

Quincy Public Schools Fall Update #2 September 24, 2021



Dear Quincy Public Schools Students, Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

This past week, many of our schools held Back to School Open House events. Thanks to our principals, assistant principals, teachers, student support staff, paraprofessionals, office staff, custodians, and everyone who collaborated on welcoming students and their families in person. It was wonderful to hear the positive comments from families who appreciated seeing the classrooms and meeting the teachers in person.

This past week was also the first full week of the Quincy Public Schools COVID-19 Pooled Testing at all school sites. Just under 1,200 staff members and students were tested over four days, Monday through Thursday, with the results reported the next day. To enroll in COVID-19 Pooled Testing, please follow this link: <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma?district=null>. New signups received by Thursday at noon will be tested in the following week's pool. For example, a student or staff member who completes a consent form today will be tested beginning the week of October 4. For daily updates on COVID-19 cases and testing data, please follow this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rJxgeMCnioX4MJvLN-C_tcoaJN4CEDNv3lDuzbjk6_k/edit#gid=995119689.

Another positive for the new school year is that high school athletic competitions are open to spectators. Good luck to our high school football teams who are on the road tonight playing at Abington (**North Quincy**) and Westwood (**Quincy**), both at 7:00 pm. **North Quincy** vs. **Quincy** Soccer will take over Veterans Stadium on Saturday, September 25 with Girls Varsity at 5:00 pm, followed by Boys Varsity at 7:00 pm. **Quincy** vs. **North Quincy** Girls Volleyball will be Monday, September 27 at 5:30 pm in the Quincy High School Gymnasium.

We hope you enjoy the beautiful fall weather with your families.

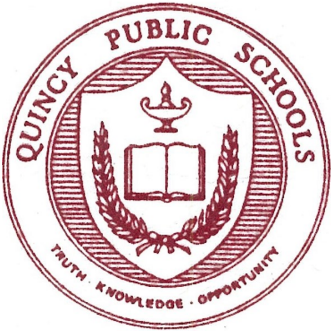
Sincerely,

Kevin W. Mulvey

Superintendent of Schools

Erin Perkins

Assistant Superintendent



Quincy Public Schools is Hiring!

. *Classroom Paraprofessionals*

. *Lunch Attendants*

. *Bus Drivers*

. *Substitute Teachers*

. *Substitute Secretaries*



For more information, go to:

[https://quincypublicschools.com/our_district/
academic_support/human_resources_department/
non_instructional_employment](https://quincypublicschools.com/our_district/academic_support/human_resources_department/non_instructional_employment)

Or call the QPS Human Resources Department at
617.984.8767

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!**



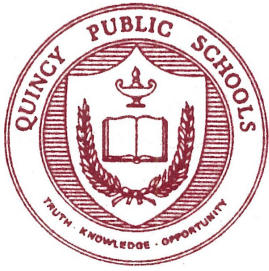
**Just send
“Y” or “Yes”
to 67587**

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 for more info.





QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Kevin W. Mulvey, J. D., Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child has seen a demonstration of the following instruments at his or her school:

Flute Clarinet Saxophone Trumpet Trombone Euphonium Percussion Horn* Oboe**

We hope that you will discuss the possibility of playing one of these instruments in the school band this year and consider the type of instrument your child would like to play. To ensure that we have a successful and safe return to in person band, we will be taking extra precautions including: using bell covers and spacing students the maximum possible distance.

It is the parent's responsibility to rent or obtain an instrument. To make this process easier, we will be hosting an **Instrument Rental Night**. This will take place on **Monday, September 27th** at **6:00pm** at **Quincy High School** in the auditorium and cafeteria with the K&C Music Company. It is important that you arrive promptly at 6:00 for an informational session regarding the rental of your child's instrument. After this meeting, you will pick up your child's instrument, book, music stand, and any other necessary accessories. We encourage you to place your instrument rental order online at: www.kandcmusic.com if possible. Those families who are not able to place an order online may rent in person at the rental night. Please see the back of this form for more information on renting online. **If you cannot attend the instrument rental night, you can contact the K & C Music Company directly at (781) 769-6520.**

Initially it is better to rent an instrument until the child's ability and interest are established. We recommend this plan as it protects the parents from an expensive purchase until the child *can* and *will* play. Moreover, it is also important not to be lured by inexpensive instruments for sale on the internet or at other discount stores; these instruments are not of the quality your child deserves and will likely impede his or her progress. Renting an instrument is therefore an affordable, reliable, and convenient way for your child to have fun making music. The average monthly cost is about \$30-\$50, depending on the instrument. If you already have your own instrument, we encourage you to have it inspected on rental night to be sure that it is in good playing condition. If needed, the K & C Music Company has complete repair facilities available to you.

Band lessons will begin on Tuesday, September 28th. Because the first several weeks of learning an instrument are the most crucial, please be sure your child brings their instrument on the first day of band.

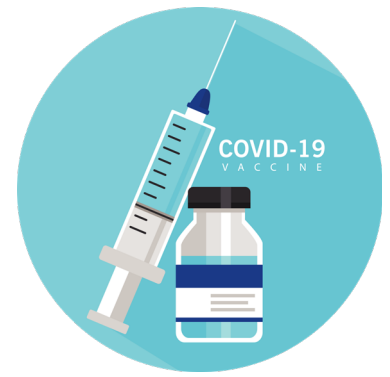
Sincerely,

Michael DeMarco Joe Salvucci Caitlyn Schmidt Judy Lai Matt Cavanaugh Charles Wilson Lindsey Cook

*If your child chooses to play **horn**, they are required to take private lessons with a horn specialist outside of school. The fee for lessons will depend on the private teacher. Please see your band teacher for more information.

If your child chooses to play **oboe, they are required to take private lessons, which will be arranged with Mrs. Hagborg for no additional fee.

Quincy Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, or handicap, in its educational activities or employment practices.



COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Manet offers free COVID-19 vaccines for anyone in our community age 12 and older. No insurance is needed (though we will ask for your information). We offer vaccines at our Manet sites, as well as a variety of pop-up locations in the community.

Manet, North Quincy

110 West Squantum Street

Thursdays: 1:00 - 7:00 PM

Fridays: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - Noon

BY APPOINTMENT OR WALK-IN



Scan to schedule
your appointment



Manet Community Outreach & Prevention Services Office

549 Washington Street, Quincy

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

WALK-INS
ONLY

Community Pop-Up Vaccine Clinics

WALK-UP!
No appointment necessary!

Quincy Community Vaccine Clinic

180 Old Colony Avenue, Quincy

Every Tuesday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Quincy Farmers Market, Kilroy Square, Quincy Center

Every Friday (through Oct.): 12:00 - 5:00 PM

To see where else we will be, visit www.manetchc.org/covid-19-vaccine/ or follow us on Facebook [@ManetCommunityHealthCenter!](https://www.facebook.com/ManetCommunityHealthCenter/)



Manet Community Health Center



Community COVID-19 Testing

If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to coronavirus, we are here for you.

Manet, North Quincy

110 West Squantum Street

Appointments available
Monday through Friday

1:00 - 4:00 PM

REGISTER
ONLINE →



Or call 617-376-3000

Community Walk-In Testing

180 Old Colony Avenue, Quincy

Tuesdays (Beginning August 17)

1:00 - 4:00 PM

manetchc.org/coronavirus-updates

OCTOBER 1 AT 9AM

Registration begins for
Phoenix Book Club and
Dungeons & Dragons .
Sign up online at
[thomascranelibrary.org/
events-calendar](http://thomascranelibrary.org/events-calendar)

OCTOBER 12 AT 7PM
IN PERSON AT THE MAIN LIBRARY



**PHOENIX
BOOK CLUB**
Grades 5-8
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

October's Theme: Summer Reading
and more! What have you read in
the past year? Anything you
couldn't stand? Join us for our first
meeting of the school year and tell
us all about it!

OCTOBER 19 AT 7PM
IN PERSON AT THE MAIN LIBRARY



**DUNGEONS
& DRAGONS**

(AGES 10-15) REGISTRATION REQUIRED

New and experienced players
welcome! Character sheets will
be provided. If you are new to
D&D arrive earlier to set up a
character with Miss Amanda.

OCTOBER 30 AT 10AM

**HALLOWEEN
STORYTIME**

AGES 3+ **zoom**

We can't see your
costumes online!



OCTOBER 2021

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?

**SUNDAYS ARE
BACK!**

OPEN HOURS AT
THE MAIN LIBRARY:

MONDAY- THURSDAY:
9AM-9PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

9AM-5PM

SUNDAYS:
1PM-5PM



**PARENTS & CAREGIVERS,
HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE
FOR UNLIMITED, FREE
ACCESS TO EBOOKS WITH**



TumbleBooks

**CHECK OUT OUR REGULAR STORYTIMES
FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN ONLINE AT:**

**THOMASCRANELIBRARY.ORG/
EVENTS-CALENDAR**



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VISIT US ONLINE ANYTIME AT THOMASCRANELIBRARY.ORG



QUINCY

Cub Scout Pack 6

Serving the Youth of Quincy for 82 Years!

Announces the Registration for the 2021-2022 Cub Scouting season. Enrollment is open for all boys & girls from Kindergarten to 5th Grade

Eric Dannerhoj, Cubmaster

cubmaster.pack6quincy@gmail.com (617) 657-3016

For more information please go to our website www.pack6quincy.com

Kindergarten is Free, 1st to 5th Grade Registration Fee is \$150.00

* Cost of 1 year of program is included which includes National Boy Scout registration fees, insurance, patches, book. Uniform to be purchased separately.

During Covid-19 restrictions Meetings will be held:

Outdoors at Brill Field in Houghs Neck - Sundays at 4 - 5pm

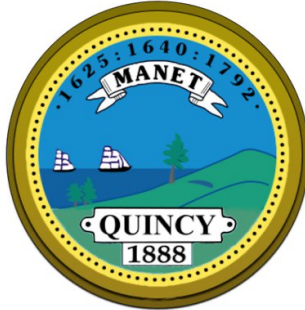
*Dens will be separated into corners of the field, den sizes will be kept to 10
Precautions for Covid will be followed in accordance to CDC guidance.*

This year the pack will be promoting Scouting in the outdoors. Here is a sample of the outdoor activities that are planned for this year:

- Bicycle Rodeo / bike safety
- Camping basics
- Map & Compass
- Cub Scout Outdoor Games
- Obstacle Course
- Hikes in the community
- Hiking the Blue Hills
- Visit Purgatory Chasm
- Scavenger Hunt
- Showmanship / Skits and Songs
- Challenge Trail
- Staged Rescues
- Fire Safety
- Giant marble game
- Silly Olympics
- Movie night in the park
- Community Service
- Outdoor code
- Rank Advancement
- Emergency Preparedness
- First Aid
- Outdoor skills
- Cooking
- And much more to be added....

ScOUTing is Outing!





4C Trees Needs You!

Join us in commemoration of the lives lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic where our group will be planting trees in memory of those we love during this difficult time. 4C Trees is working together with the city to safely gather volunteers to aid us in planting trees for this event.

Please help our mission to build a remembrance for the lives impacted from COVID-19, and better our environment while doing so. Event Details as follows:

*Saturday, October 9th, 11am- 2pm @ Passaganesset Park – Located next to the Quincy Youth Hockey Area

*Sunday, October 10th, 11am- 2pm @ Monroe Park – Located next to Pond Street

*Rain Date: Monday, October 11, 11am-2pm @ Location TBD.



For more details or to get involved, please reach out to our helpful 4C Tree Team:

Email: 4CTree@gmail.com . Any unanswered questions, kindly reach out to Michael Casinelli, Project Manager, Department of Natural Resources: (617) 376-1299

CITYWIDE PTO WEBSITE



**PLEASE VISIT THE NEW CITYWIDE PTO
MULTILINGUAL WEBSITE WHERE YOU CAN FIND**

FAQS

Answers to families' common questions about QPS

CALENDAR

Updates about distric wide important meetings

NEWS & UPDATES

Highlights of QPS news and contact information of QPS and PTOs

WWW.QUINCYCITYWIDEPTO.COM

Join BCNC's College Access Program

WHEN

Seniors: Early October
@4-6pm

Juniors: Early November
@4-6pm

WHERE

BCNC Quincy
1458 Hancock Street, Suite 306
Quincy, MA 02169 and virtually
via zoom

APPLY:



FOR MORE INFO:

Contact: AJ Pape
College Access Coordinator
AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow
aj.pape@bcnc.net or (617) 635-5129 x 1026



Boston Chinatown
Neighborhood Center
波士頓華埠社區中心

CAP offers...

Team Building Weekly Workshops

Juniors & Seniors have workshops on and learn about topics like:

- Help Picking a Major
- Finding Your Best College
- College Essay Help
- Financial aid and many more!

Tours

Juniors & Seniors can go on free tours to:

- Northeastern
- UMass Boston
- UMass Amherst • and more!

One-on One Advising

Juniors & Seniors can make appointments with the CAP coordinator for individualized help with the college process.

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Quincy Asian Resources, Inc.'s 2021-2022 U&I MENTORING PROGRAM INFO SESSION

Come to one of our info sessions if you're a high school student and interested in being a mentor for middle school immigrant students!

Two dates available:

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, 3-4PM

Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, 3-4PM

Location:

North Quincy QARI Office,
275 Hancock Street Suite 202

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Angela Chen, QARI's Youth Development Coordinator, at angelayc@quincyasianresources.org.

Scan the QR Code below to
signup for the info session!



SCAN ME

If the code doesn't work, use:
shorturl.at/dezV9