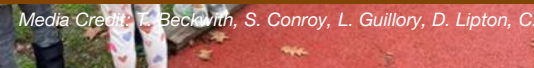




# PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE

## Superintendent's Update - November 10, 2022



# Agenda



- Upcoming Events
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In observance of  
**Veterans Day**

Schools and district offices  
will be closed on  
**Friday, November 11.**

More information found on [www.brookline.k12.ma.us](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us)



- Originally called **Armistice Day** to mark the end of World War 1 on November 11, 1918, Veterans Day is an annual observance used to honor and celebrate those who have served in the US Armed Forces.
- We especially salute and honor the **parents, guardians, and caregivers** of 34 PSB students who are also military veterans or currently in active service. We acknowledge the veterans/active duty members of our community at-large as well as all of those that have passed away.

# Schools and District Offices Closed for Veterans Day

PSB and the Town of Brookline continue to hold flu and COVID-19 vaccine clinics over the next few months.

- The next **Flu vaccine clinic** will be held at **Ruffin Ridley, Saturday, November 19.**
- The next **COVID-19 vaccine clinic** will be held at **Pierce, Monday, November 28.**

Shoutout to FRR nurse Brianna Cosmos, BEEP nurse Deb Troderman, and BHS nurses Megan Day and Jill Seaman-Chandler for helping the Brookline Health Department Flu Clinic on **Saturday, November 5.** Over 255 individuals (many of which are PSB students) received their shots!



Media Credit: T. Laham

## Community Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) and Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents hosted their annual joint conference of district leaders from **November 2** to **November 5** in Hyannis.



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**MASC/MASS Joint Conference**

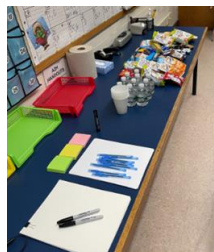
- On **Thursday, November 3**, Brookline High School staff were made aware of a chemical irritant found inside the 115 Greenough Street building near a first-floor bathroom close to the cafeteria.
- All students and staff were evacuated outside at approximately 11:47 a.m. while school administrators contacted emergency response personnel to respond to the scene. The building was deemed safe by 3:00 p.m. and after-school programming resumed as normal.
- All PSB staff and families were made aware of this development through email by 1:23 p.m. On-site BHS staff were also notified as information came in real-time from emergency services.
- A few individuals were transported to the nearest hospital for further evaluation. Most staff and students did not experience any symptoms and many others experienced eye and throat irritation and were checked out on site by BHS nurses and EMTs. Members who sought medical attention were discharged and are reported to be doing well.
- BHS team is committed to continuous improvement and is engaging in after action reviews

## BHS Evacuation Incident on November 3

On **Tuesday, November 8**, PSB hosted a district-wide professional development day at Brookline High School.

This year's program featured a presentation from racial justice educator and writer, **Debby Irving**.

Ms. Irving helped educators explore the harmful patterns in their lives and how anti-racism can be weaved into our everyday practice.



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# Staff Professional Development Day



- Several schools celebrated community traditions, including a **Puppet show**, **Pumpkinfest**, the **Annual Japanese Fair**, and **Halloween** celebrations
- We also celebrated the retirement of BHS Chinese teacher **Ms. Lihua Shorter** and the creation of the **Asian-American Pacific Islander Book Collection** at the BHS Library.
- PSB also began the first set of **Parent-Teacher Conferences** with K-5th grade families.

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# PSB Highlights



## Recently Completed

Lawrence

\*Friday, 10/28

Runkle

\*Tuesday, 11/1

BHS

Thursday, 11/10

## Upcoming

Driscoll

Thursday, 11/17

FRR

Thursday, 11/17

Baker

\*Friday, 11/18

Pierce

\*Wednesday, 11/21



# Superintendent School Visits



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# Spotlight on Excellence Heath School Affinity Groups