

Quincy Public Schools Update #15 March 12, 2021

Dear Quincy Public Schools Parents, Guardians and Staff,

During the March 10, 2021 School Committee Meeting, we were pleased to announce the Quincy Public Schools timeline to return students in Grades 4-11 currently enrolled in the hybrid learning model to full time in-person learning:

- Grades 4-8 and Grade 11 on Monday, March 22, 2021
- Grades 9 and 10 on Monday, March 29, 2021

Quincy Public Schools will continue to provide full-time remote learning for all families who would like their students to remain in this instructional model. Parents who wish to transition from remote learning to in-person learning should contact their school principal. The date for these students to return to school in person will be on or before April 5, 2021.

In order to accommodate the return to in-person learning, Quincy Public Schools will be transitioning from our current six-foot distancing model to between a minimum of three and maximum of six feet of distancing. The maximum distance of six feet will be maintained whenever possible and mask breaks, lunch, and snack time will always be conducted at a distance of six feet.

As additional grade levels transition back to school full time, we encourage our families to participate in our QPS Pooled Testing initiative. Pooled testing continues to be available to students in Grades 1-3 and students in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grades 4-8 can be tested beginning the week of March 22, 2021. Please use the following link to enroll your student in the QPS Pooled Testing initiative: <u>https://forms.gle/wuQ2sZPw8sUZG78r8</u>.

We are continuing to plan on how best to increase educational opportunities for our youngest learners and are seeking your input through the QPS Kindergarten Instructional Model Survey: <u>https://forms.gle/j5RHEoZAxddM1VNu5</u>. Your feedback on this survey will help us finalize an instructional plan that meets the needs of our Kindergarten students and their families.

We are thrilled to be welcoming many of our students back to full time in-person instruction and greatly appreciate the continued support of our school community as we make these transitions.

Sincerely,

Kevin W. Mulvey Superintendent of Schools *Erin Terkins* Assistant Superintendent

April Break Free Grab N' Go Meals

Call the School Nutrition Office at 617-984-8768 by April 5, 2021, to reserve

Pick-up is at North Quincy High on April 16, 2021, from 11 AM-12 PM

Breakfast Meals Include:

5 Cereal Breakfast Options with 100% Fruit Juice, & Milk

Lunch Meals Include:

Protein PackString Cheese, BBQ Turkey, WW Cheez-its, Apple Slices, & 100% Fruit JuiceGrilled CheeseWith Baby Carrots & OrangeBrunch for LunchYogurt with WW Pancakes, Maple Syrup, Pear, & 100% Fruit JuiceANYTIME LunchableTurkey, Ham, & Cheese, with WW Crackers, Apple Slices, RaisinsTurkey & Cheese SandwichOn a WW Bun, with side salad, & 100% Fruit Juice

*All meals served with 1% Milk

Quincy Public Schools is hosting Virtual Course Selection Information-Nights for incoming students/families to assist with the on-line selection process for courses for 2021-2022

North Quincy High School Monday, March 22, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting Link Meeting ID: 873 8816 1290 Passcode: 02171

Quincy High School Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting Link Meeting ID: 885 3414 6972 Passcode: 170188





During the week of April 5, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) Office of Language Acquisition will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Quincy Public Schools. The Office of Language Acquisition reviews each district's and charter school's ELE program every six years to monitor compliance with federal and state English learner education laws and regulations. Areas of review will include English learners' student assessments, identification of English learners; what programs English learners are placed in, parent and community involvement, curriculum and instruction, student support services, licensure requirements for faculty, staff and administration, program plans, and evaluation and recordkeeping.

In addition, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Language Acquisition will send a survey to the parents of students whose records the review team examines. The survey focuses on key areas of their child's English learner education program. Survey results will contribute to the monitoring report.

Parents and other individuals may call Andrew McDonie, Office of Language Acquisition Review Chairperson, at (781) 338-3541 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, DESE will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days of this review, Andrew McDonie will provide Quincy Public Schools with a report with information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The report will be available to the public at http://www.doe.mass.edu/ell/cpr/?section=reports.

Quincy Public Schools and Quincy College Career Vocational and Technical Education (CVTE) Pathways and DUAL Enrollment Initiative

Parent Academy



For parents of Grade 9 students interested in CVTE Pathways, and parents of students currently enrolled in these specific CVTE Pathways*



Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/hqz-foqq-pzi



Informational Session on:

- ✓ Pathways Program Overview
- ✓ Admissions Criteria
- ✓ Cost Savings
- ✓ Registration Process
- ✓ An Educators Perspective
- ✓ Future Opportunities
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions

 Career Vocational and Technical Education PATHWAY Courses:

Early Education and Care

Information Support and Networking Services

Legal and Protective Services

Business Technology

Health Care Technology

For additional information, contact Quincy Public Schools Executive Director Career Vocational and Technical Education, Keith Segalla at keithsegalla@quincypublicschools.com.

www.mbta.com/fares/fare-transformation

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Fare Transformation

Virtual Public Meetings: Proposed Sales Network

Dates: Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 pm Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 pm Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00pm Location: Virtual Public Meeting	Event Description In the future, riders will be able to purchase their MBTA fares and passes online, via their smartphones, and with contactless credit/debit cards. We're also expanding acceptance of cash by building a larger, more robust network of retailers, in-station fare vending machines, and new streetscape fare vending machines at bus stops and Green Line stations across the network.
How to Participate: Visit the project webpage - <u>MBTA.</u> <u>com/fares/fare-transformation/get-</u> <u>involved</u>	We've conducted a Point of Sale Distribution and Equity Analysis to identify where we should add new sales locations. Now, we need your help to make sure our analysis didn't miss any critical locations.
Project Team Email: publicengagement@mbta.com	Join us to hear about our methodology for determining our proposed locations and share your feedback to help us make sure we're creating a network that works for you.
	How to Participate Instructions on how to join and participate will be posted on the project website under 'Upcoming Events' ahead of the meeting: <u>MBTA.com/fares/fare-transformation/get-involved</u>

Accomodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge, upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated materials, assistive listening devices, and interpreters (including American Sign Language).

For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT'sChief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email at MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot. state.ma.us



MARCH 2021



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME MON. 10AM: 3/22 - 4/26 TODDLER STORYTIME TUES. 10AM: 3/23 - 4/27 ABC STORYTIME WEDS. 10AM: 3/24 - 4/28 FAMILY PJ STORYTIME WEDS. 6:30PM: 3/24 - 4/28 MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME THURS. 10AM: 3/25 - 4/29

MARCH 13 AT 10AM DRAW & TELL STORYTIME AGES 3+ MARCH 18 AT 6:30PM CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE! READ-A-LONG GRADES K-3 YOUR VERY OWN ROBOT BY R.A. MONTGOMERY

MARCH 20 AT 10AM

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH STORYTIME AGES 3+

MARCH 27 AT 10AM

WHAT'S NEW? Storytime WHAT'S *** HAPPENING ATYOUR ** LIBRARY?





DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS!

And pick up new ones! Request books OF COURSE! online at tinyurl.com/kidsTCPL2go or call the Children's Room at (617)376-1300, ext.4



Learn hundreds of languages online for free! All you need to do is create an account with Transparent Language HERE:

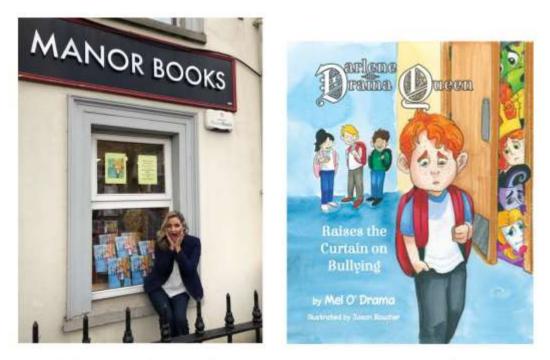
tinyurl.com/kidsTL

VISIT US ONLINE ANYTIME AT THOMASCRANELIBRARY.ORG



Attention teachers in Grades 1-4!

We're hosting a competition where your students can enter to win a book for EVERY child in their grade! Your students can enter by drawing a visual relating to bullying and emailing it to **mel@melodramakids.com** by next Friday, March 19th. The child with the chosen drawing will win a copy of "Darlene the Drama Queen Raises the Curtain on Bullying" for EVERY child in their grade!



We can't wait to see your creations!