empower families and end homelessness. Click below to get started.

Become Part of Our Tutoring Program!

**Backpacks & Tools for School
Pencil us in!**



We're looking for a few good Ear Buds to pass along to our students as part of our backpack & Tools for School program!

Crayola Crayons and pencils are also on our needs list.

Coming soon is a new online Sign Up Genius for our very busy summer backpack season. Stay tuned for a link coming to you to stage a drive, donate supplies & books - or visit us this summer to prepare and customize backpacks.

[Click here for the many ways to get involved!](#)



Thank you Thermo Fisher Scientific and our partner, [Life Science Cares](#) for a wonderful company-wide school supply drive!



Delightful day with our friends from Banana Republic, who visited our Community Room to add notes of inspiration and flare to our customized backpacks!



Sarah Cameron came full circle after 7 years away from her role as SOWMA Mentoring Director. Sarah returned to volunteer for a day - and brought pizza for the staff!



Our partnership with Bridgewater State University's Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice (MRISJ) was especially meaningful during the 10th anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings last month. We are honored to be partners with MRISJ to bring educational support and opportunity to students in honor of Martin.

Great teamwork from members of the freshman class of Cardinal Spellman High School! Students spent the morning with teacher and advisor Cathy Demers as part of the Community Service program. And they stayed for lunch!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY ROOM](#)

BRIDGE MENTORING - GRADUATION SEASON!



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We are preparing for a busy graduation season! Eight students will complete their college degree and 14 will be high school graduates! Six students are in the process of taking the HiSet exam.



National Grid Foundation has been generous in heart and spirit as the help guide students toward their dreams and potential.

Mentoring students Tamara (L) and Gianni (R) meet with Bridge Program Director Katie Young (Center) to review progress for graduation. Both students are MAP Academy (Plymouth) Graduation candidates for June 2023!



Tamara is working toward a career as a Youth advocate and Facilitator for teens at risk.

Gianni has her sights set on the trades, either HVAC or work as an EMT.

The women met when they entered SOWMA'S tutoring program in Brockton.

Best of luck to you!!

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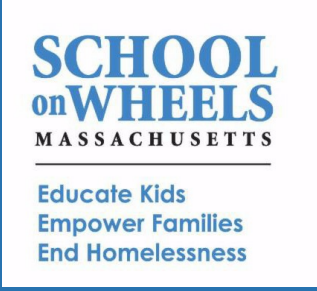


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- **Tutoring Site Locations:** Attleboro, Boston, Brockton, Dorchester, Fall River, Kingston, Middleboro, New Bedford, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Stoughton, Taunton, Weymouth
- **Backpacks:** 7,000 Students this school year were equipped with new, customized backpacks, books and supplies.
- **90 Students** are now receiving support through our Bridge Mentoring Program.

The mission of School on Wheels of Massachusetts is to support



the academic,
social and
emotional
growth of
students
impacted by
homelessness.

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