

BEECHWOOD KNOLL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2018

Principal
Janet Loftus

Assistant Principal
Nancy Barron

Secretary
Susan Farago

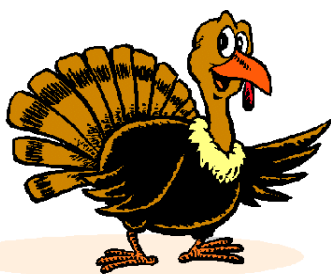
Nurse
Debbie Cerone

Guidance
Maura Shaughnessy

School Hours:
Regular Hours:
8:15 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
Early Release Hours:
8:15 A.M. - 11:55 A.M.

BKS Info:
225 Fenno Street
Quincy, MA 02171
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6 Election Day	7	8	9
12 NO SCHOOL to honor VETERANS' DAY	13	14	15	16
19	20	21 Parent Coffee, 8-8:30am, Gym Turkey Trot EARLY RELEASE DAY	22 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	23 NO SCHOOL
Book Fair 26	Book Fair 27	Book Fair 28	Book Fair 29	Book Fair 30
PARENT ACADEMY, 6:00pm PTO MEETING, 6:30				First Term Grading Period Ends



Easy Ways to Help Support BKS PTO during the Holidays and After:

AmazonSmile:

Want to support BKS while you shop?

Use AmazonSmile and a percentage of the purchase price of eligible products will be donated to BKS PTO.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-2535752>

Shutterfly

For many of us, November means ordering holiday cards, photo calendars and other photo gifts. Please use

<http://bkspto.shutterflystorefront.com/> to access Shutterfly and BKS PTO will receive a portion of your purchase.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

November is by far one of my most favorite months of the school year. The students are in a nice groove after being here for two months and they are well-adjusted to the routines. The teachers are moving forwards with great momentum as the first term comes to a close, and we are about to approach the holiday season that focuses on family, gratitude, and lifting up those around us with kindness and generosity. In the spirit of my favorite time of year, I would like to invite all parents on Wednesday, November 21st from 8:00-8:30 for coffee and light treats to share in my gratitude for all that this community does for our children, for our staff, and for each other. There is no agenda, no expectation, just a nice morning for the adults to come together and say hello to other parents. I look forward to slowing down and enjoying a cup of coffee with you all!



~Ms. Janet Loftus

Save the Dates:

*Report Card Conferences:
December 11th

*BKS Holiday Concert: December 21st

Please note: This year's Holiday Concert will be held here at BKS in our gymnasium. We are a community school, and I feel that keeping our events within our school building where the students are most comfortable is the right decision for the children. We will have two shows on that day to accommodate parents and families. After the shows we will continue with our regularly scheduled school day. There will be more detailed information to follow in the December Newsletter. Thank you for your understanding. This decision was not made lightly and as always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any concerns.

Parent Volunteers:

Just a reminder that any parents looking to volunteer in a classroom or on a field trip this school year must have completed both a CORI form and have their fingerprinting done. Please see Mrs. Farago in the main office for the forms you will need for both. Thank you!

PTO News:

Thank you to everyone who came out to our October PTO meeting, we had a great turn out and very informative presentation by Ms. Loftus about MCAS and MAP testing and scores. It was wonderful to see how well our children are doing across the board and hear about specific ways these tests can be used to help them improve. Our next meeting will be on **Monday November 26th at 6:30 and child care will be provided.**

As we hope you've heard by now, the **BKS Fall Festival has been rescheduled to this coming Saturday, November 3rd from 11 AM – 4 PM** because of this past weekend's Nor'easter. Let's hope Mother Nature decides to cut us a break this weekend, we have loads of family fun planned and hope to see you there! If you're interested in volunteering but haven't had a chance to sign up yet please do so via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48afa82da3fe3-fall>

If you haven't joined our Facebook group yet, please do, it's a great way to learn about current happenings and share information with other BKS parents / guardians. Please note for security purposes we ask three simple questions when someone requests to join the group and require answers before adding anyone to the group. You can find the group by searching for "Beechwood Knoll School PTO" in Facebook or by going directly to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BKSPTO/>.

Of course, please don't hesitate to contact us at [BKSPTO@gmail.com/](mailto:BKSPTO@gmail.com)

