

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

BKS News

- Guest Presenters - *thank you for your support!!*
 - K & 1 Author Tracy Guan - February 12th
 - Grade 2 Thomas Crane Library Presentation
 - Grade 3 Joe Quintanilla from National Braille Press - February 8th
 - Grade 4 & 5 Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) - February 29th
 - Lion Dance Assemblies - February 7th

- Grade 4 Field Trip to Gillette Stadium - February 27th

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March Dates:

- Officer Don - Grade 5 on Tuesdays
- March 4-8 - Read Across America Week (Book voting & tasting)
 - Classroom copies: Be You (being ordered through Scholastic Dollars)
 - *Stuck* - can PTO support this purchase?
- Monday, March 4 - Grade 3 Quincy Historical Presentation
- **Tuesday, March 5 - No School - MA Primary Election**
- Wednesday, March 6 - last day of Quincy Rec Gym program
- Thursday, March 7 - last day of Session 2 Extended Day programs
- NOW through March 9 - Read Across America Read-a-Thon PTO Fundraiser

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March Dates:

- Tuesday, March 12 - MARC Parent Webinar

Sponsored by BKS & Merrymount PTO!

- Lego Robotics - Tuesdays/Thursdays - March 12-May 16, Competition Mary 18th
- Thursday, March 14 - Neponset River Watershed Association Presentation Grade 5
- Tuesday, March 19 - Term 2 Report Cards Published in Aspen
- Tuesday, March 19 - QPS Parent Academy - Science of Reading
- Monday, March 25 - MCAS Testing begins (full schedule in March newsletter)

Please join us for a

MARC Webinar

Navigating Healthy Peer Relationships

with

Dr. Elizabeth Englander



Executive Director and Founder,
Massachusetts Aggression Reduction
Center & Professor of Psychology

Let's talk about
bullying, cyber-bullying, peer conflicts, frenemies, and more.

Before the pandemic, screen use, anxiety, and social problems like bullying and fighting were top concerns for parents. The last few years have made some of these issues even more challenging. This talk will examine how kids are doing emotionally and socially in light of the ways kids use screens, gaming, and social media. We'll explore how these conditions create challenges in school, like bullying and friendship issues. We will look at the latest research as well as practical approaches to help children develop emotional resilience, healthy social skills, and sensible screen and social media habits. We will discuss how to move forward to a healthier "new normal" and how to help parents be most effective in guiding their children towards healthier social and emotional relationships.

12 March 2024
6:30 PM

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April Dates:

- Wednesday, April 3 - Term 2 Report Card Conferences
- Monday, April 8 - Session 3 Extended Day Programs begin (any feedback for Session 2 lottery?)
- Thursday, April 11 - K-2 Marionettes
- Wednesday, April 24 - Fun Run Kick Off Assembly
- Wednesday, April 24 - VOCAL Survey Grades 4 & 5

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BKS News

- Incoming Kindergarten
 - Registration open on QPS website
 - Screening May 22nd
 - Planning for Meet & Greet at Playground Summer 2024
- Chronic Absenteeism - importance of regular attendance
 - Information building at BKS for 23-24 *we understand students will be ill, etc*
 - 10% of school days enrolled (18 days for a full 180 day enrollment, medically excused absences included)
 - Featured in March Newsletter - School, District & State focus

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On the horizon... Fun Run

Event day: Friday, May 3

- Volunteers needed?
 - Families invited to spectate (if outside) on the field
- Staff t-shirts (submitted earlier this year)
- Kids t-shirts – date we need sizes by?
- Family communications will be on Smore (all in one place & translated!)
- [Incentives planning](#)

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On the horizon...

- Saturday, May 4 - Cleaner Greener Quincy (bubbles & PTO support for community event)
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- Tuesday, June 4th - Field Day (volunteers needed - CORI/fingerprinting)

- 24-25 Year Round Gear Store – *looking for ideas!*
 - 1st Place Spiritwear - 10% fundraiser built into prices, shipped to families (shipping \$8.99/promotions for \$5/\$75 or free shipping!) [View Store](#)