



# Beaver Broadcaster

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## Administrators Message: What have our students been doing?

We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Each class participated in activities that showcased what they have learned in the past 100 days. Our theme was: 100 Days Smarter. Students looked at word lists to see how many more words they knew how to read, counted by 10's up to 100, shared collections of 100 objects, and solved math problems equaling 100.

When it wasn't the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, students were involved in many other learning activities. Second graders have been building inventions then writing about their features, as well as learning 2-digit addition and subtraction strategies. More and more students have moved to reading chapter books. Students in second grade have been looking for evidence in books to support their answers to comprehension questions. First graders have been writing letters that include a greeting, questions and sentences on the same topic, and a closing. They continue to increase their phonics skills in reading unfamiliar words and increasing their understanding of vocabulary words. Students in first grade can add and subtract facts beyond 10, as well as use 10 frames to count numbers up to 100. Kindergarteners are finishing their unit on wolves, learning science vocabulary and building dens with blocks while showing their knowledge of shape and stability. Students in kindergarten can read short vowel words, solve word problems with answers up to 10, and illustrating beginning/ middle / end of stories. Visit our Beaver Brook Elementary Facebook page for photos of the week. Mrs. Zinni and Mrs. Gover

## Important Dates

### February 19-23

School Vacation Week

### February 26

Mixed Bag PTO Fundraiser starts

### Tuesday, February 27 at 9:30

Room 9 Public Library field trip

### February 27 at 7PM

School Committee in high school  
Discussion about full day K  
proposal and change in start/end  
times for next year

### March 1-6 Book Fair

Individual class times coming soon

### Monday, March 5

School Council 5PM in tech lab  
PTO at 7PM in cafeteria

### Thursday, March 8 at 12:15

Early Dismissal, no PM K

### Friday, March 30

No School

## 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 our Constant Contact email list: <http://conta.cc/2bf01bL> You will get this newsletter on Fridays, along with other email notices from school. Or go to our website [www.abingtonps.org](http://www.abingtonps.org) and click Join in the top corner of the web page.

## Special Feature: Jump Rope for Heart Health with Ms. Pulkinen

Our students are learning about positive life choice habits in their health and physical education classes in February. They will jump rope and engage in other exercises that are the beginning of making healthy heart choices. We are partnered with the American Heart Association. A fundraising envelope was sent home and you can set up a personal fundraising page at [www.heart.org/jump](http://www.heart.org/jump). Students can make a difference in people's lives! Ask family and friends if they would like to donate. Donations will be due by Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to American Heart Association.

Whether or not a donation is made, our students will know about the importance of more fruits/vegetables and less sugary drinks, as well as exercising daily.

## Beaver Best Focus: Friendship

At home, talk about: What makes a person a good friend?

Am I a good friend? What happens when friends argue?

Some books to read include: *You are Friendly* by T Snow, *Just My Friend and Me* by M Mayer, *Berenstain Bears and the Trouble with Friends*, *Elmer the Elephant* by D McKee.



### **RAH RAH Reading Update: January Reading Results**

All our classrooms have students reading at home, completing their RAH RAH forms, and returning them to school. Staff are proud of each class for reading. Our students read 62,000 minutes for the month of January. Let's keep it up in February and read during the vacation week!

These classes achieved the highest reading minutes in their grade, earning the Reading Flag hung at their classroom doors.

Kindergarten: Room 23 Ms. Fedrick's students with 3,800 minutes

Grade 1: Room 9 Ms. Stutman's students with 4,300 minutes

Grade 2: Room 3 Ms. Flynn's students with 8,700 minutes

We welcome our additional speech/language therapist, Ms. Sandra Solano, who begins February 14.

### **Lost and Found Reminder**

Hats, gloves, mittens, sweatshirts, thermos bottles, and jackets are on the lost and found table. We have asked students to look at the table to find their missing clothes and bottles. All clothing will be donated to the Baystate Textile Box during February vacation. We remind you to label clothes on the inside tag with your child's name so we can return it.

### **Health Office: Ms. Conley**

Flu? Stomach virus? Strep Throat? Common Cold? Allergies? Sometimes it is difficult to figure out what illness your child has when the symptoms are often similar. If your child goes to the doctor and gets a diagnosis, please send the physician note to school so we can track serious illnesses and focus additional cleaning in classrooms with these illnesses.

We encourage our students to wash hands before eating and after using the bathroom. Students are given time to do so on their way to lunch. We have hand sanitizer at the lunch line for those who want to use it. Please remind your child to cough or sneeze in their elbow, rather than their hand. Keep your child home if he/she has a fever or is vomiting.

### **Abington's St. Patrick's Day Parade**

We are hoping to join the Abington festivities for St. Patrick's Day by creating a float and having Beaver Brook students, staff, and families participate in the annual parade. The parade is March 18 at 1PM so save the date. Look in future newsletters and our Facebook page for parent planning meeting information.

### **Important Links**

#### **APS Food Services**

[http://www.abingtonps.org/central\\_office/food\\_services.php](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](http://www.abingtonps.org)