



JUNE PARENT NEWSLETTER

Beechwood Knoll
Elementary School
2021

Last Day of
School 6.18.21
*Early Release Day
*In-Person Kids will
be dismissed at
11:55.
Kindergarten will
follow their half-day
schedule.*

Principal

Janet Loftus

Assistant Principal

Marisa Forrester

Secretary

Jane MacDonald

Nurse

Debbie Cerone

Guidance

Maura Hurst

School Hours:

M, T, Th, F
8:15am - 2:30pm.
Wednesday
Early Release
Hours:
8:15 am. - 11:55 pm

BKS Info:

225 Fenno Street
Quincy, MA 02171
Tel: 617-984-8781
Fax: 617-984-8636

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	1	2	3	4
	<i>In-person Students Return Borrowed Chromebooks</i>			
7 QHS Grad	8 NQHS Grad	9	10	11
14	15	16 Gr 5 Promotion Ceremony, 1-1:45	17 Treats provided by PTO for remote and in-person students (more info to come)	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL *REPORT CARDS Ms. Moy's virtual Teddy Bear Picnic

BORROWED CHROMEBOOKS RETURN TO BKS

Please make sure to bring the charger with the computer

In-Person Students: *Please return your chromebooks to
school between the 1st and 4th of June*

Remote Students: *Please return your chromebooks to
school during the following times:*

Friday, June 18th 12:00-2:00
Monday, June 21st 9:00-12:00

Principal's Message:

As I sit here attempting to put into words what was one of the wildest years I have ever experienced as an educator, I am reminded of a quote I once read :

“And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about.”

~ Haruki Murakami ~

[Motivational Quotes About.com](http://MotivationalQuotesAbout.com)

Truer words have never been spoken! I am amazed, impressed, and thankful that over the past year and a half we have been able to come together as a community to support each other at Beechwood Knoll.

I am thankful for our teachers and support staff, who had to continuously deal with the unknowns and the quick shifts from online learning to hybrid learning to in-person learning with new teams, new students, and new ways to deliver curriculum and emotional support day in and day out. I am thankful for our families who lifted each other up, supported our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts and ensured that our community is one of kindness and acceptance. I am thankful for our children, who showed up on their screens or walked into school with a smile on their face despite the stresses and changes that were constantly thrown at them while expecting nothing but the best from them each and every day.

Finally, I am thankful that none of us have come out of this storm as the same people who walked in. We are stronger. We have adapted and changed in ways that I never dreamed possible. We have taken a hard look at what is important, at what should be valued and at what is effective. We have let go of things that we were doing "just for the sake of doing them". Like the quote says, I am not sure how we made it through but I am sure that moving forwards what happens within these school walls as well as in our community will be purposeful and compassionate. We did not lose this school year. What we did together was set up a new foundation for our children which we will build upon in the coming years that will be far stronger than what was.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and that everyone is able to take the time needed to breathe, to reset, and to relax. It is MUCH deserved!

~Janet Loftus, Principal

ICE CREAM DAY

Remote and In-Person Classes: Join your class for a free ice cream, provided by our PTO on Thursday, June 18th! **Menu and allergy information will be sent prior to the event**

In-Person Schedule:

Kindergarten: will be provided during their playground time

Gr 1: 2:00

Gr 2: 12:00

Gr 3: 1:00

Gr 4: 12:30

Gr 5: 1:30

Remote Schedule:

Kindergarten: 12:15

Gr 1: 12:15

Gr 2-4: 12:30

**Remote Gr 5 has been invited to school this day and will have theirs at 1:30*

FREE QPS Summer Programs: Click [HERE](https://quincypublicschools.com/kindergarten_registration_for_2020-21/q_p_s_summer_program_registration_o_p_e_n__)

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Memorial Day Virtual Celebration: A HUGE thanks goes out to Mrs. Hurst and the students in Student Council who have put together a wonderful ceremony to celebrate Memorial Day.

Homeroom Assignments: We have decided across the city to hold off on sharing next year's homeroom assignments until August. Thank you for your understanding while we ensure we adhere to any protocols that may be in place for us come September.

Google Classrooms: All Google Classrooms will be "archived" for the summer to ensure there is no student activity without adult supervision.

Congratulations to our New PTO Officers:

Kristen Campbell, Co-Chair

Katie Sampson, Co-Chair

Justine Fagerland, Co-Treasurer

Cori Shiner, Co-Treasurer

Erin Geoghan, Secretary

Katelyn Guimaraes, Communications Secretary

Nate Sawtelle, City-wide Representative

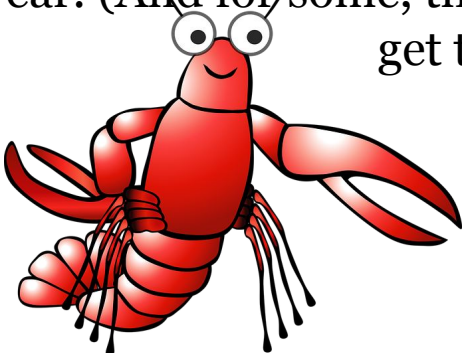
Counselor's Corner

Well, we made it! We have come to the end of what will hopefully be the strangest school year of your children's lives. This year has been a rollercoaster of emotions, for kids and adults alike. There was nervousness for returning to school. Excitement for seeing friends again. Sadness for missing friends and some loneliness too. No doubt there were frustrations and anger at times. There was also happiness and some relief too.

For me the current feeling is proud. I am proud of the kids. I am proud of the adults. I am proud of myself. We have worked together to create the best year possible for the students and are better for it.

In my classroom lessons recently, we have talked about the idea of "doing hard things." This year has been proof that we can do hard things. What a valuable lesson for our students. Life is always going to bring us "hard things" and now we have proof that we can do it. What is "hard" is different for each of us but if we use the coping skills we have within us and rely on each other, we can do it.

It has been a true honor to travel with your children over the course of this year. Whether in-person or remote, I hope they have made themselves proud. I hope they know that they have made you proud. I can't wait to welcome them back to school next year. (And for some, that will be a new "hard thing" to do. We will get through that together too.)



Happy Summer!
Maura Hurst, School Counselor



Once again, another school year has come to a close. There are several important announcements and reminders that I would like to bring to your attention:

Please remember to pick up all student medications from the nurse's office , as they will be discarded on the last day of school. Also, Care Plans and Medication Forms for next year are now available.

If your child needs medication next year, please bring the completed and signed paperwork on the first day of the new school year. Remember to sign the parent permission form, obtain a doctor's signature for all prescription medications, and fill in the dosage, frequency, and symptoms for administration.

All medication must be brought to school in the original container by a parent or guardian. If your child has a special diet or health concern please list these on the emergency cards so that a health care plan can be created for the new school year. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me by calling 617 984-8632 or by email deborahcerone@quincypublicschools.com.

For fun summer activities **check out the 2020 Quincy Summer Recreation Clinics.**

<https://quincyma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

Have an active, fun, and safe summer – and treat your brain too - with a really good book!

Mrs. Cerone, MSN, RN



Free Summer Grab N' Go Meals – June 18th



Pick-up at North Quincy High on June 18, 2021
from 11AM – 12PM

Call the School Nutrition Office at 617-984-8768
by June 9, 2021 to reserve

Breakfast Meals Include:

5 Cereal Breakfast Options with
100% Fruit Juice, & Milk



Lunch Meals Include:

Protein Pack

String Cheese, Yogurt, WW Cheez-its, Apple, 100% Fruit Juice

Grilled Cheese

With Raisins, Orange

Brunch for Lunch

String Cheese with WW Pancakes, Pear, 100% Fruit Juice

ANYTIME Lunchable

Turkey, Ham, & Cheese, with WW Crackers, Apple, Raisins

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

On a WW Bun, with Side Salad, 100% Fruit Juice





Dear Families,

We are happy to announce the **1,000 Paper Cranes** district wide project unveiling.

In a show of solidarity and peace, students from eleven schools across Quincy folded thousands of paper cranes in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month of May.

See the colorful, kaleidoscopic display of thousands of paper cranes, hand folded and strung by students and parents across QPS.

Listen to speakers from each participating school present a wish for the future.

Witness the artistry of a traditional Lion Dance performed by local students.

Where: Quincy High School

When: June 5th @ 1 p.m.

Why: Paper cranes represent hope and peace. And according to Japanese tradition, anyone who folds 1,000 paper cranes will have a wish granted.

*Presented by Quincy Citywide Parents' Council EDI Committee
edi.pto.citywide@gmail.com*



“Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long over due. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.” <https://juneteenth.com/>

To learn more with your children, go to:

<https://kidskonnnect.com/history/juneteenth/>

2021 Grocery Gift Card Event Application

As the school year comes to an end, the QFRC is hoping to help families with added grocery expenses by giving out grocery gift cards!

The Grocery Gift Card Event is for families with children in school (age 6 through 18). Each family will get 1 gift card (\$25) per child.

Deadline to receive gift cards is JUNE 18TH!

To apply please contact **Cassie Lynch** at 617-910-8985 or clynch@baystatecs.org

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT CLEARLY):

Name: _____ Parent Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR THIS REQUEST TO BE PROCESSED

<i>Child First & Last Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Child's Age</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>

Race/Ethnicity (Check all that apply/(optional):

- ☐ No, Not Hispanic
- ☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican ☐ Yes, Cuban
- ☐ Yes, Another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
- ☐ White
- ☐ Black / African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native-Write in name of enrolled or principal tribe. _____
- ☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Native Hawaiian ☐ Chinese ☐ Korean
- ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro ☐ Filipino ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Other Race/Ethnicity _____





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2021 Quincy Public Schools **K-8 Suggested Summer Reading List**

“Reading...a vacation for the mind!” Dave Barry

“Warm” up with a great book this summer and let your imagination soar!

Our suggested list includes a variety of titles for students.

See below for details on how to access e-books and library cards. Don't forget to log your reading and bring your log back to school in September!

~Ms. Bridget Vaughan, QPS Coordinator of ELA and Literacy

Grades K-2 Up-and-Coming Readers

Baloney and Friends~Greg Pizzoli

Story Boat~Kyo Maclear

Sharuko: El arqueologo peruano
Julio C. Tello~Monica Brown

Carpenter's Helper~Sybil Rosen

The Electric Slide and Kai~Kelly J.
Baptist

Eyes that Kiss in the Corners~
Joanna Ho

A Hatful of Dragons~Vikram Madan

I Am a Bird~Hope Lim

Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be
Best Friend~Dawn Quigley

Lift~Minh Le

Grades 3-5: Growing Readers

Any Day with You~Mae Respicio

Bear~Ben Queen

Eva Evergreen, Semi-Magical
Witch~Julie Abe

Pepper Page Saves the Universe~
Landry Q. Walker

Shaking Up the House~Yamile Saied
Mendez

Skunk and Badger~ Amy Timberlake

A Sporting Chance: How Ludwig
Guttman Created the Paralympic
Games~ Lori Alexander

Stella Diaz Dreams Big~Angela
Dominguez

When You Trap a Tiger~Tae Keller

The Year I Flew Away~Marie Arnold

Grades 6-8: Sophisticated Readers

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave
Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer
Team~Christina Soontornvat

Amari and the Night Brothers~ B.B.
Alston

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal
Stories for Kids~Cynthia Smith

Cece Rios and Desert of the
Souls~Kaela Rivera

Efren Divided~Ernesto Cisneros

Show Me a Sign~Ann Clare LeZotte

Root Magic~Eden Royce

Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem
Renaissance~Nikki Grimes

Beetle and the Hollowbones~Aliza
Lane

Almost American Girl~Robin Ha



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K-8 Summer Reading Log

Please share with your teacher in September.

TITLE and AUTHOR	DATE FINISHED	Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?

Student Signature: _____

Parent/guardian Signature: _____