

Week of
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BEAVER BROOK ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Looking ahead:

Monday, Jan. 7 at 4:45 School Council, rm 34
Monday, Jan. 7 at 7pm PTO in cafeteria
Monday, Jan. 21, NO School, Martin Luther King Day
Friday, Jan. 25, Report Cards to home, Kindergarten
Friday, Jan. 25, Mid-Term Reports go home for
Grades 1 and 2
Friday, Jan. 25, Early Dismissal at 12:00pm
Tuesday, Jan. 29, Information Night for
incoming Kindergartners, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

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bbsfeedback@abingtonps.org

Feedback/Suggestions

We now have a link for you to connect with us regarding feedback and/or suggestions bbsfeedback@abingtonps.org. Please feel free to leave us a message about any topic you wish for us to know more about. Just click on the link in the links column and leave us a message. Both Mrs. Zinni and Mrs. Gover will be notified and one of them will be in touch with you regarding your feedback/suggestion.

Administrator's Message

Welcome back to school. This newsletter is going home as a paper version this week then will be available on our website or through your email. Please sign up for Constant Contact to get our newsletter by email. Go to abingtonps.org then click [Join Our Mailing List](#) at the top of the screen.

Mrs. Zinni and Mrs. Gover

Morning Meeting

January's focus is **Goal Setting**. Students think about what they want to learn or become better at during the coming year and how to plan to achieve their goal. You may want to discuss this at home as well.

Lunch Accounts

Guardians/Parents who sign up in My Bucks to pay or add money to their child's lunch account may follow the directions under Food Service (on website www.myschoolbucks.com) so you can receive an electronic alert when the account is low on funds. You can also send a check or cash (labeled envelope/baggie) to school.

Cold Weather Clothing

Winter weather has arrived! Our classrooms are warm but recess is cold. Please have your child dressed in layers for inside then heavier jackets, and hats/mittens for outside. Coat donations are available if you reach out to the nurse. You can call her at 781 982 2185 extension 4367 or email michelle.apazidis@abingtonps.org to leave a message.

Kindergarten 2019-2020

For those with a child turning 5 years old before Sept 1, 2019, we are having an information night about next year's kindergarten registration process. It will be Tuesday, January 29 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, with a cancel due to weather night on Wednesday, January 30. This event will inform you of the registration process, required documentation and days and times for registration which will take place the first week of March, 2019.

Parent Teacher Organization

Happy New Year!
Our next meeting is Monday, January 7th at 7pm in the Beaver Brook Cafeteria. We hope you can join us!

Second Grade

Happy New Year! Students in the second grade are working on their New Year's resolutions. We are also eager to have the Earth Balloon presentation next week followed by starting Passports Around the World where the students will learn about each continent.

DIBELS and ACCESS testing

In January we have several assessments occurring so we can measure student progress at the mid-point of the school year. Online ACCESS testing is done with our English Language Learning students. We look at listening, speaking, reading, and writing using English skills. Results will come to families in May as this is a state test so people outside of our school score the results.

DIBELS measures phonics skills, fluency of reading sentences or paragraphs, and using sounds to figure out unfamiliar words (nonsense words). We score this then use the results to decide the extra help students might need in phonics and reading fluency. We also listen to students reading sight words. These are words that are difficult to sound out, such as ONCE, THE, WAS.

From the Nurse- Ms. Apazidis
"Should my child stay home or come to school?" is a dilemma for many. Here are guidelines.

Stay Home: Fever of 100 or more, diarrhea, vomiting- until has been free of these for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine.

Stay Home: Illness needing antibiotics- consult doctor about when to return to school. Adult must bring medicine in pharmacy container with doctor orders for school so nurse knows what and when to give the medicine in school.

Typical cold, Come to school: Remind your child to cough or sneeze in the elbow. This reduces germs on hands that spread through touching door knobs, and everything else. You may want to send tissues for your child to keep at his/her desk and show how to blow a nose if they don't know how yet.

Itchy/Dry Skin/lips, Come to school: Frigid temperatures lead to cracked lips and skin. You may want to use Vaseline, Aquaphor or other lip balm /lotion. Sending a water bottle to drink throughout the day also keeps them hydrated and reduces germ spreading through shared drinking fountains.

Asthma: Contact nurse at 781 982 2186 ext. 4367 about your child's specific asthma plan and treatments. Medicines should be labeled and come with doctor's orders of use, brought by an adult.

Address, Phone Number, Legal Changes

Address If you have moved to a new home or apartment in Abington, please send a note or call the school to inform us of the change so we can update the data base. If you have moved to another town, we'll need you to complete a permission form so we can mail records to the next school. We can also print a report card, IEP, 504 plan, or other documents so you can bring them to register at his/her new school. We'll work with you to figure out a last day so your child can say good-bye before leaving our school.

Phone Please check that your phone is able to receive calls. You may also want to update your phone contact information so we can contact you through our automated phone call service in case of a snow day cancellation. Our nurse also expects to have a working number she can use in case your child is injured or becomes ill.

Legal If your child has a legal name change or there is a change in custody, please bring the document to the office so we can make a copy for our data base alerts.

Dismissal-Informing the office

Adults should send a note, with child's first/last names as well as homeroom teacher's name or room number, if their child is being dismissed early from school. Please **do not** send a text to the teacher as the office does not get text messages. Adults picking up students in the office should stay in the office, rather than the hall, so office staff know when the child has left with his/her adult. Students who visit the doctor or dentist can bring an "I was seen in the doctor's office today" note that we can add to your child's excused reasons for absence section in the attendance data base.

Transportation

As the seasons change, bus drivers want to remind you that students need to wait outside where they can be seen at their morning bus stop. In the afternoon, the responsible person waiting to get their child should be outside so the driver can see you when dropping a child off. Also please remind your child to use a quiet voice when talking on the bus and to stay seated in the seat for safety reasons.

Parking Lot Safety

For adults driving or walking through the parking lot at dismissal time, please be mindful of traffic and people. We appreciate the continued presence of Police Officers at arrival or dismissal periods in our parking lot and front bus loop to assist with reminders about using the cross walk and stopping rather than passing buses with their lights activated. Please hold your child's hand as you cross through the busy parking lot.