



Beaver Broadcaster

January 12, 2018

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Administrators Message

As we move closer to the 100th day of school, we would like to remind our parents/guardians about a few procedures to help us have a safe and efficient school day.

Arrival/Dismissal: Breakfast is open through front door B from 8:40-9AM for adults dropping off kids

Car Arrival: Adult stays in car as it drives loop at rear driveway between 9-9:15AM with children exiting vehicle on right side and walking close to building in the red painted area, out of the moving traffic zone

Car Dismissal: Adults park then walk into gated area to get children directly from staff so students are close to the teacher rather than running away without telling us- we check ID if a staff person does not know you

Tardy or Dismissal During the Day: Please walk child to office to sign in late, not to classroom so we know the child is here. Send a note with dismissal time, child's full name, and room number. We have had many adults calling to change dismissal routines, particularly the last ½ hour of the school day. This is an unsafe action as we don't know all voices over the phone and sometimes students are not in their rooms so may not get the message. A note is a safer method to change the dismissal and reduces child anxiety. Mrs. Zinni and Mrs. Gover

Important Dates

Mon, January 15 No School

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wed, Jan 17

Kindergarten report cards go home

Thur, January 18

Kindergarten evening parent/teacher conference by appointment

Fri, Jan 19 No School K Only

Parent/teacher conferences Jan 18 in evening and Jan 19 during day

Tues, Jan. 23 School Committee

Discussion about next year's school start/end times. Held in High School library at 7PM

Fri, January 26 and February 2

Early dismissal 12:15, gr k-2 AMK
No PM K

Wed, January 31

6:30PM cafeteria -Incoming K information event for adults

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/2bf0lbL> You will get this newsletter on Fridays, along with other email notices from school. Or go to our website www.abingtonps.org and click Join in the top corner of the web page. Stay on top of the news from school by being part of our email list! Encourage the babysitter or grandparents to sign up if they also want to get this newsletter.

Special Feature: Kindergarten Conferences

Kindergarten students do not have school Friday, January 19 so our K teachers can meet individually with guardians/parents by appointment. Appointments are also available for Thursday evening. Conference sign-ups are online using the link below or by calling your child's teacher to select a time to meet.

www.PTCFast.com

[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Beaver Brook Elementary School 1](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Beaver_Brook_Elementary_School_1)

You will be getting your child's report card earlier in the week. This is an opportunity to discuss the report card and talk about how your child is doing in school. Conferences will be about 20 minutes in length.

Beaver Best Focus: Perspective

Perspective means thinking about how someone else feels or asking why someone says or does something different than you do. A figure of speech to talk about at home is "Walk in someone else's shoes". Do you know them better?



From the Health Office: Nurse Mrs. Conley

Students who were signed up for the Department of Public Health's dental clinic services in school will be getting a fluoride treatment as part of their program. This will occur on Tuesday, January 16 during the school day. The dental hygienists will return in April for the next teeth cleaning visit.

Students who returned their form to get weekly fluoride treatments have been getting these on Monday mornings. Thank you to the volunteers who assist the nurse with setting up the cups and trays for each room. Thank you to our homeroom teachers who follow the directions to get this done in class.

Bus Reminder

With the snow and rainy season upon us, here are a few safety reminders. Drivers are not often able to see students getting out of cars or running down driveways/streets. Please be sure your child is waiting at the bus stop outside so she/he can be seen and picked up. If there is a snow mound or you know that snow mounds at corners get large, talk to the driver about a safe place to wait close to that location. You may need to chat with a neighbor to see if you can shovel a space to wait. Bus drivers have your child's safety in mind and are willing to check with the bus company supervisor about making these temporary arrangements until the snow danger on corners and sidewalks is gone.

PTO Meeting from January 8

Join us Monday, February 5 at 7PM if interested in volunteering to help with the events coming up-Book Fair, Dance, and Bingo

1. Thank you to everyone who has been collected General Mills box tops so we get the money to use for student activities. Please send in your box tops before Friday, Feb. 16, in time for our next mailing.
2. Square 1 Art is a memory event where students create an art design then it can be put on mugs, stickers, calendars, etc for a fee. It will be done in February or March to be available in early May.
3. Scholastic Book Fair will be the week Feb 28-March 6. This is an event to promote reading at home and starting a home library. If you are interested in volunteering to set up or pack up the book shelves that week, or assisting students with their purchasing, be sure you've read the Volunteer guidelines and have a CORI form on file.
4. Planning began on a Winter Special Someone Dance and Student Bingo for February and March.
5. Booster Thon Fun Run date will be Oct 25.

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