



December 2022 Family Newsletter
Beechwood Knoll Elementary School

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Wednesday
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 8:15am - 11:55am

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities			1	2
December 18 - 26 Hanukkah			'Tis the Season	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FAMILY SHOP 2:30 - 4:00
December 24 & 25 - Christmas Eve & Day				
December 26 - January 1 Kwanzaa				
5 BKS Assembly Quincy Recreation Begins Mondays & Wednesdays 3-5 QPS Report Card Parent Academies Mandarin/Cantonese 9:30 - 10:30 Portuguese 11:00 - 12:00	6 Report Cards Published in Aspen 1:00 PM QPS Report Card Parent Academies Spanish 9:30 - 10:30	7 <i>Early Release 11:55 am</i> REPORT CARD CONFERENCES	8 PTO WINTER EVENT 6-7 PM BKS GYM Winter Concert Rehearsal	9
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19 Citywide PTO Meeting	20	21 Winter Solstice PBIS ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY <i>Early Release 11:55 am</i> Last Day of BOKS	22 PTO RAFFLE CALENDAR ENDS	23 <i>Last Day for Lost & Found - all items left will be donated! Please check out our lost & found in the main lobby anytime this month!</i>
No School ~ Winter Recess ~ December 24 - January 2				

Report Cards

★ **Beechwood Knoll Term 1 Report Card Conferences**

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Afternoon - 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM in person at BKS

Evening - 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM remotely via Google Meet

- ★ Please use the PTC Fast link to sign up for your child/children's conferences! You will need the name of your child's homeroom teacher! www.ptcfast.com/schools/Quincy_Public_Schools
- ★ Conferences will be 10 minutes per child. We encourage families to look over the report cards on Aspen the day before and come with any questions or concerns. In Grades 3-5, your child has more than one academic teacher. We are asking that we keep the conferences to the homeroom teacher and any support staff listed, so that all families can be accommodated for.
- ★ Families who have requested translators have been scheduled already. If you need to reschedule your translated appointment or would like to request to have a translator at your conference, please email Principal Mrs. Rodriguez at marisaforrester@quincypublicschools.com
- ★ Once you have signed up, www.ptcfast.com will send you reminders for your scheduled conference! If you are unsure of your appointment, please contact the main office at 617-984-8781
- ★ Please make sure you are able to log into Google Meet prior to your conference to ensure there aren't technology issues during your scheduled meeting. All links will be emailed to families the day before your conference.
- ★ Please note that due to the citywide implementation of new core curriculum programs in both Math and ELA, your child's teacher will be using "NA" for standards not covered during the marking period. The district is currently working to align the report cards across all grade levels with the new programs. These standards have been shaded out in the past.
- ★ **Report cards will be published in Aspen on December 6th at 1:00pm**
Directions for accessing Aspen can be found on the next page.
To reset Aspen login - contact main office 617-984-8781 or kaitlindelancey@quincypublicschools.com
- ★ **Request to Print Report Cards** <https://forms.gle/6LN4xuFMXvUYNAjn8>
Printing report cards will be upon parental/guardian request only for all Quincy Public Schools. If you would like to request a printed copy of your child's report card. Please complete this [form](#).
- ★ **QPS Parent Academies for Using Aspen, Report Cards & Conferences:**
Mandarin/Cantonese on December 5 from 9:30 - 10:30 AM
Portuguese on December 5 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Spanish on December 6 from 9:30 - 10:30 AM

ACCESS TO ASPEN IN 5 EASY STEPS

Step 1. Type in the address in your browser:
aspen.quincypublicschools.com

Step 2. Your Login ID is your child's local student ID Number. Your generic password is quincy123. You will be prompted to change your password after logging on. Your new password should be at least one UPPER CASE LETTER and at least ONE NUMBER. Minimum of 6 digits. The password will be encrypted for security reasons. The example is showing the encrypted password.



Step 3. After logging on for the first time... You will be prompted to change your password. Your current password is quincy123. Type in your new password and then confirm the new password




Step 4. After logging on to Aspen, click on **Set Preferences** Tab up at the TOP right hand corner of the page. Click on the **Security Tab**. Enter your primary and alternate email address. Answer at least one of the security questions in the drop down menu. By answering the security question, if you forget your password it will be emailed back to you. Click on the link - *I forgot my password at the log in screen.*

Step 5. After Logging on you will see **PUBLISHED REPORTS** on the right hand side of the screen. This is where the link will be located for the student's report card. After double clicking on the link you will be able to view the report card.



Filename	Date/Uploaded	Creator	Description
 Progress Report - Markle School - 07/11/07 10:25:01:03 PUS/SCHOOL - ROBERTA...			(1 - 1 of 1)

If you need further assistance please call the school's main office.



***Band and Chorus
Winter Concert
Kindergarten to Grade 5***

Thursday, December 15

Performance: 9:30am
(Doors open at: 9:15am)

Beechwood Knoll Auditorium

Please enter through front door!



Performance Details...

Act 1: 9:15am to 10:10am

Band, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5

10:10 am - 5 minute intermission

Act 2: 10:15am to 11:00am

Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2



Counselor's Corner

This past month has provided so much to be thankful for...

November was a wonderful month of giving at BKS! Thank you to all who have contributed to our Student Council projects this month.

Together, we collected nearly 300 pounds of Halloween candy for the troops. A local Blue Star Mothers group will be filling Christmas stockings with our candy and handing them out at Logan Airport this holiday season.

And...Our school collected 3 grocery carts full of food for Interfaith Social Services. That will feed a whole lot of Quincy families! We were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Happy Holidays from the BKS Student Council, Mrs. Latini & Mrs. Hurst.
Thanks for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Maura Hurst, School Counselor
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Nurse's Message

This fall was a busy time in the health office. Smile Dentist Program came and serviced 18 children. The health office was able to screen all children for vision, grade specific hearing and scoliosis checks were also done. If you did **not** receive a letter home your child passed without issues. If you received a letter please consult your PCP and schedule recommended follow-up.

The health office has received a number of large donations. We have winter coats and clothes in various sizes. If any family is in need please reach out by phone or email and I will make arrangements to get them to your child. We also have COVID tests for those who would like to symptomatically test over the upcoming holidays. Please email me and I will be sure to send them home with your child.

Self-care can often get lost in the busyness of starting a new school year. Finding time to rest and recharge in this busy holiday season is important for health and wellness. Some tips to get back on track:

1. Set a sleep schedule that is easiest for you to maintain. Studies have shown that a routine for sleep is more beneficial than playing catch-up.
2. Get outside when the weather is still pleasant and mild. A short walk, basketball with the kids, a trip to the park can provide fresh air and a respite from all the indoor time that will be here shortly.
3. Cold and flu season is upon us. The average person will have 6 colds per year. Good handwashing and avoiding touching your face can help decrease your risk.

As always, call with any questions or concerns. Sharing is always appreciated in my office.

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PTO Page

Websites:

bkspto.weebly.com/

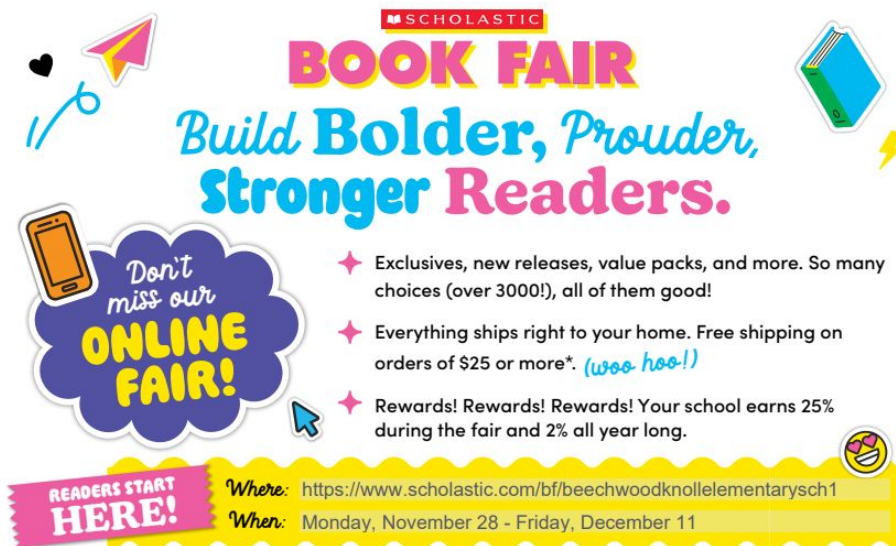
m.facebook.com/groups/BKSPTO/

This Month's Events:

- Thursday, December 8, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Cocoa & Craft Night!
BKS Gymnasium
- Ways to support PTO:
 - **Online Book Fair through Friday, December 11th**
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/beechnolleelementarysch1>
 - 2022 Raffle Calendar
Tickets are 1 for \$10, 2 for \$15 or 3 for \$20.
Each ticket purchased will be eligible for a prize every day. You have the chance to win 20 prizes totaling over \$1500.00 including gift cards, scratch tickets and cash! Winners will be drawn daily. On the last day of the drawing we will also draw our student winner, who will win a \$100 gift card! Tickets will be sold and entered until 12/22/22. If you would like more tickets to purchase, please contact our main office!

Citywide:

- Monday, December 19, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Citywide PTO Meeting
Zoom Link: <https://www.quincycitywidepto.com/>



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Where: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/beechnolleelementarysch1>

When: Monday, November 28 - Friday, December 11

*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. There may be differences in pricing or formats between online and in-school offerings.

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The BKS PTO
Proudly presents
our annual Cocoa
and Craft Night !

DECEMBER 8TH

**COCOA AND
CRAFTS WILL
BE PROVIDED**

**Please bring
your Holiday
cheer!**

Thursday, December 8th 6-7:00 PM

This is not a drop off event. Please accompany your child. Thank you!





BEECHWOOD KNOLL SCHOOL

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, December 7th 12:00 to 2:30 pm
During Report Card Conferences - Main Lobby
All proceeds will support our 5th Grade end of the year activities

Expected Behavior of the Month

December

**Respect for property
in the classroom**

**Clean up
Take only what you need
Ask permission
Use materials appropriately**

