



# BEECHWOOD KNOLL

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

### PTO: DECEMBER 6TH

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87094849011?pwd=bWRuTiszaHJVahh6UXovZINTVUNUdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 9484 9011  
 Passcode: 148914

#### 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

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1 <i>Early Release, 11:55</i>	2 <i>Tis the Season, 6:30</i>	3
6 Last day of Hanukkah  PTO Meeting, 6:30	7  Report Cards sent home and released on ASPEN	8 <i>Early Release, 11:55</i>  Report Card Conferences,  In Person: 1:00-2:30 pm  Remote: 5-6:30pm	9	10 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
13	14	15 <i>Early Release, 11:55</i>	16	17
<b>Last Week of BKS After School Clubs until February!</b>				
20	21	22 <i>Early Release, 11:55</i>	23 Pajama Day!	24 NO SCHOOL
28	29	30	31	1
<b>WINTER BREAK, NO SCHOOL</b> <b>*Students Return Monday, January 3rd*</b>				

#### December Holidays:

Hanukkah: November 28th-Dec 6th

Christmas, December 25

KWANZAA BEGINS Dec 26th-Jan 1

#### Free Winter Jackets:

THIS WEDNESDAY (11.23) to be given out at dismissal.

# A Note from the Principal

*I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season! Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Diwali, Christmas, or Kwanzaa, I hope that you are able to enjoy with your families with gratitude and happiness!*

*Our BKS staff has been working around the clock to ensure that our students are learning and growing academically, socially, and emotionally to the best of our ability. I encourage all families are able to sign up for Report Card Conferences in order to check in with your child's teacher so that we can hit the ground running when we come back in January.*

*Thank you all for your continued support as we navigate through this school year. Your children are the best and I am so grateful for our families and all that they do to make Beechwood such a wonderful place.*

*Again, I hope you all enjoy some time off over the holidays and I wish you nothing but health and happiness in the coming New Year!*

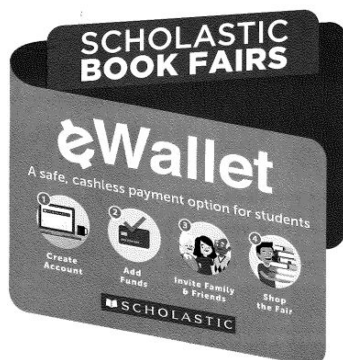
*~Ms. Janet Loftus*

## BKS Quick Updates:

**MAP Data:** Grades 2-5 MAP Reports will not be sent home with report cards. We will send home a more accurate report once our Winter Assessments are completed at the end of January.

**Holiday Concert:** We are postponing our school concert until the Spring in order to keep everyone healthy prior to the holidays!

**Book Fair:** Check out the pamphlet that went home and please encourage your child to pick their book(s) to purchase before the book fair!



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\*See site for details. Online items may differ in price or format from in-school items.



# *A NOTE FROM THE NURSE.....*



Hello Everyone!

With the holidays fast approaching, I wanted to reach out with a few reminders but wanted to first tell you that during Thanksgiving, I am most thankful to have the opportunity to care for your students and work with all the Beechwood Knoll families. This year is full of unique challenges and I appreciate everyone's understanding as we work together to navigate the current craziness.

Please take a minute to review the following important reminders.

**TRAVEL GUIDELINES:** Currently travel guidelines are in place for international travel only. If you are unsure what is required to travel and then return to school, please click on this link to connect to the most recent state issued travel guidelines or give me a call and we can discuss:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

As a Quincy resource, Manet is offering COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics. Manet offers free COVID-19 vaccines for anyone in our community age 5 and older. No insurance is needed (though we will ask for your information). We offer all three approved vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson), including boosters, for patients and community residents at the health center locations and for a time at 180 Old Colony Avenue: Visit

[www.manetchc.org/covid-19-vaccine/](http://www.manetchc.org/covid-19-vaccine/) or follow us on Facebook

@ManetCommunityHealthCenter!. Free COVID-19 testing continues to be done Tuesdays:1:00 - 4:00 PM at 180 Old Colony Avenue. This is a self-administered swab. Results generally delivered within 48 hours.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Mrs. Cerone, MSN, RN

[deborahcerone@quincypublicschools.com](mailto:deborahcerone@quincypublicschools.com)

617 984-8632

## Counselor's Corner

This past month has provided our students with a couple ways to show their generosity. First was the annual Halloween candy drive. The children donated 217.6 pounds of candy! That's an amazing amount. Even more amazing though were the smiles on their faces and the pride they were beaming as they added their donation to the collection. Halloween candy is a pretty precious commodity- "kid currency" if you will. And for the students to donate something so valuable to them is a wonderful lesson. (All of the candy will be used to fill holiday stockings made by a local Blue Star Mothers group and handed out at Logan Airport this holiday season.)

Also this month, we held a successful food drive benefiting the local food pantries. Again, this was a tangible way for our students to learn about generosity and what it means to give to others. And yet again, the children looked so proud as they added to the boxes and saw our collection grow.

In this upcoming holiday season, I hope we can continue to look for ways to learn generosity.

Happy Holidays. Thanks for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Maura Hurst, School Counselor

"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

- John Wesley.



# Report Card Conferences

December 8th:

IN-PERSON: 1-2:30 pm

**\*\*REMOTE: 5:00-6:30 pm**

**We are going digital! Please use the link below to sign up for your child/children's report card conferences! All you need is the link and the name of your child's homeroom teacher!**

**<https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/BKS>**

**\*Site is live as of today!\***

\*Conferences will be 10 minutes per child. We encourage parents to look over the report cards the day before and come with any questions or concerns.

\*Families who would like to request a translator need to fill out the form that was sent home and return it to school as soon as possible.

\*While your child may have more than one academic teacher, we are asking that we keep the conferences to the homeroom teacher and any support staff listed only, so that all parents can be accommodated for.

\*Once you have signed up, [www.ptcfast.com](https://www.ptcfast.com) will send you reminders for your scheduled conference!

\*If you choose a remote conference, 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.

报告卡会议  
12 月 8 日:  
面对面: 1-2:30 pm  
\*\*远程: 下午 5:00-6:30

我们正在走向数字化！请使用下面的链接报名参加您的孩子/孩子的成绩单会议！您所需要的只是您孩子班主任的链接和姓名！

<https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/BKS>

**\*网站从今天开始上线！\***

\*每个孩子的会议时间为 10 分钟。我们鼓励家长在前一天查看成绩单，并提出任何问题或疑虑。

\*需要翻译的家庭需要填写寄回家的表格并尽快交回学校。

\*虽然您的孩子可能有不止一位学术老师，但我们要求我们将会议保留给班主任老师和仅列出的任何支持人员，以便所有家长都能得到照顾。

\*注册后，[www.ptcfast.com](http://www.ptcfast.com) 将向您发送预定会议的提醒！

\*如果您选择远程会议，请确保您能够在会议前登录 Google Meet，以确保在安排的会议期间不会出现技术问题。



# ACCESS TO ASPEN IN 5 EASY STEPS

**Step 1.** Type in the address in your browser:  
[aspen.quincypublicschools.com](http://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.



Published Reports			
Filename	DateUploaded	Creator	Description
Progress Reports - Middle School - QPS 8 / KB 10/23/2015 2:03 PM/CAVALLO, ROBERT			Report card for [1 - 1 of 1]
Web Sites			
Group Resources			

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



**It's Pajama  
Day  
At BKS!**

**Thursday,  
December 23rd**

**Get comfy and have an  
awesome day!**



# Thank You For Your Donations for The Food Drive

The food drive was incredibly successful. Thank you to everyone who participated.

*From the Fifth Grade  
BKS Student Council*



## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with **"Stop"**.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
"Y" or "Yes"  
to 67587**

**i** Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.



**\*\*Please note: Elementary Schools will not be sending students and families this year. All information for ticket purchases can be found below.**

**Quincy School ~ Community Partnership and  
Mayor Thomas P. Koch  
present**



*'Tis the Season...  
Symphony & Song!*

*Celebrate the sounds of the holiday season with the  
Quincy Symphony Orchestra  
Quincy Public Schools Combined High School Choral Group  
and  
John Adams Orchestra*

**Thursday, December 2, 2021  
Quincy High School  
Lloyd Hill Performing Arts Center  
7:00 P.M.**

**General Admission: \$20.00**

Tickets may be purchased at both North Quincy High and Quincy High School

**Dinner, Performance and VIP Seating: \$40.00**

A 3 course dinner will be served at Presidents Cafe (located in Quincy High School) prior to the evening performance. Dinner seating will begin at 5:00 p.m. Dinner/Performance tickets must be purchased at Quincy Public Schools, 34 Coddington Street, Quincy, MA 02169 by Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Seating is limited. For additional information please call (617) 984-8731.

Masks are required in all school buildings.