Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders:

*Please only cross the street at the crosswalks *Do no block any driveways with your cars. *The only place

children should be getting dropped off is to the right of the school, not in the street.

<u>Principal</u>

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

JANUARY CALENDAR

Beechwood Knoll Elementary School

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 All students return to school.	4	5 Early Release, 11:55	6	7
10	11	12 Early Release, 11:55	13	14
17 MLK Jr Day NO SCHOOL	18 Kindness Week Starts at BKS	19 Early Release, 11:55	20	21
24	25	26 Role Model Assemblies Early Release, 11:55	27 Wear RED Day Chinese New Year Parade @ BKS	28
31		Quick Tip: Students should be emptying their backpacks with you		

each night to ensure that you are

information!

receiving all notices and important

BKS UPDATES

- Winter Assessments will be taking place for all students during the month of January.
 These assessments will give us a clear picture of how far they have come since our
 Fall Assessments, as well as where each child's strengths and weaknesses lie.
 ACCESS Testing also begins for all students who are learning English as a second
 language in order to support children's development in the areas of reading, writing,
 speaking and listening. Our kids are rockstars and I know they will come in each and
 every day ready to show what they know!
- We would like to wish our secretary Jane MacDonald a wonderful retirement! She has been a crucial part of our Beechwood Knoll family and we will miss her dearly. We are currently interviewing potential candidates to fill this position.
- Chromebooks have been distributed to all fifth grade classrooms and we are eagerly waiting for the next grade levels' delivery. Thank you again to the Mayor and School Committee for supporting our schools!
- Please see the Nurse's Message regarding pool testing and updates on vaccinated children and close contacts.





Nurse's Message

Welcome back! A few reminders as we enter the height of cold and flu season. Please keep your child home if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature of **100.5** or higher within the last 24 hours
- Nausea that lasts for more than one hour and/or prevents your child from eating
- Vomiting or diarrhea (must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school)
- Coughing that is painful, keeps your child awake at night and is uncontrolled
- Congestion that is so severe your child is having difficulty walking up stairs without getting short of breath and/or cannot talk easily
- A sore throat that has lasted for more than 24 hours and is preventing your child from eating/drinking--even more of a concern when there has been a known exposure to strep throat
- Dizziness with or without a headache

Two of the greatest defenses against illness are hand washing and isolation when sick.

Pool testing resumes January 6 and will continue weekly on Wednesday's. If you would like your child removed from testing please email me prior to the return from winter break. You will be notified if your child is in a positive pool. The children in the positive pool are then Binax tested to determine the positive case. The positive case is dismissed and at that point contact tracing begins. If you are identified as a close contact (closer than 3 feet masked or 6 feet unmasked for more than 15 minutes in the 48 hours prior) and involved in pool testing you will be transitioned to Test to Stay. This will go out via School Messenger. If your child is a close contact and not involved in pool testing one of our office staff will contact you to answer questions and discuss options. If your child is fully vaccinated (two vaccines + 14 days) your child is exempt from testing and home quarantine unless they present with symptoms. Your child can attend school during this time as long as they remain asymptomatic.

If you are unsure about whether or not your child's symptoms are serious enough to keep him/her home, please feel free to call the health office. We can review the symptoms over the phone. It is preferred to arrive late than to arrive on time with contagious symptoms. My phone number is 617 984-8632 or email deborahcerone@quincypublicschools.com.

I greatly appreciate your help in keeping our school community healthy and safe. Mrs. Cerone

Kindness Week

The week of January 17th will be annual Kindness Week at BKS. Student Council will be organizing a theme for each day that will give students and staff inspiration for creative ways to show kindness to each other.

Kindness Week has become a tradition at Beechwood was a way to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who continues to inspires us to treat others with respect and justice.

We welcome your family to extend our acts of kindness beyond the school day and into your home and neighborhood. If your family would like to share a photo of your act of kindness, please email it to

maurahurst@quincypublicschools.com and we will share a collection of the good works our school community shared during Kindness Week.







英语学习者家长咨询委 员会 (ELPAC)



什么是ELPAC?

一 群希望与 学校和地区领导合作以改进学生 英语教育计划的昆西公立 学校在读和校友英语学生 的家长和导师。

ELPAC 是做什么的?

- 昆西公立 学校英语学习 倡导者指南
- 和通知学校领导
- 与其他英语学生家长分享信息

ELPAC 会议有以下语言的口译员: 普通话、葡萄牙语、西班牙语和越南语。

如果您有任何问题或有兴趣与其他家庭交谈, 请通过以下方式与联系我们: <u>elpacquincypublicschool@gmail.com</u> 或完成调查。



