



Beaver Broadcaster

October 6, 2017

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Administrators Message

There are many ways to be involved in your child's education. Volunteering, attending PTO meetings, serving on School Council, attending School Committee meetings, and coming to school events are some. You can also participate in a state-wide perspective on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30PM. It is a pleasure to invite you to a Massachusetts Department of Education question and answer forum hosted in the Abington High School Auditorium and sponsored by area school departments. Many parents/guardians bring their ideas and concerns about education to their child's individual school, which is great as we are at the direct level of your child's learning. This is an opportunity to hear what is happening state-wide then ask questions about curriculum frameworks, the state's accountability rating system, the focus on social-emotional learning occurring in Massachusetts schools, and other educational topics. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful opportunity on Wednesday, October 11. Registration is from 6-6:30 with the forum from 6:30-7:30PM. Mrs. Zinni and Mrs. Gover

Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 9 No School

Columbus Day

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Meet Dept of Education staff at New Middle/High School 6PM

Friday, Oct. 13 The Allergy Guy

Abington Education Foundation sponsored allergy assembly

Friday, Oct. 13

Mid Term Academic Progress Notes Grades 1-2 sent home

Grade 1 Farm Field Trips

Signed Permission slip must be returned prior to participating. Be on time at arrival for trip bus.

Oct. 16 Rooms 4, 5

Oct. 17 Rooms 6, 7

Oct. 20 Room 8

Oct. 26 Rooms 9, 21

Thursday, Oct. 26 Boo Bash

Return bottom of flyer with \$5 per person, then look for tickets going home in backpack
Event is 6:30-7:30PM, use door A

Tuesday, Oct. 31 No School

Staff professional development

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>
Share this link to others who have not signed up to get our automated email messages and weekly newsletter.

Special Feature: What is a Mid-Term Progress Note?

Students in grades 1-2 will be taking home a mid-term progress note on Friday, October 13. This note focuses on reading, math, and work habits. We sent it home so you can have a glimpse of where your child is performing in the first six weeks of school. Oral reading fluency and nonsense word fluency are skills we assessed in the first few weeks. Oral reading fluency is the ability to read so it sounds like a conversation and the student understands what is being read because he/she is not stopping a lot to figure out words. Nonsense word fluency is using phonics (sound/letter combinations) to pronounce words demonstrating they can use phonics when they come to an unknown word, without guessing.

October Monthly Beaver Best Focus

Kindness to others- what it is and how to show it
Anti-bullying-the difference between bullying, being mean, conflict or friendship disagreements



School Council

At the 10/2 meeting we decided to work on improvement goal 3, global and local communications. We are getting the Beaver Brook Elementary School News facebook page up and running for November.

Members this year: BBES administrators Mrs. Zinni and Mrs. Gover,
Teachers: Lauren Fitch grade K and Nancy McSharry reading teacher
Parent/Guardians: Carolyn Russo- has students in grade 1
Diedre Zaccardi- has students in grades 1
School Committee Liaison: Chris Coyle- has a student in grade 2

Student Supports at BBES

We offer a variety of academic supports for students who show a reading or math concern. Dial **781 928 2185** then their extension.
Title I: Ms. Whalen, Ms. McSharry, Ms. Smyth provide extra help in learning phonics and sight words to read accurately, ext **4374**
In School Tutors: Ms. Whitman and Ms. Brink provide extra help in math concepts, letter naming, phonics, and sight words
English Skills: Ms. Armstrong and Ms. George provide assistance for students learning English as their second language, ext **4379**
Speech/Language Skills: Speech/Language therapists Ms. Ziaugra and Ms. Fitzpatrick using service plans or special ed IEP plans
Special Education: Ms. Clancy, Ms. Hynes, Ms. Sullivan - Ms. Caron is our Special Education liaison; questions, call extension **4354**

PTO News from Monday, October 2 Meeting

- ❖ We are submitting our fall General Mills Box Tops this month so please send them in with your child by Friday, October 20.
- ❖ Boo Bash on October 26 is looking for donations of snacks and small water bottles; and for people to help prepare or clean up. Send a note, with your contact information, and the office will pass it on to Christine Kelly, event chairperson.
- ❖ PTO has provided funding for our Bucket Filler positive behavior program: books and student incentive materials
- ❖ A book fair will be held in February/ March for students
- ❖ Booster Thon Fun Run, the annual fundraiser, is getting into gear with a theme of students being brave by being a leader in doing the right thing and being a kind, safe friend. Join us Thursday, Nov. 2 to see your child run laps as part of a team!
- ❖ Baystate Textiles donation of \$105.75 was received by PTO
- ❖ Next meeting is Monday, November 6 at 7PM

Health Information: Nurse Conley

Dental Hygienists from the Mass Kids Healthy Smiles Program will be at BBES Oct. 16-19. Please be sure to complete then return the purple form if you would like your student to participate.

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

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