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Superintendent's Update

March 7, 2024



Brookline Women of the Year 2024

Congratulations to our very own **Lynda Kirby** and **Mindy Paulo** for being named Brookline Women of the Year 2024.

Lynda is a lifelong Brookliner whose commitment to the community is unmatched. Retiring this year after 37 years at the PSB, she has worn many hats, from Lincoln House Secretary, to overseeing Special Awards and Scholarships, to working with the Office of Student Services.

As Director of English Language Education for the PSB, Mindy has provided essential support and guidance to hundreds of students and families. For 22 years, she has advocated for, taught, celebrated, befriended, and supported thousands of English learners and their families.



School Meals Nutrition Standards Commission



Congratulations to the PSB Director of Food Services **Sasha Palmer**, who is one of the six members appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts to serve on the **School Meals Nutrition Standards Commission**.

The Commission will review the nutrition standards followed by K-12 schools in the Commonwealth, and nutrition requirements to prevent chronic disease and optimize the short-term and long-term health of children, among other things.

Additionally, it will also make recommendations to increase nutrition of school foods, including providing vegetarian and vegan options, and accommodating religious, cultural, medical and non-medical dietary restrictions.

We wish Sasha good luck in this new role!

Roland Hayes Science Fair 2024

The Roland Hayes school held its 5th Annual Science Fair on Saturday, March 2.

The Science Fair is a proud Hayes School tradition and a wonderful learning opportunity for all students. 95 young scientists (the highest number yet) from K through 8th grade explored how hearing changes with age, investigated the science behind the Stroop test, built rocket blasters and a hovercraft, tracked the number of trees in the world, cracked the Rubik's cube's code, and so much more.

A true testament to the school's strong and supportive community spirit, the Fair was attended by 300+ family members, teachers, administrators and friends.

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Lincoln CultureFest

The Lincoln School celebrated its first ever CultureFest – a celebration of the broad and diverse cultural heritage of the school's members. The event featured over 20 tables of food, music, art and traditions of the many cultures that make up the Lincoln community. The event aimed at invoking feelings of joy, discovery and learning, and ultimately foster deeper understanding and connection among all in the community.

Lincoln CultureFest was organized by the L.I.F.E committee and sponsored by the Lincoln PTO.

About L.I.F.E.

Lincoln Initiative for Equity (L.I.F.E.) is a parent/caregiver led volunteer group that aims to create space for all community voices, by building connections and collaborative relationships throughout Lincoln School and beyond.

Lincoln CultureFest

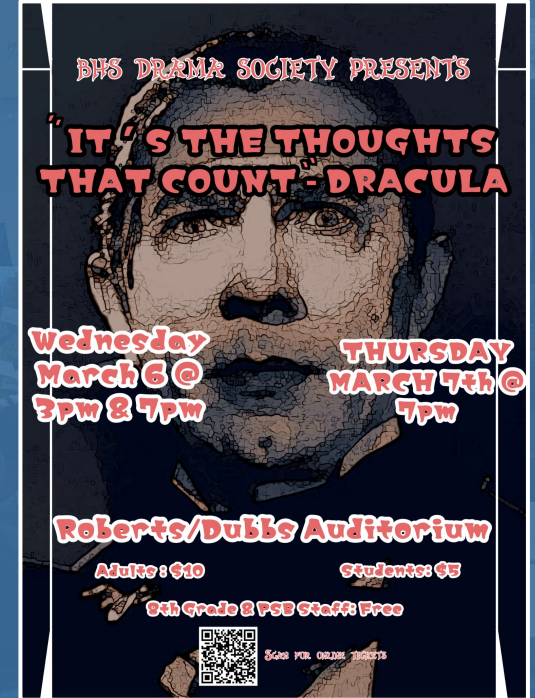


Massachusetts High School Drama Festival 2024

The BHS Drama Society's entry into the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival 2024, *It's the Thoughts that Count - Dracula*, was recognized with six all-star company rounds at the preliminary round last week.

Louisa Hansel – Stage Management	Sammy Lipton – Ensemble Acting
Chloe Clark – Ensemble Acting	Mihailo Stevanovic – Acting
Ben Hurwitz – Ensemble Acting	Kyumin Kim – Sound Design & Execution

Congratulations to all the winners!



Parent Workshop

The PSB Department of Guidance and Clinical Services is excited to partner with the Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth (MPY) to hold the parent workshop, ***Identifying Anxiety and Supportive Effective Regulation***, on Wednesday, March 27 at 6pm over Zoom.

With an increasing number of children experiencing elevated anxiety levels, this workshop aims to support parents in identifying red flags, symptoms, and indicators that their child(ren) may be struggling to regulate and manage big feelings.



About the Speaker

Julie B. Cullen, LICSW, Ed.M., comes with intensive training and experience in Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and the treatment of Developmental Trauma. Working with children, adolescents, and families has always been at the heart of Julie's professional life. She hopes to bring humor, knowledge, and empathy into each experience, to bring out clients' resiliency, and to provide families with a sense of hope for the future.

BA&CE's Spring Break Camp

Brookline Adult & Community Education (BA&CE) is organizing a camp experience for kids aged 5-12, from April 16 to 19.

The spring break camp will be held at the Roland Hayes School, and will feature various activities such as acting, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, Lego Adventures, and Metrocraft.



A green poster for Spring Break Camp. At the top left is a small orange and black butterfly icon. The title "Spring Break" is in large yellow font, with "Camp is here!" in white below it. The dates "16-19 APRIL" and location "ROLAND HAYES SCHOOL/ 100 ELIOT ST" are in white. A red circle on the right says "AGE 5-12 YEARS". A circular photo shows three children (two girls and one boy) smiling and eating. To the right of the photo, a yellow box lists "ACTIVITIES" in bold, followed by "ACTING, SINGING, DANCING, GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, LEGO ADVENTURES, METROCRAFT AND MORE!". At the bottom left is the "brookline" logo with a ladybug. The bottom center has "JOIN US TODAY!" in yellow, the website "www.brooklineadulted.org", and the phone number "617-730-2700". The bottom right has a QR code and the text "SCAN ME".

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In Remembrance



Karen B. Miller

01/02/1944 - 02/29/2024

Karen B. Miller was a lifetime caretaker who devoted four decades as a nurse at the Public Schools of Brookline, most extensively at the Amos A. Lawrence School, where she tended to the medical, psychological, and professional needs of students and staff alike; she provided CPR and practical training to literally generations of babysitters and nurses as well as participated in a town-wide school leadership group. Her tenure was marked by the high regard in which she was held by students, parents, teachers, administrators, and nurses across the district.

Superintendent's School Visits

Recently Completed

Pierce	Monday, February 26
Runkle	Tuesday, February 27
BHS	Friday, March 1
Baker	Friday, March 1
Driscoll	Monday, March 4
Lincoln	Monday, March 4
FRR	Tuesday, March 5

Upcoming

Hayes	Friday, March 15
Lawrence	Friday, March 15
Pierce	Wednesday, March 20
FRR	Thursday, March 21
Runkle	Thursday, March 21
Baker	Friday, March 22
Lincoln	Tuesday, March 26

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