



Beechwood Knoll September Newsletter

2021

BKS PTO FACEBOOK

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"Beechwood Knoll School
PTO"
group on Facebook to
connect with other families
and to receive up to date
school information!

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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 02170

Tel:617-984-8781

Fax: 617-984-8636

Sept 4th and/or 5th:

*Kindergarten Meet and Greet at the Playground!
10-11:00am*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Homerooms Released on ASPEN	2	3
6 Labor Day	7 Rosh Hashanah	8 Early Release, 11:55 1st Day of School, Gr 1-5	9	10 Kindergarten Orientation <i>*Details to follow via email</i>
13 1st Day of School, Kindergarten	14 Primary Elections @ BKS	15 Early Release, 11:55 Yom Kippur Start of Hispanic Heritage Month	16 Yom Kippur	17 PTO Back to School Outdoor Movie Night
20	21 BKS Open House, 5-6:30	22 Early Release, 11:55	23	24
27	28	29 Early Release, 11:55	30	

IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Arrival and Dismissal Please have your child arrive to school by 8:10 so they are able to line up with their class before being let in. Dismissal is at 2:30 in the front of the school. The main driveway is blocked off for all cars during both these times in order to keep our families safe. For dismissal, if your child has permission to walk home or is going home with someone new, please send a written letter to the teacher. No child will be permitted to leave without confirmation from their parent.

Breakfast and Lunch All children will be offered a breakfast in their classrooms each morning starting on Thursday, Sept. 9th. This year, like last, lunch will be free for all students.. We do recommend checking the menus each week to ensure your child will eat what is being served, which can be found on the QPS website As a reminder, please send your child with a healthy snack each day.

Masks All individuals in the school building will be required to wear masks. Mask breaks will be given to our children throughout the day. Schools will use maximum distancing whenever possible. We have an extra supply of masks at school if your child does not have one or if their mask breaks during the day.
*While outside, masks do not need to be worn.

Student Illness Please call our secretary, Mrs. MacDonald in the morning. If you are unsure if you should send your child, ask to talk to our nurse!

If a child or teacher becomes sick with COVID-19 at BKS, we will follow all safety and health protocols. If your child is considered a close contact, you will receive a phone call from Ms. Loftus directly that same day.

My child has never been inside the school and is nervous:

Call us for a visit! Please call 617-984-8781 and request a tour with Ms. Loftus!



Welcome back to school! The Quincy Public School nurses 2021 -2022 goal is to create a culture of health and safety for our return to school. To decrease the risk of contracting COVID-19, we will once again be implementing many strategies, as no single strategy will alone prevent transmission of this virus. A combination of many strategies will substantially reduce the risk of spread and keep us healthy.

We are asking all parents to assist us by taking the following important steps:

- **KEEP STUDENTS HOME IF THEY ARE ILL:** Check your child’s temperature and signs of COVID-19 daily. Please use as a reference the attached “**Daily COVID-19 Symptom Checklist.**” If you answer yes to any of the symptoms or questions, you will need to keep your child at home and call your pediatrician. These symptoms will result in immediate dismissal if experienced during the school day.

- **SIGN UP FOR THE QPS TESTING PROGRAM:** QPS has partnered with DESE and MA DPH to offer free testing opportunities for students in order to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and maximize their in-person learning time. This testing program includes all of the following components:
 - **Pooled Testing** - a weekly safety check to screen for COVID-19
 - **Test & Stay** - is a testing program that allows your asymptomatic child to remain in school should they become a close contact while at school
 - **Symptomatic Testing** - if your child experiences a mild symptom while at school, they will be tested. Students may return to class if the test result is negative.
 - **DPH notification** -Enrollment in this program means you are consenting to all 3 testing components and notification of results to DPH.

****Testing Consent Form to be shared soon!!!**

Please call with any questions. There is no such thing as oversharing in the nurse’s office! You can reach me at 617-984-8632.

Debbie Cerone, School Nurse

Counselor's Corner

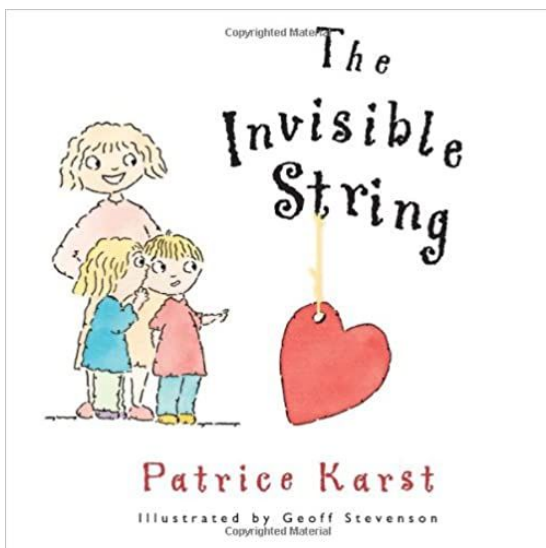
Happy New (School) Year!

Whether your child has been away from the Beechwood Knoll school building for 2 months, nearly 20 months, or joining us for the first time, I am so excited to to welcome your child to school. These first days are usually filled with so many different feelings. There will be nerves. There will be excitement. There may be some tears. (For kids and adults alike!) In the end though, we will work together to make sure your child feels *welcome, safe and loved*.

If you are looking for a few books to read with your child in the coming days to help with separation, these may be helpful.

Please reach out if I can support your family in any way this year.

Maura Hurst, School Counselor



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIUxXexjhYI>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02g8HCPnoE4>

Beechwood Knoll Elementary School
Staff 2021-2022

Office Staff

Janet Loftus	Principal
Marisa Forrester	Assistant Principal
Jane MacDonald	Secretary
Debbie Cerone	Nurse
Maura Hurst	Guidance

Kindergarten

Lauren Lindsay	15
K Moy	S1
Gina Amaral	S2

Student Support Staff

Kathleen DeMayo	Literacy
Lori Higgins	Resource Teacher
Patricia Stacpoole-Gilmartin	EL Teacher

Gr 1

Colleen Monahan-White	16
Tracy Ciulla	17
Marion Sullivan	18

Shirley Tan	Psychologist
Thomas Whittico	Speech
Amy Danick	OT
Debbie Donelin	Caf Manager

Gr 2

Debra DeAngelis	10
Lisa Vallatini	19
Katie Connolly	20

Specialists

Nicole Oliver	Art
Jessica Fan	Music
Robin Franceschini	P.E.
Caitlyn Schmidt	Band

Gr 3

Marisa Forrester	4
Catherine Connolly	6
Erin Gerry	8

Para-Professionals

Lina Balsamo	S1
Kelly Kelley	S2
GiGi Xu	15
Phyllis Kozlowski	6

Gr 4

Laura Mulcahy	1
Kelsey Bina	2
Gregory Caswell	3

Gr 5

Karen Kelliher	7
Mary Lynne DePaolo	5
Lesley Coughlin	9

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.

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Progress Reports - Middle School - CPS 8 KB	10/22/2015 2:02 PM	CAVALLO, ROBERT	Report card for

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SAVE THE DATE

Beechwood Knoll Kindergarten Class of 2034

Meet and Greet Playdate!

Dates: Sept 4th and/or Sept 5th

Time: 10-11:00am

**Meeting Place: picnic table at the entrance to
the playground**

**COME AND MEET OTHER NEW
KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES BEFORE
THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!**

**Join our PTO
Facebook Page:
"Beechwood
Knoll School
PTO"**





QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

UPDATED 6.28.2021

September 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

17 days

■ = No School/
Holiday or Vacation

Aug. 30: Elementary and Middle School Offices Re-Open
Sept. 7: First day for Professional Staff
Sept. 8: First day of school, Grades 1-9
Sept. 9: First day of school, Gr. 10-12
Sept. 10: Kindergarten & Pre-K Orientation
Sept. 13: First day of school, Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
Sept. 22: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Days
Sept. 22: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Day

February 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

15 days

Feb. 2, 9, 16: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
Feb. 9: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Day
Feb. 9: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Day
Feb. 19-Feb. 27: February Recess ~ No School

October 2021

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

20 days

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
Oct. 11: Columbus Day ~ No School
Oct. 13, 27: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Days
Oct. 13: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Day

March 2022

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

23 days

Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
Mar. 9, 23: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Days
Mar. 9: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Day

November 2021

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

19 days

Nov. 3, 10, 17: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
Nov. 10: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Days
Nov. 10: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Day
Nov. 11: Veteran's Day ~ No School
Nov. 24: Early Release Day ~ All Schools ~ No Lunch Served
Nov. 25 & 26: Thanksgiving Recess ~ No School

April 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

15 days

Apr. 6, 13, 27: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
Apr. 13, 27: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Days
Apr. 13: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Day
Apr. 15: Good Friday Observed ~ No School
Apr. 16-Apr. 24: April Recess ~ No School

December 2021

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17 days

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
Dec. 8, 22: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Day
Dec. 8: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Day
Dec. 24-Jan. 2: Winter Recess ~ No School

May 2022

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

21 days

May 4, 11, 18, 25: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
May 11, 25: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Days
May 11: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Day
May 30: Memorial Day ~ No School

January 2022

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

20 days

Jan. 1: New Year's Day ~ No School
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
Jan. 12, 26: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Days
Jan. 12, 26: Gr. 9-12 & LEAP Early Release Days
Jan. 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed ~ No School

June 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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13 days

June 1: Last Day of School for High School Seniors (Day 168)
June 6: NQHS Graduation
June 7: QHS Graduation
June 1, 8, 15: PK-Gr. 5 Early Release Days
June 8: Gr. 6-8 Early Release Day
June 20: Juneteenth Observed

June 17: Last Day of School: May be adjusted for school cancellations (Early Release Day for Elementary & Middle Schools) (Day 180)
June 21: Last Day for Professional Staff (May be adjusted for cancellations)
June 27: Last Day of School (in case of 5 days school cancellations)
June 28: Last Day for Professional Staff (if 5 days school cancellations)

Elementary School Offices Close 6 days after last day of school
 Middle School Offices Close 11 days after last day of school
 High School Offices Open all summer for registration