

QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Quincy Public Schools Students:

Welcome back for the start of the 2021-2022 school year! Quincy Public Schools staff members are busy with preparations for the new school year at all school sites and here at the Coddington Building. School offices are open and Principals and their office staff members are ready to assist with registration, transfers, and any other concerns. Our eleven elementary schools are ready to welcome over 700 new Kindergarten students and their families to our Full-Day Kindergarten program.

Throughout the summer months, we have monitored the evolving COVID-19 guidance from the Massachusetts Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley and the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education and collaborated with the City's Health and Public Buildings Departments to ensure the safest operations of our schools. For the start of the school year, all students, staff , and visitors will be required to wear masks inside school buildings and schools will distance students as much as possible. In addition, we will once again be offering optional weekly COVID-19 pooled testing for staff and students. New for this school year will be on-site testing for mildly symptomatic staff and students and the option for students and staff who are close contacts to COVID-19 positive cases at school to "test and stay." Under this program, close contacts can continue to attend school as long as they remain negative and symptom-free by consenting to daily testing for seven days. We are urging ALL students and staff (vaccinated and unvaccinated) to participate in this testing to assist with maintaining health and safety measures within our school buildings. To enroll your student in QPS COVID-19 Testing, please follow this link: https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma?district=null.

The dedicated professional staff of the Quincy Public Schools is looking forward to a year filled with a variety of learning experiences and accomplishments for your students. Over the summer, elementary, middle, and high school teachers availed themselves of Professional Development opportunities to learn about new instructional strategies, classroom technology, and curriculum aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Students from all grade levels participated in Extended Educational programs, encompassing academic and enrichment opportunities and employment through the Quincy Summer YouthWorks Program.

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Last spring, Mayor Koch and the School Committee collaborated with the Superintendent's Leadership and Principal Teams to fund academic classroom and academic program teacher positions to maintain class sizes within the range of School Committee guidelines. New academic classroom and program teachers, academic support staff, and non-academic support staff have been hired across the school system to replace retired staff. New professional staff members will participate in a two-day orientation on September 1 and 2, including meeting with the Mayor, School Committee, and members of the Superintendent's Leadership and Principal Teams to learn about their professional responsibilities, the many programs and services offered by Quincy Public Schools, and the mentoring program for new staff.

To assist with continuing needs for upgraded educational technology, installations of new desktops and laptops, interactive whiteboards, educational software, and technology professional development are ongoing throughout the school system. Our partners in the Quincy School~Community Partnership continue to enhance our students' educational opportunities through supporting technology initiatives and the robotics program for Grades 5-12, providing 3,600 backpacks and school supplies for students and staff, real-work experiences for high school Career Vocational Technical Education students, and funding the mentoring program for new educators. At all levels, extended day opportunities will be available "beyond the bell" for academic enrichment, the arts, and athletics.

Our school buildings will be ready for the new school year, with the Public Buildings Maintenance staff completing improvements such as newly installed floors and new carpeting, repainted classrooms, and repairs to building mechanicals including addressing HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and heating issues. Custodians across the school system have worked diligently all summer to prepare classrooms and offices for the new school year. As always, we are grateful for the support of the Park Department in maintaining and improving the landscaping at our school buildings.

As the new school year begins, please remember that the most meaningful factor in assisting students to have a successful school experience is the concern and participation of their parents and guardians. In order to help your children attain their goals, we need your involvement, whether it be through attending parent-teacher conferences and Parent Academy events, volunteering in your child's school, and most importantly, reinforcing the importance of on-time school attendance, appropriate behavior and class participation, and completion of schoolwork. You can also stay informed about your child's school and all of Quincy Public Schools through our website <u>quincypublicschools.com</u> or by following us on Facebook or Twitter (@QuincyPS). Updates on all school programs and initiatives will be presented at upcoming School Committee meetings, the first of which will be held on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm in the Coddington Building and broadcast on QATV Channel 22 and livestreamed on <u>qatv.org</u>.

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While you enjoy the last few days of summer vacation, please note the calendar for the opening days of school below. Your principal will be happy to answer any questions you might have related to the opening of school or feel free to contact my office at 617-984-8701.

- The first day of school for **<u>Grades 1-9</u>** is Wednesday, September 8.
- **<u>Grades 10-12</u>** will begin school on Thursday, September 9.
- <u>Pre-Kindergarten</u> and <u>Kindergarten</u> students will attend an Orientation at their individual schools on Friday, September 10; each family will receive information on orientation from their child's school.
- The first day of school for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten is Monday, September 13.

On behalf of all of the staff at the Quincy Public Schools, best wishes for a successful school year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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QUINCY SCHOOL NUTRITION

Welcome Back, Students

The nutrition team would like to provide a 2021-2022 school year update!

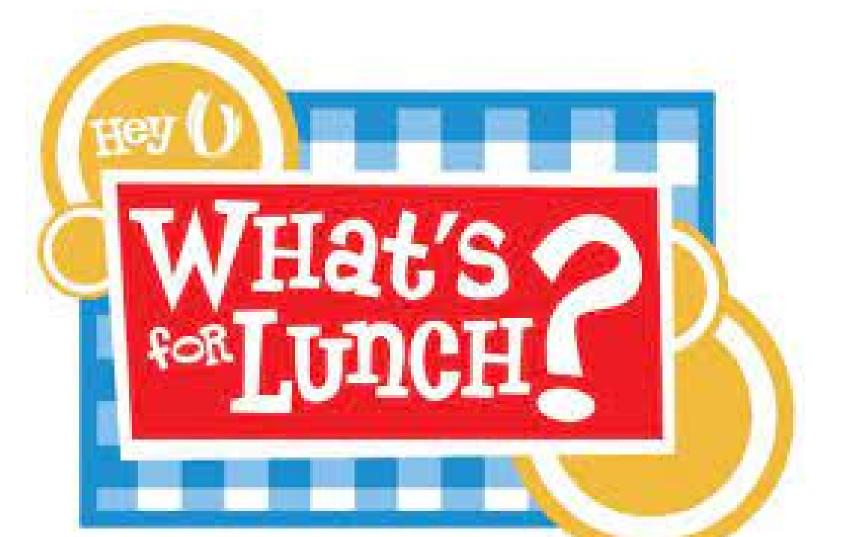


- All students eat breakfast & lunch for free regardless of their income status.
- Remote breakfast & lunch meals will **NOT** be served this school year.
- We strongly encourage completing the meal benefits application each year to receive other benefits from the state, unless you receive a letter from our

office stating your certification.

- The application can be found on quincypublicschools.com
- Self-service stations and salad bars are still being put on hold due to health and safety concerns brought on by the pandemic but we are excited to bring them back for all to enjoy as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Ensuring QPS children are getting the proper nutrition they need during these difficult and unprecedented times is our main priority.







Quincy Public Schools is Hiring Lunch Attendants and Cafeteria Workers!

Qualifications:

Must love children Able to work as a team On the job training Friendly!

HELP WANTED

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QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL NUTRITION DEPARTMENT IS HIRING!

Interested persons should call the HR department at 617-984-8774 Start Date: September 7, 2021 unless otherwise specified

 Position Title: Utility Worker (Packing Room)
Location: North Quincy High Schedule: M/W/TH/F 7ам - 10ам Pay Rate: \$15.5111

2. Position Title: Cafeteria Helper

Location: Squantum Elementary School Schedule: M/T/TH/F 10:15AM - 1:15PM; *Must be able to cover manager role when needed* Pay Rate: \$13.8534

3. Position Title: Cafeteria Helper

Location: Wollaston Elementary School Schedule: M/T/TH/F 10AM – 1PM Pay Rate: \$13.8534 4. Position Title: Kitchen Helper (4 hour job)
Location: Point Webster Middle School Schedule: M-F 9:30AM - 1:30PM (Start Date is September 27, 2021)
Pay Rate: \$15.5111

5. Position Title: Kitchen Helper

(5 hour job) Location: Point Webster Schedule: M-F 8:30AM - 1:30рм (*Start Date is September 27, 2021*) Pay Rate: \$15.5111

6. Position Title: Kitchen Helper

Location: Montclair Elementary School Schedule: M/T/TH/F 10AM-1PM Pay Rate: \$13.8534





COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Manet offers free COVID-19 vaccines for anyone in our community age 12 and older. No insurance is needed (though we will ask for your information). We offer vaccines at our Manet sites, as well as a variety of pop-up locations in the community.

Manet, North Quincy

110 West Squantum Street Thursdays: 1:00 - 7:00 PM Fridays: 1:00 - 4:00 PM Saturdays: 9:00 AM - Noon

BY APPOINTMENT OR WALKIN

Scan to schedule your appointment



Manet Community Outreach & Prevention Services Office

549 Washington Street, Quincy

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

WALK-INS ONLY

Community Pop-Up Vaccine Clinics	WALK-UP!
	No appointment necessary!

Quincy Community Vaccine Clinic

180 Old Colony Avenue, Quincy Every Tuesday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Quincy Farmers Market, Kilroy Square, Quincy Center

Every Friday (through Oct.):12:00 - 5:00 PM

To see where else we will be, visit <u>www.manetchc.org/covid-19-vaccine/</u> or follow us on Facebook <u>@ManetCommunityHealthCenter!</u>



Community COVID-19 Testing

If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to coronavirus, we are here for you.

Manet, North Quincy 110 West Squantum Street

Appointments available Monday through Friday 1:00-4:00 PM





Or call 617-376-3000

Community Walk-In Testing 180 Old Colony Avenue, Quincy

Tuesdays (Beginning August 17)

1:00-4:00 PM

manetchc.org/coronavirus-updates





3PM AT WOLLASTON • AGES 3-5 Preschool Discovery : Plants!

Drop by the Wollaston library any time between 3-4PM to do some fun simple science together. Activities, experiments and instructions will be provided for science you can do with your child.



10:30 AM LIVE OUT SIDE! AGES 0-5 MUSIC & Movement +

with Ms. Rubi!

Put on your favorite dancing shoes and join us for this lively mix of music and movement. Please bring a stuffie along with you to join the fun.



3PM LIVE OUTSIDE! AGES 3+ DOT DAY STORYTIME * with Mrs. Miller!

Dot Day is a celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration all inspired by local author & illustrator Peter Reynold's book "The Dot".



10 AM LIVE OUTSIDE! AGES 3+ PIRATE STORYTIME * with Miss June !

Talk Like a Pirate Day be upon us, and so we celebrate with a storytime full o' piratical ramblin' and seaworthy tales. Aye, costumes always be encouraged!

SUNDAYS ARE BACK!



MONDAY- THURSDAY: 9AM-9PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 9AM-5PM SUNDAYS: 1PM-4PM



9AM at thomascranelibrary.org/calendar, by phone 617-376-1300 ext.4 or in person!

REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR MOTHER GOOSE & CODING CLUB Mother Goose is for littles 12-24 months old. Coding Club is for ages 5-9. For more info and program dates, see our website's calendar.



7PM AGES 10-15 ZOOM DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Registration is required for this program. To register visit thomascranelibrary.org/calendar. Players will need to create a free account on **Roll20.net** and be able to join a Zoom meeting for voice chat.



2PM AT ADAMS SHORE • AGES 3-5 Preschool Discovery : Plants!

Drop by the Adams Shore library any time between 2-3PM to do some fun simple science together. Activities, experiments and instructions will be provided for science you can do with your child.

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LATINX VOICES STORYTIME with Miss June:

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15- October 15) with a special storytime full of books from our favorite Latinx authors and illustrators.

10AM LIVE OUTSIDE! AGES 3+

In case of inclement weather, this program will be moved online. Check our website calendar for Zoom link! In case of inclement weather, this program will be rescheduled. Check our website calendar for new dates!



VISIT US ONLINE ANYTIME AT THOMASCRANELIBRARY.ORG



\$10 CAR WASH

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL

SUPPORT QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND PROGRAMS!









Quincy, Be Prepared. Fun & Adventure for Boys and Girls Kindergarten - 5th Grade.

Quincy's Cub Scout Pack 42 offers a quality year-round program for boys and girls in grades K-5.

Participants gain character-building attributes such as leadership, preparedness and citizenship through a tested program based around fun, community-building activities.

Don't miss out on all the fun! Join Cub Scouts Pack #42



These are a few important aspects of our program that our families agree will drive our program and our activities. If this sounds like the stuff you'd like to do, check us out on our **webpage:**

CubScoutPack42.org

For more information, email cubmasterpack42quincy@gmail.com Register online: https://bit.ly/joinPack42

Scouts BSA are based on the curriculum of the Boy Scouts of America – for more information about the BSA checkout BEASCOUT.org