



# Beaver Broadcaster

May 11, 2018

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## Administrators Message: School Events

May and June are the months of a school year when you notice there are many school events. As a parent/guardian it can be difficult to select which event to attend; especially if you work at a job, have multiple children, or have other daily responsibilities. You are welcome to invite a relative or friend to attend a celebration event if you are unavailable. You could also ask your child to pay close attention to the event so he/she can share the details to tell you a story about the celebration when you are together at home, if you are unable to come at that event's day or time.

Volunteering at an event is a little bit different than being an audience member. One example is Field Day. Our wellness teacher, Ms. Pulkinen, sent a notice seeking adults who are willing and available to help with an activity on May 30. To volunteer, the adult needs to complete a CORI (criminal investigation background check by returning a form with valid ID), be able to move about the school and its grounds, read and understand BBES volunteer guidelines, and follow directions. If a volunteer becomes ill and can't come on that special day, you will not be able to send someone in your place. For safety reasons, volunteers are not able to be switched to another relative or friend to send in your place. Look for dates and times of upcoming events. We hope to see you volunteering or in the audience. Ms. Zinni and Ms. Gover

### Important Dates

#### Wednesday, May 16

Grade 1 in class Tidal Pools visit  
Room 27 Math Mothers at 1:30  
Sped Parent Council 7PM AHS

#### Monday, May 21

Grade K, 1-4 H Planting in class  
Town Meeting- viewing budget

#### Tuesday, May 22

Room 6 library visit 9:30-11  
Room 22PM, 24 library visit 12:45  
School Committee 7PM AHS library

#### Wednesday, May 23

Rooms 27, 26 library visit 9:45

#### Thursday, May 24

Rooms 22AM, 23 library visit 9:45

#### Tuesday, May 29

Room 7, library visit 9:30-11

#### Thursday, May 24 -rain day 5/25

Grade 2 Vocab Parade/picnic 11-1

#### Monday, May 28 No School

#### Wednesday, May 30 Field Day

Thurs., May 31 Tidal Pool visits

### 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/2bf01bL>. OR Go to our website [www.abingtonps.org](http://www.abingtonps.org) and click **Join Mailing List** in the top corner.

### Special Feature: ALICE Safety Training as a Life Skill

For a training example go to <https://www.alicetraining.com/resources-posts/featured-videos/akron-city-schools/>

Our school district is implementing the safety training known as ALICE. Staff will participate in online classes and real life scenarios on May 11 and June 11. We will adapt these trainings when we conduct safety drills with students. ALICE is:

A- Alert, be alert to unusual sounds/ people that might signal danger

L- Lockdown, find a safe place to be so you are away from the danger

I- Inform, inform others about the danger if you can see or hear it (where is it)

C- Counter, if you can't get away, what can you do instead

E- Evacuate, leave and meet your class/adult away from the danger

ALICE is a word to help remember the above choices when there is danger.

### Beaver Best Focus in May: Good Sportsmanship

Learning how to win and lose helps students be included in games. Talk about following rules so the game is fair, self-control when upset, applauding others when they make a good catch/goal, and taking turns to be first in a game.



### May 7 School Council Update

We have made great strides towards our focus on increasing our use of technology to inform families about school events. This year our Beaver Brook Elementary Abington MA Facebook page has been activated and filled with photos and event flyers. With assistance from Justin S. of Abington Cam, we have also been learning how to use devices to create informative videos about school procedures to assist new students in adjusting to our school. We should have videos ready for the start of the next school year. Appreciation to our School Council Members: Carolyn Russo, Deidre Zaccardi, Lauren Fitch, Nancy McSharry and School Committee designated member Chris Coyle. We will be presenting our School Improvement Plan summary at the 5/22 School Committee Meeting, along with several student presenters.

### May 7 PTO Meeting Update

Thank you to our executive board members for their time and efforts in working together for the benefit of our students and staff: Susan Nash, Jaclyn Cleary, Stephanie Maxwell, and Carolyn Russo. We will be looking for parents/guardians who are interested in running for election to an office as our board members move on to other schools or school activities. If you would like to know more so you can consider a treasurer or secretary position, please come to the Monday, June 4 at 7PM meeting in the Beaver Brook cafeteria.

Keep collecting and sending in Box Top labels. We recently earned \$397.30. Booster Thon Fun Run funding continues to support teaching and learning with hundreds of books added to classroom and library collections, including the addition of Portuguese/English books being ordered for students to borrow. Funds are also being used to support Student Field Day, which showcases exercise and play activities with opportunities to practice good sportsmanship.

If you are doing spring cleaning, bring old clothes, shoes, sheets, blankets, and stuffed animals to our Bay State Textile boxes in the parking lot. Beaver Brook receives a check from the company for these textile deposits in our white box. Staff would like to thank the PTO for decorating and providing food during Educator Appreciation Week.

### Health Office: Ms. Conley

Spring weather changes from cool to warm. Plants are blooming, filling the air with pollen. Here are some suggestions so your child is comfortable.

- Look for the tick information and how to remove ticks flyer-stay calm when you see a tick so your child stays calm while it's removed
- Send a water bottle instead of cough drops to ease dry throats
- Encourage washing hands and face after playing outside to remove pollen that could be on the skin
- Apply sunscreen at home before arriving at school on field day

### 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)