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Superintendent's Update - March 30, 2023



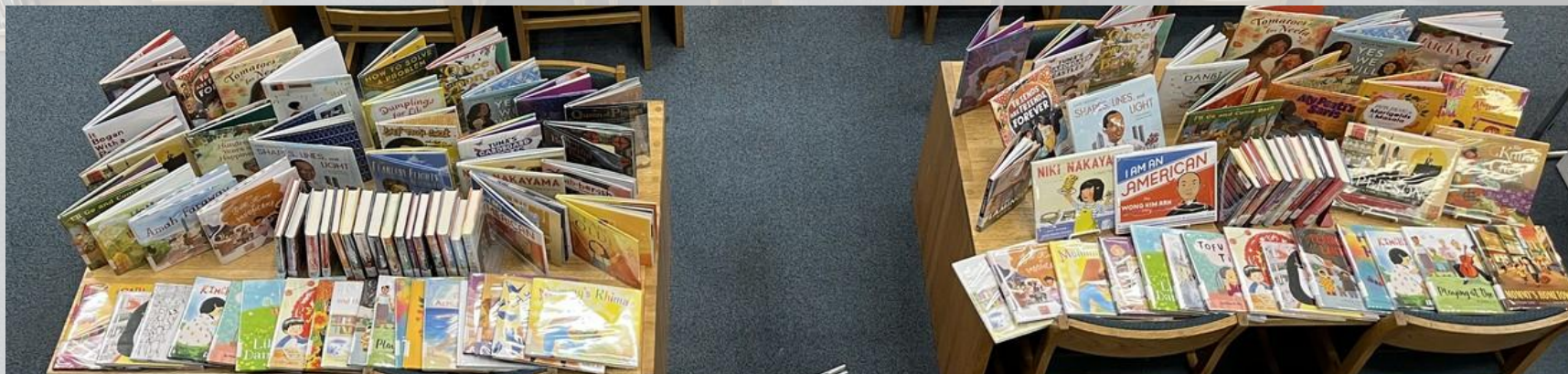
Agenda



- Community Highlights
- Superintendent School Visits
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Learn More About Ramadan from Pierce Students!



The Brookline Asian American Family Network (BAAFN) was awarded a grant of \$6,000 from the Brookline Community Foundation to purchase over 400 books representing Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) authors, illustrators, and stories for our eight K-8 school libraries. The school librarians worked with BAAFN to look at our collections, research the newest and best AAPI books, and develop wish lists.

These books will also be displayed, read, and reviewed throughout AAPI Heritage Month and in preparation for the **Town of Brookline's First AAPI Heritage Day on Saturday, May 20.**

Media Credit: BAAFN

PSB Libraries Celebrate New Asian-American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Books!



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- After a thorough and thoughtful search process led by the Interview Committee (including parents, guardians, and district staff), and second round interviews, two finalists emerged for the **Lawrence Principal position**.
- Both candidates, Vanessa Bilello and Qi Chen, met with Lawrence faculty and Lawrence parents/guardians on **Tuesday, March 28** to introduce themselves and answer questions.
- Those who attended the introductory meetings are sharing their feedback (survey closes tonight) to help guide the final decision. A final announcement will follow.

Update on Lawrence School Principal Search

| Recently Completed | |
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| BHS | Friday, 3/17 |
| Pierce | Thursday, 3/23 |
| Baker | Wednesday, 3/29 |
| BHS | Thursday, 3/30 |
| Upcoming | |
| Lincoln | Monday, 4/3 |

- **Wednesday, March 22**, I visited Beacon Hill with PSB leaders for METCO Advocacy Day.
- **Friday, March 24**, I was honored to be the Mystery Reader in Mrs. Kiernan's 3rd grade class at Lawrence.
- Along with BHS Head of School Anthony Meyer and Athletic Director Kyle Williams, I joined the **"Addressing Hate in School Sports"** training hosted by DESE, MIAA, MASS, and the Office of the Attorney General on **Friday, March 24**.
- **Saturday, March 25**, I joined Brookline Muslim Friends at their 4th Annual Community Iftar, held at United Parish.



Superintendent School Visits



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The Public Schools of Brookline highlights the importance of World Autism Awareness Day on **Sunday, April 2.**

This occasion is dedicated to spreading awareness about ASD (autism spectrum disorder) and helping people understand what Autism is. The day brings organizations and people together to promote the research, diagnosis, treatment, and acceptance of those affected by ASD. It is also a celebratory day that commemorates the achievement of autistic people.

World Autism Awareness Day is Sunday, April 2

- **Transgender Day of Visibility:** Friday, March 31
- **Passover:** Wednesday, April 5 - Thursday, April 13
- **Hanuman Jayanti:** Wednesday, April 5
- **Good Friday (Day of Low Attendance):** Friday, April 7
- **Easter:** Sunday, April 9

Media Credit: L. Stewart

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April 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE PSB CALENDAR:

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| FRI | 7 | Schools Closed: Good Friday (Day of Low Attendance) |
| WED | 12 | Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-12) K-12 students will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m. |
| FRI | 14 | Quarter 3 Report Cards Published for Students in Grades 6-12 |
| MON | 17 | Schools Closed: April Vacation District Offices will also be closed on Monday, April 17, in observance of Patriots' Day. |
| TUE | 18 | Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-6) K-6 students will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m. |
| WED | 19 | |
| THU | 20 | |
| FRI | 21 | |
| THU | 27 | |

www.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendar

Other Upcoming Observances

- **World Autism Awareness Day:** Sunday, April 2
- **Passover (Judaism):** Wednesday, April 5 to Thursday, April 13
- **Hanuman Jayanti (Hinduism):** Wednesday, April 5
- **Easter (Christianity):** Sunday, April 9
- **Vaisakhi (Sikhism):** Friday, April 14
- **Patriots' Day:** Monday, April 17
- **Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day (Judaism):** Monday, April 17 to Tuesday, April 18
- **Eid al-Fitr (Islam):** Friday, April 21 to Saturday, April 22
- **Earth Day:** Saturday, April 22

Other Important Dates

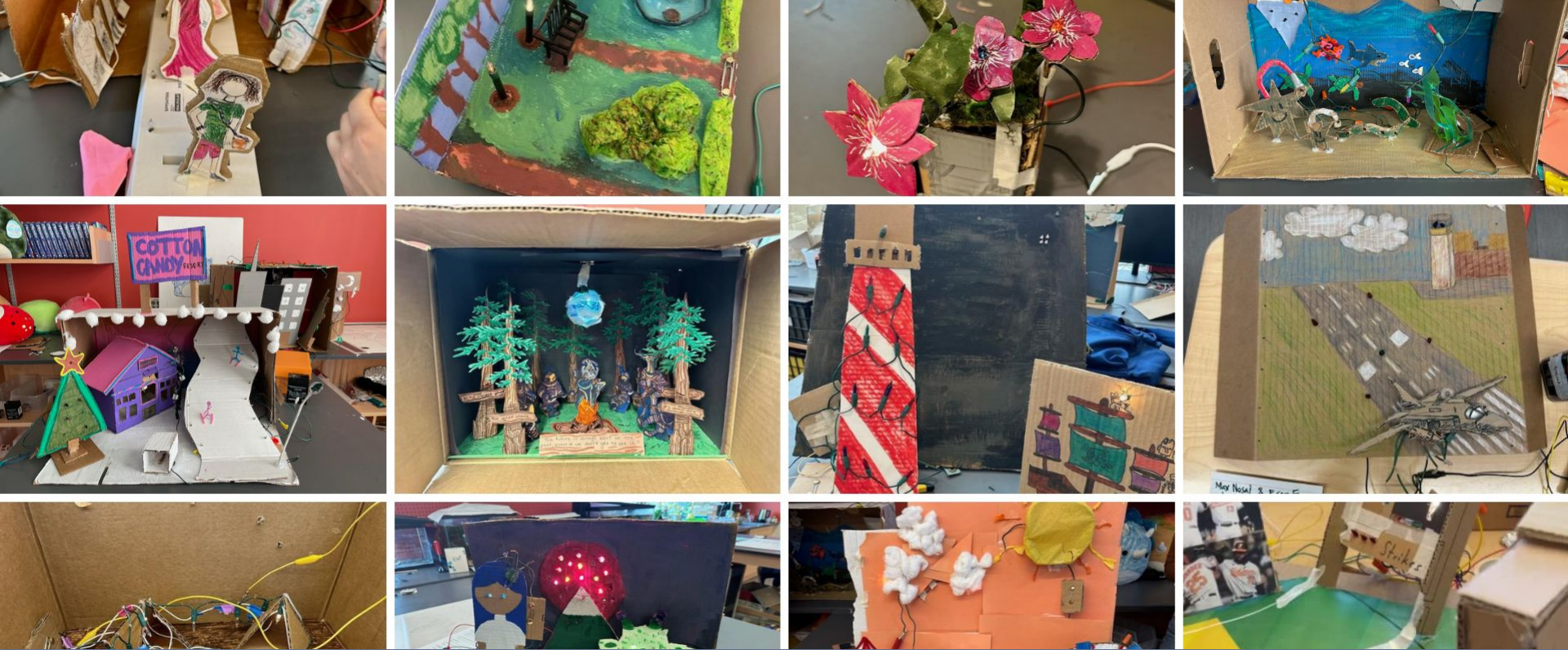


- **Founder of Facing History and Ourselves**
- **Former Runkle Teacher**



Media Credit: Facing History

Remembering Margot Stern Strom



Spotlight on Excellence:

Brookline High School - Physics Circuit Project