



Beaver Broadcaster

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Administrators Message: 2018-2019 School Year

April vacation is here. In addition to spring, we are thinking about preparations for the next school year. We will be seeking your written input regarding class placement. On Tuesday, April 24, you will receive a letter explaining how we develop next year's student class lists. You are invited to assist us by completing the bottom portion of that letter if you have specific information you believe we should consider when creating classes. This may include: twins- let us know keep together or separate, if your child has special interests or talents we should know about, if your child is extremely anxious or shy, etc. We will not be accepting this information through email as it may go into our JUNK accounts so we don't receive it. Educators read the letters when placing students in drafted class lists. If you decide to complete the form, return it to school by 4:00 PM on Monday, May 7. It can come in an envelope labeled office or to your child's current teacher, who will send it to the office.

Those interested in using the bus system for transportation next year should look in the backpack on Tuesday, April 24 for the bus information packet. Fees, rules, and deadlines to follow are included. Bus forms should be returned by July 1, as stated in the bus packet.

Ms. Zinni and Ms. Gover

Important Dates

April 16-20 Vacation

No School

We'll see you Monday, April 23

Tuesday, April 24

School Committee 7PM

Abington High School library

Tuesday, April 24

Room 8 library visit 9:30-11

Saturday, April 28

Spring Clean up 10-1 BBES yard

Monday, April 30

12:15 Dismissal K, grades 1-2
breakfast/lunch served, no PM K

Monday, May 7

School Council 5PM tech lab
PTO 7PM cafeteria

Thursday, May 10

12:15 Dismissal K, grades 1-2
breakfast/lunch served, no PM K

Friday, May 11

12:15 Dismissal K, grades 1-2
breakfast/lunch served, no PM K

Communication

Have a question or something you'd like us to be aware of?

Feel free to reach out via email and we'll be glad to help.

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Constant Contact Automated Email

Sign up for Constant Contact email list: <http://conta.cc/2bf0lbL>. You will get this newsletter on Fridays, and other email notices from school. Or go to our website www.abingtonps.org and click **Join Mailing List** in the top corner of the web page.

Special Feature: Chester Millett Award

Each year, the community is asked to send in nominations of an Abington public school educator who demonstrates a commitment to students and their learning that goes above and beyond expectations. Forms to nominate an educator (teacher, paraprofessional, psychologist, therapist, specialist teacher) are available in the school office or on our website. If you are interested in recommending someone to receive the Chester Millett Award, please submit the form by Monday, April 30. You may send it in an envelope directly to Frolio School, Superintendent's Offices 1071 Washington Street, Abington, MA or to the Beaver Brook office and we will send it to the appropriate office.

Beaver Best Focus in April

Empathy- how others might be feeling and understanding why they are feeling that way. Stop by the public library to ask the librarian for books about friendship and conflicts so you can talk about each person's feelings in the story.



Health Office: Ms. Conley, R. N.

School vacation is upon us and hopefully students will be able to spend some time outdoors. Keep these safety tips in mind as the weather improves.

Wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter, or rollerblading.

Remove hood strings before playing on playground equipment such as slides.

If going in the woods or grassy fields, check for ticks on the skin.

Encourage water drinking rather than soda or juices when kids are thirsty.

At school, we frequently go outside for recess. Dressing in layers helps your child stay comfortable. A coat worn in the morning with a temperature of 30 may be too warm for recess, but a sweatshirt when the temperature is 50 might be just right. Please keep open-toed shoes, such as flip flops and sandals, at home. Close-toed shoes, such as sneakers, keep your child's feet safe from splinters and scraped toes when running or playing in our playground area.

Important Links

APS Food Services

http://www.abingtonps.org/central_office/food_services.php

Add \$ to your child's account or view the balance, see the menu

Also, go here to get Food Service Director Mr. Darcy's contact information for questions about your account or payments owed.

Owing money for a few days results in a basic lunch, not your child's choice of lunch. Lunch is \$2.50 per day or \$12.50 per week.

Your child should be able to tell you his/her four-digit lunch code.

Transportation

<http://abingtonps.org/District%202017-2018/2017.2018%20Bus%20Applications%203.pdf>

Forms, District Calendar, School News can be found at the district's webpage

www.abingtonps.org

Home Safety Conversations

We hope you will take a few moments to view the websites below then share the information with your child at an age appropriate level. The KidSmartz website covers information about being aware of your environment and what students can do when they may be in an unsafe situation. The Abington Police Department resource page has links for a variety of safety topics from children to teenagers to adults. You can also ask your pediatrician for resources about the topic of safety in public places.

<https://www.kidsmartz.org/StrangerDanger>

<http://www.abingtonpolice.org/apdnres.htm>

School Arrival/Dismissal Safety Reminders

Bus Stops: Students in grades K-2 should be waiting with a responsible person in the morning at the bus stop. In the afternoon, the responsible person should be **outside at the bus stop** so the driver can clearly see someone is there to get the student. If you are inside a doorway or car, the bus driver may believe no one is there and bring the child back to school for you to pick up.

At Morning Arrival car drop off: please be sure you are completely stopped before having your child open the door to get out of the car. Students walk in the red zone away from cars as they move to their hallway door.

At Dismissal playground pick up area: please hold your child's hand or have your child walk closely near you through the parking lot as there is much traffic coming and going. Use the crosswalk when appropriate.

Toys and Pokemon cards on the bus: Please remind your child No Trading of these items. We are having an issue with students trading then asking for their item back or for more items. Keep these items at home for safe keeping.