



**January 2023 Family Newsletter  
Beechwood Knoll Elementary School**

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M, T, Th, F  
8:15am - 2:30pm

Wednesday  
Early Release  
8:15am - 11:55am

**BKS Info:**  
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2  No School New Years Day Observed	3	4  PBIS VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY  Grade 4 REACH  <i>Early Release 11:55 am</i>	5	6
9  Grade 5 REACH  PTO Meeting 6-7 <a href="#">Zoom Link</a>	10	11  <i>Early Release 11:55 am</i>	12	13
16  No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17  BKS Kindness Week		19  LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE	20  January 22 Lunar New Year
23  Grade 5 REACH  Citywide PTO 7-8	24	25  PBIS VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY  <i>Early Release 11:55 am</i>	26	27
30  Citywide PTO EDI Subcommittee 7-8	31	<p align="center"><b>QPS WINTER BENCHMARK TESTING</b>  <b>ACCESS Testing for English Learner Students K-5</b>  <b>Amplify DIBELS - Reading K-2</b>  <b>MAP Growth - Reading, Math - Grades 2-5</b>  <b>MAP Growth - Science Grades 4 &amp; 5</b>  <i>Amplify and MAP Winter Reports will be printed and sent home to families to share child's progress. All student progress is monitored by teachers and our student support team through routine meetings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!</i></p>		

# Counselor's Corner

## Kindness Week

The week of January 17th will be annual Kindness Week at BKS. Student Council will be organizing a theme for each day that will give students and staff inspiration for creative ways to show kindness to each other.

Kindness Week has become a tradition at Beechwood was a way to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who continues to inspires us to treat others with respect and justice.

We welcome your family to extend our acts of kindness beyond the school day and into your home and neighborhood. If your family would like to share a photo of your act of kindness, please email it to [maurahurst@quincypublicschools.com](mailto:maurahurst@quincypublicschools.com) and we will share a collection of the good works our school community shared during Kindness Week.



Maura Hurst, School Counselor  
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## Nurse's Message

Welcome back! A few reminders as we enter the height of cold and flu season. Please keep your child home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature of **100.5** or higher within the last 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea (must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school)
- Coughing that is uncontrolled

Two of the greatest defenses against illness are **hand washing** and **isolation when sick**.

Some other reminders for the rest of the year:

- **Please call your child out if they will be absent.** Excused absences only occur with a doctor's note. We are not recommending you take your child to the doctor with every illness, but it can be helpful with prolonged illness.
- Mark/label clothes with your child's name/initials. We have a large lost and found and if initials are on clothing we can track their owner much more easily.
- In Elementary, folders are used for communication by all the staff to families. Please make sure you check them weekly if not daily. A 2nd notice will be going home if you received a vision letter and you have not returned it.

If you are unsure about whether or not your child's symptoms are serious enough to keep him/her home, please feel free to call the health office. We can review the symptoms over the phone. It is preferred to arrive late than to arrive on time with contagious symptoms. My phone number is 617-984-8632 or email [deborahcerone@quincypublicschools.com](mailto:deborahcerone@quincypublicschools.com).

I greatly appreciate your help in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

Mrs. Cerone, MSN, RN  
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# PTO Page

## Websites:

[bkspto.weebly.com/](https://bkspto.weebly.com/)

[m.facebook.com/groups/BKSPTO/](https://m.facebook.com/groups/BKSPTO/)

## This Month's Events:

- Monday, January 9, 2023 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
**PTO Meeting**

Zoom Link:

<https://quincypublicschools.zoom.us/j/8021462689?pwd=UzAxQm9oNzBTNkg4N1drMWNLWJJBdz09>

Meeting ID: 802 146 2689      Passcode: BKS

- Ways to support PTO: **Terracycle!** See flier on the next page for more information

## Citywide:

- Monday, January 23, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
**Citywide PTO Meeting**

Zoom Link: <https://www.quincycitywidepto.com/>

- Monday, January 30, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
**Citywide PTO EDI Subcommittee Meeting**

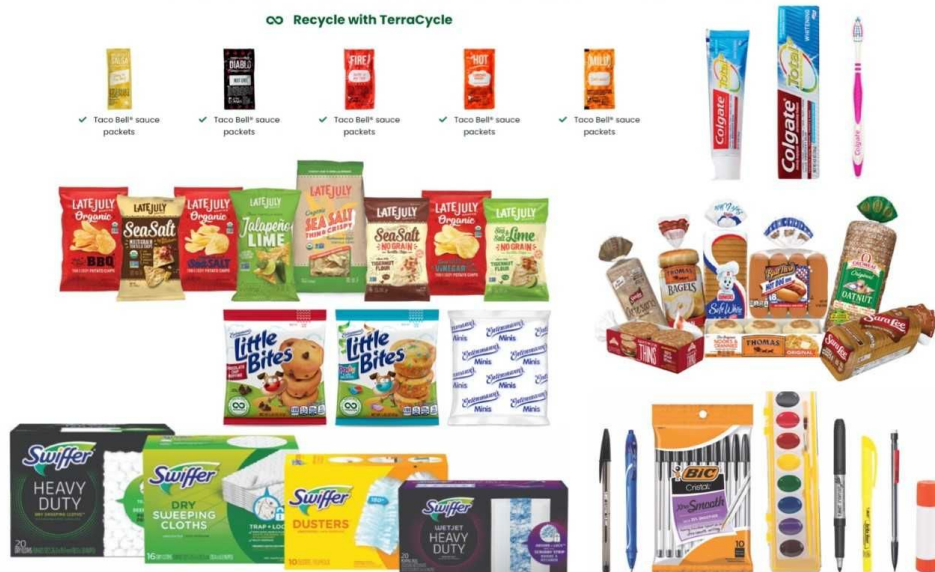
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We are now recycling 7 programs with Terracycle!

Chúng tôi hiện đang tái chế 7 chương trình với Terracycle!

我们现在正在使用 Terracycle 回收 7 个程序!





Here is a breakdown of what we recycle:

- ❖ **Late July** (chips bags) – remove all excess product (leftover chips) in bags; if you choose to rinse bag, make sure it's completely dry and not dripping wet.
- ❖ **Entenmann's Little Bites** (pouches) & Minis film packaging (clear packaging) – remove all excess product (crumbs) in bags.
- ❖ **Swiffer** – wet and dry cloths; be sure to have the wet cloths dried completely – best to place all Swiffers together in a bag to air dry, then submit entire plastic bag in blue bin.
- ❖ **Bimbo Bakeries** (bread bags) – remove all adhesives/stickers and bread crumbs.
- ❖ **BIC Stationary** (Writing instruments and packaging) – ALL brands of empty writing instruments, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging.
- ❖ **Colgate** – ALL brands of used or empty toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers.

For more information visit our website at:

<http://bkspto.weebly.com/recycling-programs.html>

*To recycle, drop your items to our blue bins located in the  
BKS Main Lobby!*



# **Quincy Public Schools is Hiring!**

**. Classroom Paraprofessionals**

**. Lunch Attendants**

**. Bus Drivers**



**. Substitute Teachers**

**. Substitute Secretaries**



For more information, go to:

[https://www.quincypublicschools.com/our\\_district/academic\\_support/human\\_resources\\_department/current\\_employment\\_opportunities](https://www.quincypublicschools.com/our_district/academic_support/human_resources_department/current_employment_opportunities)

Or call the QPS Human Resources Department at 617-984-8767

If you are interested or have any questions, please call our  
BKS Secretary Mrs. DeLancey at 617-984-8781

# Quincy YMCA

## Winter Sports Programs

**Youth Basketball League:** Skill development and games at each session. Our Largest enrollment yet!  
*SATURDAY MORNINGS January 7<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> Ages 4 – 11 Years*

**Youth Soccer:** Skill development and a competitive game to showcase the skills learned  
*SATURDAY MORNINGS January 7<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup> Ages 5-12 Years*

**NEW - Youth Wrestling:** Brand new to the YMCA! We have one of the most qualified coaching staffs in the state including a Hall of Fame and former D1 Big Ten wrestler and a 2x New England Champion.  
*MONDAY EVENINGS January 9<sup>th</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup> Ages 5-12 Years*

**NEW – Youth Rugby:** Our brand new program will be coached by professional coaches and players from the Free Jacks! *WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (January 4<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>) Ages 6 Years to High School+*

**NEW – Golf Program – Semi Private Lessons:** We are launching a brand new golf program with close instruction and skill development! Come learn how to play or sharpen your skills.  
*THURSDAY NIGHTS (5-7pm, 1 hour lesson) OR Sunday (11am-1pm, 1 hour lesson) Ages 6 – 14 Years*

**NEW – Volleyball Program:** Launching January 31st. Team Setter, Team Spiker and Competitive Play  
*TUESDAY EVENINGS January 31<sup>st</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup> Grades 4-9*

**Sports Mania:** Great program to introduce the little ones to sports! Learn the basic skills of several sports learning about a new sport each week. *SATURDAYS @11:45 AM Ages 4-6 Years*

**To register and review more – [click this link!](#)**  
*YMCA financial assistance for those who apply & qualify!*

Contact [navery@ssymca.org](mailto:navery@ssymca.org) on any sport related questions  
*Let's get these kids playing sports again!*



**Expected Behavior of the Month**

**January**

**Respect for property  
in the cafeteria**

Clean up after yourself

