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Superintendent's Update

May 2, 2024



PSB's Updated Wellness Policy

The PSB updated Wellness Policy is being recognized as a **Massachusetts School Wellness Champion** at The John C. Stalker Institute of Food & Nutrition's **2024 Healthy Kids, Healthy Programs Summit** taking place on Tuesday, May 21st.

Congratulations to the **PSB Wellness Committee**, led by **Tricia Laham**, Coordinator of School Health Services for the PSB and **Sasha Palmer**, Director of Food Services.

Several members of the PSB Wellness Committee will be attending the summit. They are looking for parent representatives from every school to attend the event.

Healthy Kids, Healthy Programs Summit



**May 21-22
2024**

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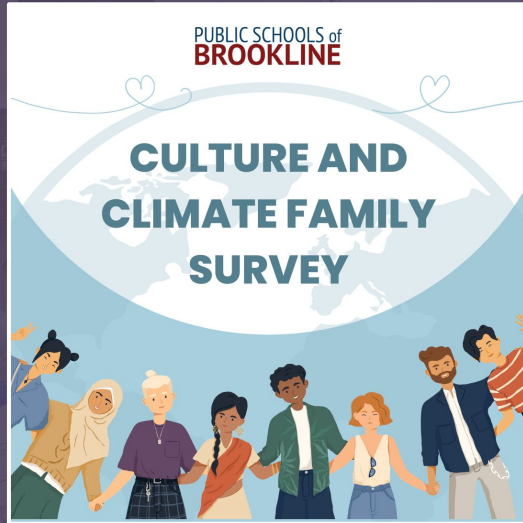
May 21 - \$150
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May 22 - \$180
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Join us...
on May 21 and May 22 for the 2024 Healthy Kids,
Healthy Programs Summit: More than a Meal
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Culture and Climate Family Survey



The PSB is committed to creating a culture where all students and families feel belonging in their schools and in the larger PSB community. To help meet this goal, we have asked all PSB parents and guardians to complete an anonymous Culture and Climate Family Survey.

The survey asks questions that reflect parents'/guardians' feelings about the schools their children attend, including how well schools communicate with guardians and how well schools support the needs of students. This information will be used to improve the ways that the PSB supports students and families.

Plant Forward Foods at PSB

The PSB is emerging as a leader in serving plant forward menus on a daily basis to students. This school year, the PSB Food Services Department signed the Forward Food Pledge to make 50% of its menu items plant-based.

In partnership with the Humane Society of the United States of America, the District's food services staff will be trained in preparing plant-based menu items.

During the week of May 6th to May 10th, these items will be sampled in all the schools' menus. Students in all schools will get an opportunity to taste and rate the new menu items.



PSB Food Services

PLANT-BASED MEALS TESTING WEEK

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Food Services invites all students to participate in a tasting session showcasing plant-based recipes from May 6-10.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Orienteering at PSB



The PSB is working with Navigation Games to implement orienteering in wellness classes across the district. Orienteering is a group of activities that involve the use of a map and compass, to navigate from one point to another.

Runkle was the first school to implement learning the lifelong skills of navigation and orienteering. The Driscoll School worked with Navigation Games last year.

This year, we are expanding the program across the District. Students at Lawrence, Ruffin Ridley and Baker will be getting a dose of orienteering fun soon.

Webinar: Building Mathematical Mindsets

The PSB Math Department has acquired 50 slots to the webinar, *Building Mathematical Mindsets – Strategies for Parents & Guardians*, led by an international leader in mathematics education – Jo Boaler of Stanford University.

The webinar, for parents and guardians of K-12 students, will be held on **Thursday, May 16 from 8pm to 9.30pm.**

Boaler will share evidence on the most successful ways to learn mathematics, and discuss learning strategies that have been found by research to significantly improve students' achievement and change students' views of their own potential. She will also share ways parents can help and support their children, building positive mathematical mindsets for the whole family.



Baker 7th-Graders Win Stock Market Game



Seventh-grade Mathematics students at the Baker School participated in the Stock Market Game, a nationwide project-based financial education program that introduces students to global capital markets through an online market simulation platform. Each student is provided with an online portfolio which allows them to trade stocks, mutual funds, and bonds.

The year-long competition ended in the past week, with Baker students winning the first and second place in Massachusetts. **Vada Eng** finished first with a 40.56% net equity gain, and **Adam Tong** placed second with a 36.93% net equity gain.

A mention to Math teacher **Dylan Rossi**, who enrolled the seventh-graders in this game.

MICCA Concert Festival 2024

The **BHS Advanced Chamber Orchestra**, directed by **Nina Bishop**, were awarded a **Gold Medal with Superior Distinction** at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) Concert Festival 2024.

Congratulations to all students and Ms. Bishop.



Climate Change Art by PSB Students



Climate Change art by PSB's K-12 students was exhibited at the **Museum of Science** during their climate event, *Rise Up Boston*.

The exhibit showcased artwork in response to the prompt "What comes to mind when you think of climate change?" The aim was to show evolving perspectives on climate change and inspire creativity within climate action.

The exhibit was organized by **The Brookline Exhibition**, a student-led group (pictured on the left) comprising BHS juniors that aims to showcase/publish artwork by PSB students.

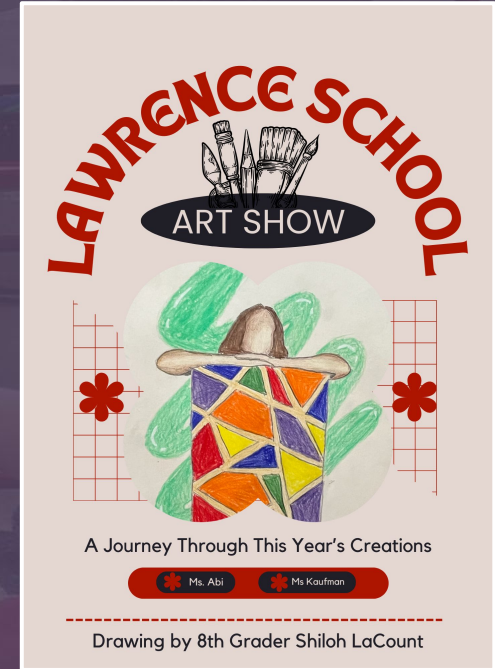
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More Art Exhibits

Art teachers **Abigail Robichaud** and **Megan Kaufmann** at the Lawrence School held an all-school arts exhibit and celebration last week.

The exhibition featured work from every student in the school, and was a great opportunity for parents, friends, and the community to celebrate the hard work and learning that the students have done this year.



More Art Exhibits



At Brookline High School, Liz Brennan's students in AP Art and Design held their Senior Thesis Show in the STEM-wing.

The exhibition featured a body of work by each student along with an artist's statement to illuminate the sustained inquiry process that the students have engaged in this year. The work in this exhibit was thought-provoking and stunningly crafted. Congratulations to all of these students for their high achievement in the PSB Visual Arts Program!

Pictured: Paintings by BHS students Mia Fell (top) and Lia Fox (bottom).

Hayes International Night

The Roland Hayes school hosted its annual International Night in April. More than 33 countries were represented in this celebration of culture, cuisines, and community diversity.

The event was attended by over 450 community members, with more than 100 parents hosting a nation table or volunteering for the event.

A shout out to the Hayes International Night Committee, comprising Lisa Yuen Rhoads, Paola Rossi, Yen-Lin Chen, Theodora Konetsovska and Vice Principal Kirtan Patel, who planned the event.



Appreciation



School Principals Day (May 1)

We acknowledge the immense contribution of our school principals towards championing education and cultivating positive learning environments.

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6 to 10)

We extend our gratitude to all our teachers, who inspire, support, and empower our students every day. Your commitment to shaping young minds creates a brighter future for us all.



Appreciation



National Nurses Week (May 6 to 12)

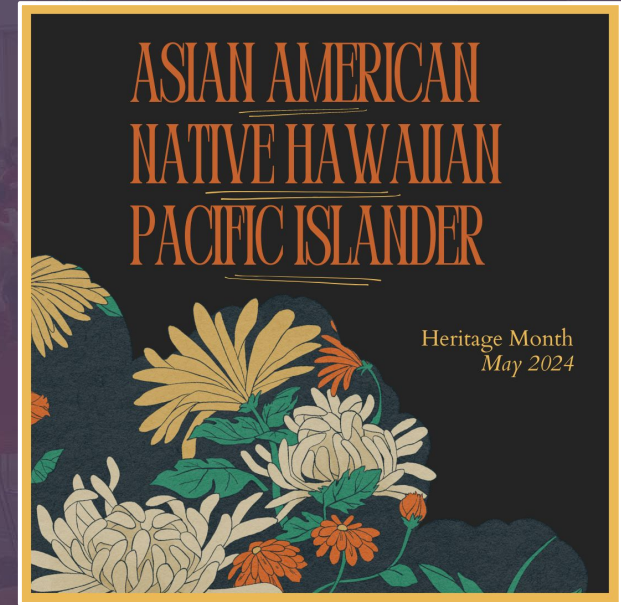
We thank our school nurses for their tireless dedication to the health and well-being of our students. Your compassion, expertise, and care ensure a safe and nurturing environment for learning.

Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month (May 1-31)

Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month celebrates the vibrant cultures, rich histories, and contributions of the Asian American, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander communities.

“This month, we celebrate the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) communities, whose ingenuity, grit, and perseverance have pushed our great American experiment forward...”

President Biden



Jewish American Heritage Month (May 1-31)

President George W. Bush proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month in April 2006. Since 2007, Presidents Bush, Obama, Trump, and Biden have all issued proclamations for Jewish American Heritage Month, which celebrate Jewish Americans and encourage all Americans to learn more about Jewish heritage and contributions to the United States.

Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to recognize the enduring legacy, resilience and contributions of Jewish Americans who have shaped our nation.




Superintendent's School Visits

Recently Completed	
Baker	Tuesday, April 23
FRR	Tuesday, April 23
Lawrence	Friday, April 26
Pierce	Friday, April 26
Driscoll	Monday, April 29
BEEP	Thursday, May 2
Baker	Thursday, May 2

Upcoming	
Lincoln	Friday, May 3
Runkle	Friday, May 3
Lawrence	Tuesday, May 7
Hayes	Thursday, May 9
Runkle	Thursday, May 9
FRR	Friday, May 10
BHS	Friday, May 10



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The PSB School Nurses

