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 April 2023 Family Newsletter  Beechwood Knoll Elementary School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 School Council 8:30am <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> April 2 World Autism Awareness Day </div>	4 GRADE 4 ELA MCAS	5 REPORT CARD CONFERENCES <i>12:30-2:30 In Person</i> <i>4:30-6:30 Virtual</i> <i>Early Release</i> <i>11:55 am</i> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Qing Ming Festival </div>	6 GRADE 4 ELA MCAS <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Passover Begins </div>	7 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Good Friday No School </div>
		<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Neurodiversity Month </div>		
		<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> National Deaf History Month </div>		
		<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> National Arab American Heritage Month </div>		
10 GRADE 5 ELA MCAS <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> April 9 Easter </div>	11 GRADE 5 ELA MCAS	12 <i>Early Release</i> <i>11:55 am</i>	13 Grade 4 & 5 MARC Assembly <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Passover Ends </div>	14
17 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Patriots' Day </div>	18	19	20 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Ramadan Ends </div>	21 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Eid al-Fitr </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> April Recess ~ No School </div>				
24 Citywide PTO 7	25 BOKS Begins 7:15am	26 BOKS 7:15am <i>Early Release</i> <i>11:55 am</i>	27 PTO Paint Night	28

BKS SPRING 2023 MCAS SCHEDULE

April				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Grade 4 ELA	5	6 Grade 4 ELA	7 Good Friday
10 Grade 5 ELA	11 Grade 5 ELA	12	13	14
April Break				
24	25	26	27	28 <i>ELA Window Closes</i>
May				
1	2	3	4	5
8 Grade 5 STE	9 Grade 5 STE	10	11 Grade 4 Math	12 Grade 4 Math
15 Grade 3 Math	16 Grade 3 Math	17	18 Grade 5 Math	19
22	23 Grade 5 Math	24	25	26 <i>Math/STE Window Closes</i>

MCAS

Preparing for the MCAS is as easy as **ABC**...

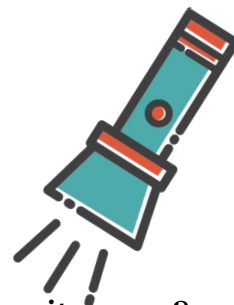
- A** A good night's sleep. Getting a full night's sleep is the start to a great day!
- B** Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! Take some extra time in the morning to have a filling breakfast to power your brain.
- C** Confidence is key! We know how hard each student works here at BKS. We are already so proud of you!! MCAS is a day to show what you know. As long as you try your best, that is most important!!

Other reminders...

- If possible, please leave phones, smart watches and any other electronic devices home on test days. If it is not possible, please remind your child that they must be kept off and in their backpacks during the school day (as they must be for every other school day!)
- Students are expected to be in school on their scheduled testing days. If your child is absent on a testing day, please contact our office immediately and they will be rescheduled on one of our make up days.

...life is not a multiple choice test; it's an open book essay exam. - Allan Blinder, Princeton University

Counselor's Corner



This hits home for me

*When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away?
Of course not. You change the batteries.*

*When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place,
do you cast them aside?
Of course not! You need to help them change their batteries.*

*Some need AA... attention and affection;
some need AAA... attention, affection, and acceptance;
some need C... compassion;
some need D... direction.*

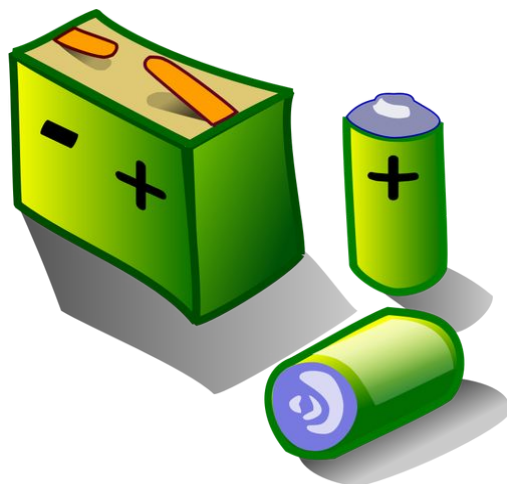
And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

~Carol Miller

This school year I've been learning a lot about different ways to meet the social and emotional needs of our kids- to help them change their batteries. One of the people I've been learning from is Dr. Becky Kennedy. She offers great tips via social media that have inspired me to learn more about her strategies and ideas. Her book Good Inside is on my *To Be Read List*. Mrs. Rodriguez and I are going to read it this spring. If any of you would like to join us, we'd love to have a little book club. (See the flyer in this newsletter.)

Happy Spring!

Maura Hurst
School Counselor





Nurse's Message

Happy Spring!

With the warm weather hopefully coming soon we are excited to get more chances to be outside in the fresh air. This should provide us with increased opportunities to exercise and soak in that Vitamin D. Our Community Garden will be planted soon - we are going to start with lettuce which will give us an early show. Keep an eye on that box at the front of the school to see what will be growing next.

For those who suffer from seasonal allergies - trees, plants and grass pollination can cause symptoms that are often confused with viruses. Primary symptoms of allergies can be sneezing, fatigue and itchy eyes. Additional symptoms can be congestion, cough, headache and sore throat. Allergies generally present as symptoms that come and go or persisting mild symptoms that do not show a sign of resolving. The most common treatments can be found over the counter. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies please talk to your pediatrician about effective medications to alleviate symptoms. The school does not have allergy medication available in the nurse's office.

Cleaner Greener will be here May 6th. I am looking forward to having a team of volunteers to beautify the school. The city provides mulch, rakes and gloves. We just need the manpower. Please let me know if we can count on you that day. More hands make light work. The mayor will host a cookout after all the work is done as a thank you.

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PTO Page

Websites:

bkspto.weebly.com

m.facebook.com/groups/BKSPTO

This Month's Events:

- Thursday, April 27, 2023
Community Event: Paint Night!
BKS Gymnasium
- Ways to support PTO: **1st Day School Supplies**
See flier on the next page for more information

Citywide:

- Monday, April 24, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Citywide PTO Meeting
Zoom Link: <https://www.quincycitywidepto.com/>

PTO Position

Beechwood Knoll PTO has an open position of interim co-web promoter.
If interested, please contact Grace Young-Jae via email at gracey518@gmail.com. Thank you!

PTO Page: Ways to Support our PTO

BEECHWOOD KNOLL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Buy Your Supplies Early
& Save UP TO 30%!**

SCAN TO
ORDER



✓ The Exact School Supplies
Your Teacher Requested

✓ Name Brand Products Like:



Pre-Order Today at: 1stDaySchoolSupplies.com

Pre-Order Next Year's Supplies!

Store Link

<http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=48243>

Report Cards

★ **Beechwood Knoll Term 2 Report Card Conferences**

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Afternoon - 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM in person at Beechwood Knoll

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 card 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 marisarodriguez@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 conferences.
- ★ 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 were published in Aspen on March 24th**
Directions for accessing Aspen can be found on the next page. To reset Aspen login - contact main office 617-984-8781 or email kaitlindelancey@quincypublicschools.com
- ★ **Request to Print Report Cards**
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 contact our main office 617-984-8781 or email kaitlindelancey@quincypublicschools.com

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.



Release	Date/Issued	Creator	Description
	Program Report - Middle School - QTR 3 - 10/19/2011	0119/2011/01/01	0108877/Report Card for (7-1481)

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



Fifth Grade Bake Sale!



Wednesday, April 5th, 12:15 pm - 2:30 pm
Lobby of BKS during Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Spring Basket Raffle

Enter to win this excellent prize worth \$100.

Prizes include a gift certificate to Dairy Freeze, candy and fun outdoor games.

Drawing will be on Wednesday, April 5th at 2:30pm

Tickets will be on sale from 3/27 - 4/5 and will be available at the bake sale table from 12:00 - 2:30.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Thank you for supporting the fifth grade end of year events!



Quincy Multicultural Festival

Celebrating Our Diverse City

**Discover the unique spirit of
Quincy through culture,
craft and traditional attire.**

**We would love QPS families to host a table
or a performance showcasing their culture.**

**If you are interested in hosting / performing
please scan the QR code to register by
April 15th.**

MAY 13, 2023

12 PM TO 4 PM

FORE RIVER CLUBHOUSE

16 Nevada Rd. | Quincy, MA 02169

quincymulticulturalnight@gmail.com



Festival Multicultural de Quincy

Celebrando La Diversidad de Nuestra Ciudad

Descubrir el espíritu único de Quincy a través de la cultura, artesanía y trajes tradicionales.

Nos encantaría que nuestras familias de QPS organizaran una mesa o una actuación para mostrar su cultura.

Si usted está interesado en montar una mesa o actuar, por favor escanee el código QR para registrarse, hasta el 15 de Abril.

13 DE MAYO, 2023

HORA: 12:00 - 16:00

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Descubra o espírito único de Quincy a través de cultura, arte e traje tradicional.

Gostaríamos muito de que as famílias da QPS organizem uma mesa ou uma apresentação destacando a sua cultura.

Se você está interessado em organizar uma mesa ou uma apresentação, por favor escaneie o código QR para se cadastrar até o dia 15 de abril.

13 DE MAYO, 2023

12H ATÉ 16H

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Lễ Hội Đa Văn Hoá tại Quincy

Kỷ niệm thành phố đa dạng về văn hoá của chúng ta

Khám phá tinh thần độc đáo của Quincy thông qua văn hóa, nghề thủ công và trang phục truyền thống.

Chúng tôi rất thích các gia đình QPS tổ chức bàn ăn hoặc một buổi biểu diễn giới thiệu văn hóa của họ.

Nếu quan tâm đến việc tổ chức/ biểu diễn
Xin vui lòng quét mã QR để đăng ký trước
Ngày 15 tháng Tư.

NGÀY 13 THÁNG 5 NĂM 2023

TỪ 12PM ĐẾN 4PM

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Quincy 多元文化节

庆祝我们城市的多样性

通过文化、工艺和传统服饰来发觉Quincy的独特精神

希望我们Quincy学区的家庭可以通过展桌或表演节目的形式来展示你们的传统文化

如果您有兴趣 主持/表演 请扫描二维码注册,注册截止日期为4月15日。

2023年5月13日

下午12-4点

FORE RIVER CLUBHOUSE

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quincymulticulturalnight@gmail.com





Quincy Public Schools is Hiring!

- . Classroom Paraprofessionals**
- . Substitute Teachers**
- . Lunch Attendants**
- . Bus Drivers**
- . Substitute Secretaries**



For more information, go to:

https://www.quincypublicschools.com/our_district/academic_support/human_resources_department/current_employment_opportunities

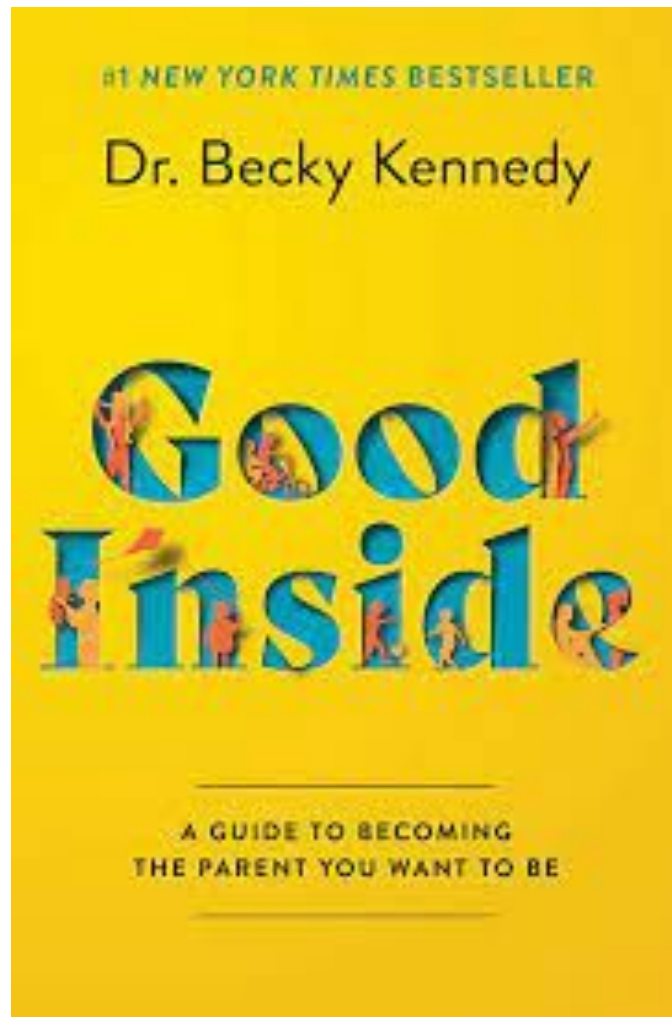
Or call the QPS Human Resources Department at 617-984-8767

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Beechwood Knoll Secretary Mrs. DeLancey at 617-984-8781 or kaitlindelancey@quincypublicschools.com

Beechwood Book Club

Interested in reading Good Inside by Dr. Becky Kennedy?

Join Mrs. Rodriguez and Mrs. Hurst
as we read, discuss and learn together.



Book Club gathering later this spring

Sign up: <https://forms.gle/tL9WAdoQP5ER4hdaA>

Expected Behavior of the Month

April

**Respect for self
in the hallway**

Control your body

Walk

