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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Flanders After-School Programs Scheduled**

**WOODBURY-** “Sap to Syrup” and “Friday Fun”, Flanders’ after-school program for children in Grades K - 2 and 3 – 5 will begin its first sessions respectively on Thursday, March 5, from 3:15 – 5:30 PM or on Wednesday, March 4, from 4 – 5:30 PM, at the Studio Welcome Center. “Friday Fun” for children in Grades K – 5 will begin on Friday, March 6 from 3:15 – 5:30 PM, also at the Studio Welcome Center

In this *four consecutive Thursday, Wednesday, or Friday* program, children will learn about the process and history of maple sugaring. Each class students will look at maple tools through time, from the Native Americans to present day; tap a tree and collect sap; taste the sweet syrup with pancakes and learn maple math and all about trees and how to identify them. During Friday Fun students will experience some good old fashioned fun as they go on outdoor adventures by hiking and visiting the farm. There will be art projects and interaction with live animals.

In addition, bus transportation is available to Flanders from Bethlehem Elementary School and Mitchell School. Students will need a parent note to give them permission to board the bus and be dropped off at the Studio where they will be greeted by one of our education staff. They should bring a healthy snack and be prepared to go on a hike and do crafts, projects, etc.

The fee for the four sessions for Thursday and/ or Friday is \$65 for members and \$85 for nonmembers; for the Wednesday and/ or Friday session it is \$45

for members and \$65 for nonmembers. Pick up students at Studio Welcome Center at 5:30 PM. Extended care available until 6 PM for an additional fee. Registration and advance payment by mail or in person required.

For further information, those interested are asked to call 203-263-3711 ext. 10, or stop by Flanders' Office/Welcome Center, located at the corner of Flanders and Church Hill Roads in Woodbury, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM.

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