



Beaver Broadcaster

December 1, 2017

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Administrators Message: Holidays and Public School

You may have noticed that television, radio, and computer advertisements are really focusing on some December holidays, gift purchases, invitations to special events, and also lots of decorations for specific holidays. While all of this can be exciting and part of traditions for many students, there are students who find this overwhelming and confusing. Each family has its own traditions and values, not everyone celebrates what is seen in these advertisements and promoted throughout the community. Families themselves can be made up of varied adults, not always a mom and a dad, with many of their own traditions and expectations. We try to be sensitive to the many backgrounds of our students.

At Beaver Brook we continue to focus on teaching and learning. We follow routines already established earlier in the year and try to keep to our daily schedule. If there is a change or special event, we inform our students. We often send a notice to you asking if you celebrate or do not celebrate specific holidays/events so we can plan activities that are for all students in the class. Food allergies, medical conditions, child developmental levels, and cultural knowledge also are taken into consideration when an activity is planned. So if you volunteer or visit BBES, please be thoughtful in conversations with students when talking about holidays, family events, and what they are looking forward to in the upcoming vacation.

Mrs. Zinni and Mrs. Gover

Important Dates

Mon, Dec. 4

School Council at 5PM
PTO at 7PM in cafeteria

Thur, Dec. 7 at 5:30-7PM

Author Night
Response to attend should be
returned at least the day before

Fri, Dec 8 at 6PM in AHS

Abington High School's Junior
Class Auction in AHS auditorium.
Proceeds benefit Class of 2019.

Tues, Dec. 12 Dismissal at 12:15

Breakfast and lunch served
No PM K
AM K is also dismissed at 12:15

Wed, Dec 13 Owl Pellet Program

Kindergarteners explore owl life in
class through an interactive event

Fri, Dec 22 School Spirit Day

Wear comfortable flannel pants or
school appropriate pajamas (with
regular shoes, no slippers please)

Dec 23-Jan 1 No School

Vacation

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.
catherinezinni@abingtonps.org (Principal)
lorigover@abingtonps.org (Assistant Principal)

Constant Contact Automated Email

Sign up for our Constant Contact email list: <http://conta.cc/2bf0lBL>

Special Feature: From Food Services Mr. Bernie Darcy

It gets busy this time of year so here is a reminder about lunch and breakfast school money accounts. Lunch costs \$2.50 per day or \$12.50 per week. Reduced lunch costs 0.40 per day or \$2.00 per week. Breakfast costs \$1.50 daily or reduced cost of 0.30. Government regulations lead to us giving students a basic meal of cheese sandwich with fruit, milk when students owe about the cost of 3 lunches. This upsets students as they don't understand why they can't have what they ordered. To address this adult issue, please be sure your child's account is up to date. Go the website on the Broadcaster to access the account. You can pay online, check to Abington Public Schools, or cash. After \$3.00 you will be alerted to pay.

Beaver Best Focus: December

Giving: We are learning about giving to others in need. This ranges from helping those experiencing a disaster such as a flood, all the way to offering a pencil or crayon to a student who has lost his/her materials. Students have been noticing if someone drops a glove or hat and returning them as well.



Ms. Klempa and Ms. Ziaugra: Tattling vs. Reporting

In November, we had a school wide assembly to talk about the difference between tattling and reporting. We read [A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue](#) by Julia Cook. Please review the information below with your child to assist with learning the difference between reporting, problem solving, and tattle tales.

#1 – Be a Danger Ranger: If a person or animal is in danger, you must warn someone immediately! This is reporting.

#2 – Be a Problem Solver: If the problem involves you, take charge and try to solve it yourself first.

#3 – Now or Later?: If it is a “not now” problem that can be solved at a later time, do not interrupt a situation, like a class lesson.

#4 – M.Y.O.B. (Mind Your Own Business): If the problem is not dangerous and does not involve you, do not tattle!

#5 Self Defense Hitting- Hitting back in self-defense is rare. It is only used if there is no place to run to, no one to get help for you, and words have not worked to say Stop It or Leave Me Alone.

Lost and Found: Be sure your child’s name is on his/her coat, sweatshirt, lunch box, and other items that get left behind at recess or lunch. We have many items on the lost and found table in the front hallway that we hope get back to the person they belong to.

Nurse Mary Ellen Conley

For many, this time of year is filled with friend and family celebrations. For some, however, this season may cause anxiety and stress. If you are in need of assistance during the winter months, please contact me at 781 982 2185.

While there are no guarantees of receiving all of what you request, there is hope. School nurses have knowledge of social agencies who work to assist families, particularly at this time of year. Your individual situation would remain confidential except when necessary to access the services.

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.

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