



MARCH PARENT NEWSLETTER

Beechwood Knoll
Elementary School
2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 PTO, 6:30 <i>Winter MAP Testing, Gr 2-5: March 1st-12th</i> <i>*Read Across America Begins!</i>	2	3 Remote Gr K-5 Materials Pick Up Day: 12:30-2:00	4	5 PTO Pizza Night
8 BOKS Starts Gr 5 DARE Begins	9	10	11	12 PTO Pizza and BINGO Night
15	16	17 Jump Rope for Heart, 11am	18	19 Gr. 3 Virtual Field Trip, Commonwealth Museum
22	23	24 Gr 5 Parent Meeting, 5:30pm	25	26 Report Cards Posted on ASPEN
29	30 Adult Book Club, 7:30	31 PBIS Assembly		

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

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SAVE THE DATES: *Report Card Conferences are April 7th and 14th

PTO Meeting

Monday, March 1st at 6:30pm

Meeting ID: 811 7111 7294

Passcode: 289383

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81171117294?pwd=THdXbGhMcEtsMzhpcjhJRjRvODBwdz09>

POOL TESTING at BKS

This week, Beechwood Knoll participated in the trial for Pool Testing. Twenty of our students were tested on Thursday for COVID and I am happy to report that ALL TESTS CAME BACK NEGATIVE Friday morning!

We will continue Pool Testing grades 1-3 each week on Tuesdays over the month of March. Thank you to those whose children are participating and please know that if you would like your child to be a part of this weekly process, it is not too late.

If you are interested in your student participating in Pooled COVID-19 Testing, please fill out the form for each of your students in Grades 1-3:

<https://forms.gle/541L1zN57DuWFJHw9> .

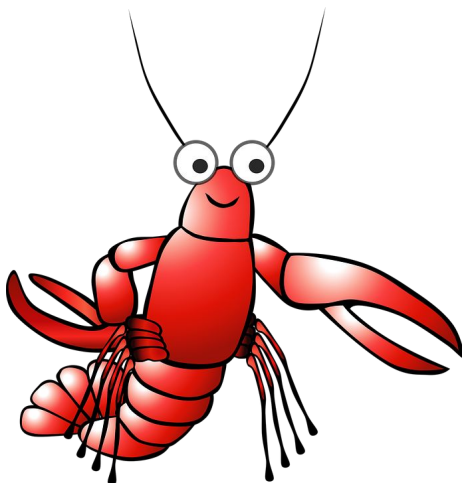
As always, do not hesitate to reach out with any questions regarding this process.

Counselor's Corner

Between remote learning, gaming and social connections, kids are spending more time than ever on devices and online. While technology has been amazing in keeping us connected during this time of social distancing, it also brings a host of challenges that our children are not prepared to deal with. (And let's be honest, as adults, we didn't have to deal with these issues when we were kids, so it's new to us too.)

One resource that I have found to be useful in helping kids navigate the challenges of the digital world has been Common Sense Media ([commonsensemedia.org](https://www.commonsensemedia.org)). I have been using their Digital Citizenship curriculum with 5th graders. It also has great resources for parents. Check it out if you'd like to learn more about helping your children navigate this digital world.

Maura Hurst
School Counselor



The Expected Behavior for the
month of March is
**Respect for Property in the
Classroom.**

We will be working hard to keep
our learning spaces neat at home
and in school.

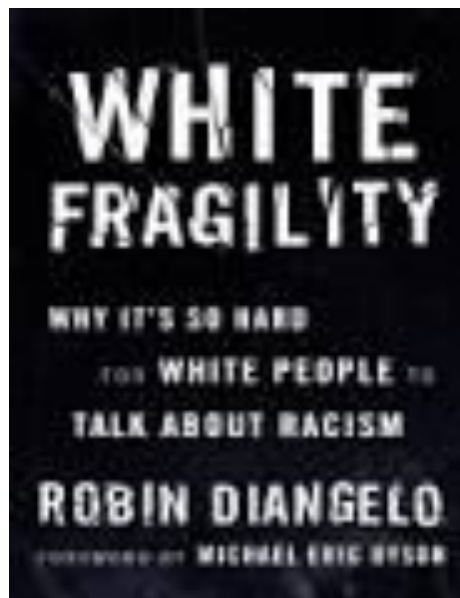
BKS DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

ADULT BOOK CLUB: March 30th, 7:00pm

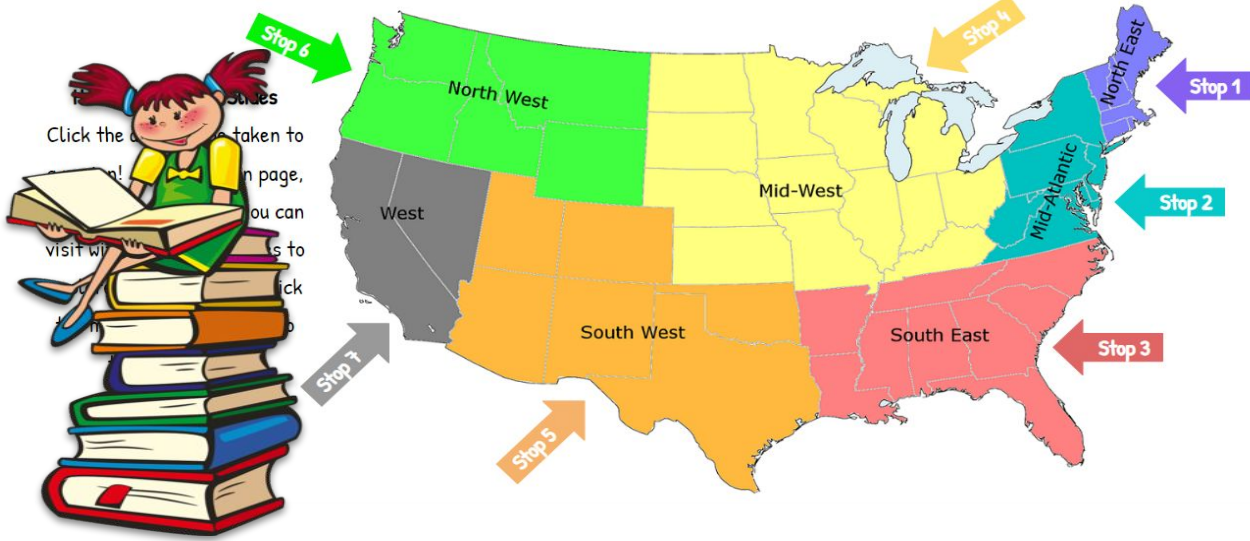
*Our summer book club was so successful that we would like to have another! Join us for some conversation and some community building this month! No pressure if you don't get to finish the whole book or if you don't like to talk in front of other adults. Being present and listening is just as powerful!

We will be reading White Fragility by Sociologist Robin Diangelo. All we ask is that you come with an open mind and the ability to challenge yourself and your own norms in order to make our community a better place for our children. We are all in this together.

If you are interested, please email janetloftus@quincypublicschools.com as soon as possible.



BEECHWOOD KNOLL READS ACROSS AMERICA!!

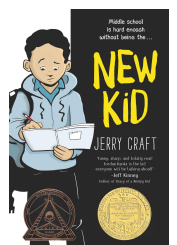
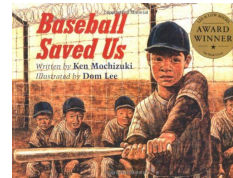
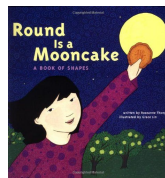
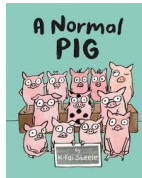
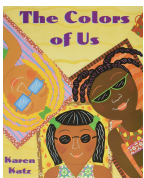


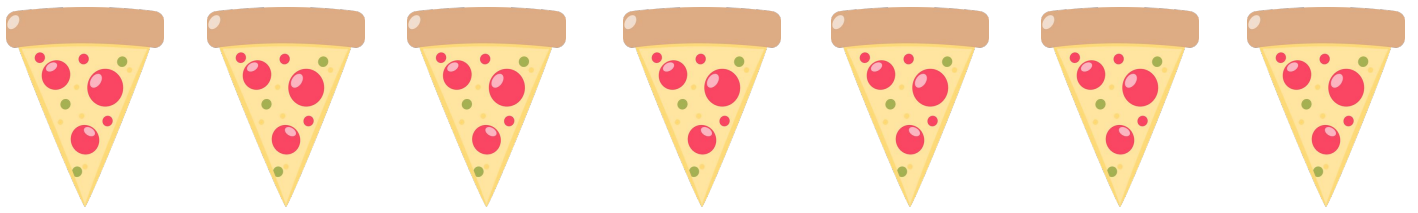
Read Across America Reimagined

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team, in alignment with the Design Team have been busy creating this year's Read Across America celebration. Our students will have the opportunity to **“Read Our Way Across The USA,”** learning about interesting people, cultures, history and places along the way!

One Grade, One Book

Thanks to our PTO, 6 books were researched and purchased in order to support our ONE GRADE, ONE BOOK Initiative. Every child from Kindergarten through grade 5 will be receiving their own book to keep and read with their teachers during our Read Across America Initiative. Each title chosen for the specific grade levels supports the mission of our DEI Team and together as a grade level the children will participate in the lessons and activities that accompany each book. Parents will be given resources as well that align with the book so that they too can take part in these conversations at home.





Beechwood Knoll Make Your Own Pizza Night PTO Fundraiser

FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH

Please join us in supporting local business *Penguin Pizza* and
the students of Beechwood!

Cheese \$13 Pepperoni \$15 Gluten free \$15

Red, white or cranberry sangria \$15 each

Pick up outside of BKS on 3/5/21 after school or delivery available

(\$5 charge for delivery)

Use this link to order your Pizza Kit and SANGRIA

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTkE4zXI8YnjMfYAyrnQg4CEMdLMY6EXJ0mESAtgKkv0CrEQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

We will be having another pizza night with BINGO on
FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH, more info to follow!

Thank you for your support!

Accessing Report Cards on ASPEN

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.

Quincy Public Schools

Login ID
12345678

Password

[I forgot my password](#)

Log On

Password Expired

Your password has expired. Please create a new one.

Current Password

New Password

Confirm New Password

OK Cancel

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

Set Preferences - Windows Internet E...

General Home Security Communications

Primary email
Alternate email

Security question
(What are the last 4 digits of your SSN?)

Security answer
Confirm answer

Password
Change

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 9 /08 10/23/2015 2:03 PMCAVALLO, ROBERT			Report card for

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Web Sites

Group Resources

Jump Rope for Heart!!



Hi Everyone!!!! It is that time of the year again!!! I am sending you and your families an email for the Jump Rope for Heart!!

This year the event is going to be virtual on

Wednesday, March 17th at 11 a.m.

I was able with the assistance of the PTO and the generosity of the American Heart Association each child will receive a jump rope to bring home for the program! Please click on the link below and I am also attaching a parent letter for important information. This is not mandatory for the fundraising but I do know that some families are very generous to the American Heart Association! Even though it is St. Patrick's Day, try to add in some red on the event day!! A link will be sent out soon with the ZOOM link.

https://www2.heart.org/site/SPageNavigator/ym_khc_get_start_ed_guide.html

Thank you so much,
Robin Franceschini
Physical Education Teacher

St Patrick's Day



BY ROSE DAVIDSON

Bring out your green! St. Patrick's Day—observed every March 17—is packed with parades, good luck charms, and all things green. The event started as a religious holiday, but over time it's become a celebration of Irish culture.

CELEBRATED SAINT

St. Patrick might be the patron saint of [Ireland](#)—but he didn't always *live* in Ireland. Patrick was born in [Britain](#) in the fourth century and didn't arrive in Ireland until he was 16 years old, when he was sent to work in the country.

After he arrived, Patrick became interested in Christianity and started teaching others about the religion. He is said to have converted many of the country's residents to Christians, and now St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day Patrick supposedly died.

MYTHS BUSTED

St. Patrick was a real person, but some of the traditions associated with him and the holiday are actually myths. For instance, you'll often see the four-leaf clover on St. Patrick's Day. However, according to legend, Patrick used a *three-leaf* clover, or shamrock, as part of his teachings. Even though it's possible for a shamrock to grow a fourth leaf, a four-leaf clover is just considered a symbol of good luck.

Another legend says that Patrick chased all the [snakes](#) out of Ireland. The problem? These creatures never actually lived in the country. In fact many animals found throughout Europe and North America don't live on the island of Ireland—the ocean keeps the critters away.

GOING GREEN

The fact that Ireland is an island—as well as green with leafy trees and grassy hills—means that the nation is sometimes called the Emerald Isle. But the color that people originally associated with St. Patrick was blue! (Some ancient Irish flags even sport this color.) Green was finally introduced to St. Patrick's Day festivities in the 18th century, when the shamrock (which is, of course, green) became a national symbol. Because of the shamrock's popularity and Ireland's landscape, the color stuck to the holiday.

Green is also the color that mythical fairies called leprechauns like to dress in—today, at least. But tales about leprechauns date back to *before* green was in: The fairies were first described as wearing red.

To read more....visit <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/st-patricks-day>

March



According to History.com,

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From [Abigail Adams](#) to [Susan B. Anthony](#), [Sojourner Truth](#) to [Rosa Parks](#), the [timeline of women's history milestones](#) stretches back to the founding of the United States.

The actual celebration of [Women's History Month](#) grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, [California](#), in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President [Jimmy Carter](#) issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National [Women's History](#) Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

Check out this great interactive timeline:

<https://interactive.unwomen.org/multimedia/timeline/womens-footprintinhistory/en/index.html#intro1>

QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Virtual Parent Academy

Tuesday, March 9 ~ 6:00-7:00 PM

For parents/guardians of students in grades 3-8

STEM Exploration *with* **JASON Learning**

Join us...

This Parent Academy will include:

- The importance of STEM education and strategies to support your student at home
- Overview of JASON's curricula and resources
- How to access STEM collections best suited for your student
- Quincy Public Schools Teacher Champions using JASON curriculum in their elementary and Middle School classrooms

*Give students the power
to solve real-world
problems today.*



[Watch the JASON
Introduction Video Here!](#)

Real-world STEM Education

Explore the world's largest library of standards - aligned curriculum
~ from anywhere ~

Questions?

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Zoom Meeting

Meeting Link Coming Soon