



PUBLIC SCHOOLS of
BROOKLINE

Superintendent's Update - September 28, 2023



Agenda



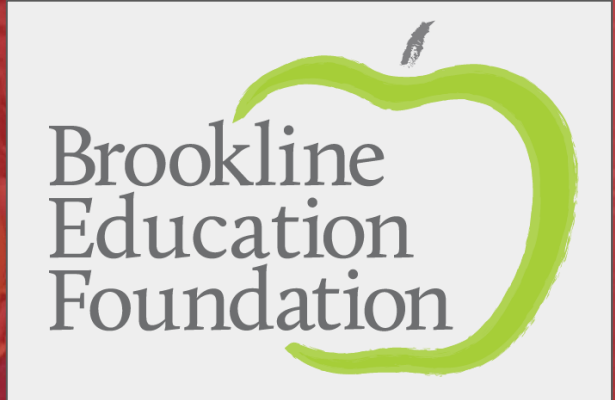
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The Brookline Education Foundation will be honoring the 2023 Metzger Fellows at 5pm Friday, September 29, 2023 in the Lincoln School Auditorium.

The 2023 Metzger Fellows are:

- Hannah Bjornson, Lawrence School
- Julia Mangan, BHS
- Tim Hintz, Pierce School
- Peter Sedlak, BHS
- Brendan McCarthy, BHS
- Jeannette Sergeant, Baker School

The 2023 Margaret Metzger fellows will read their essays on the craft of teaching, followed by a reception with light refreshments.



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The 2023 Annual Metzger Fellowship Event

PSB has partnered with the **Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth (MPY)** to hold the parent workshop, *What Are You Puffing? Vaping and our Youth*, October 25, 2023, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm over Zoom.

This workshop focuses on how to recognize vaping devices and products and the physical impact vaping has on the body.

About the Speaker

Cory Mashburn, M.Ed., has over 20 years of experience working with youth and people with disabilities, as well as over 10 years expertise in the field of prevention services. As the father of two young children, he understands the importance of equipping youth, their parents, and their communities with the knowledge and skills to enable young people to become the best version of themselves.

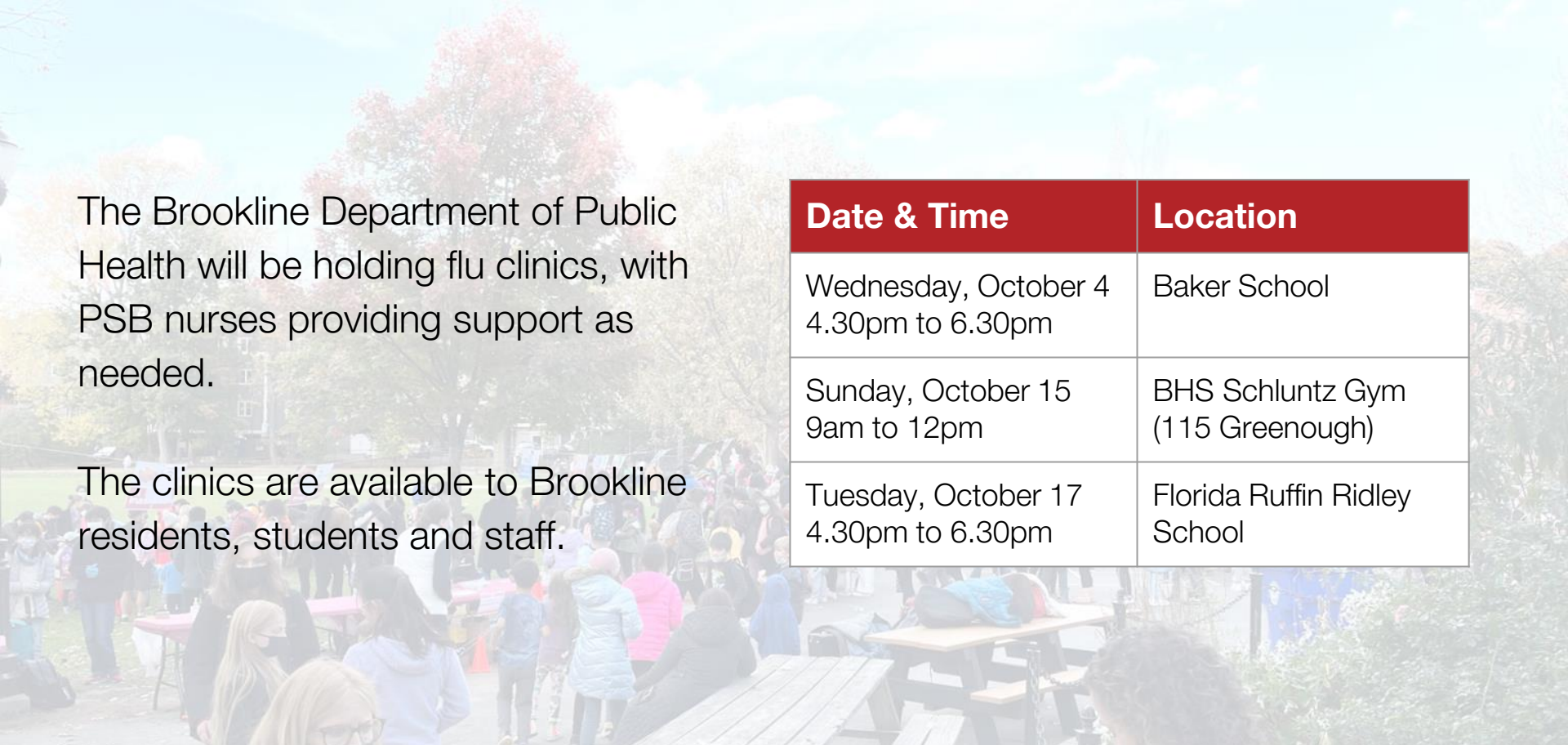


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Update from the Department of Guidance and Clinical Services



The Brookline Department of Public Health will be holding flu clinics, with PSB nurses providing support as needed.

The clinics are available to Brookline residents, students and staff.

| Date & Time | Location |
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| Wednesday, October 4 4.30pm to 6.30pm | Baker School |
| Sunday, October 15 9am to 12pm | BHS Schluntz Gym (115 Greenough) |
| Tuesday, October 17 4.30pm to 6.30pm | Florida Ruffin Ridley School |

Reminder: Flu Clinics

| Recently Completed | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| BEEP/Baker | Tuesday, 9/12 |
| Lawrence | Thursday, 9/14 |
| Driscoll | Friday, 9/15 |
| Baker | Wednesday, 9/20 |
| Driscoll/FRR | Friday, 9/22 |
| Heath | Tuesday, 9/26 |
| Lincoln/Runkle | Wednesday, 9/27 |
| Upcoming | |
| BEEP/BHS | Friday, 9/29 |
| Lawrence | Monday, 10/2 |



School Visits

Media Credit: L. Guillory

We welcome Debra Bromfield, former Director of Student Services at Canton Public Schools, to support the Office of Student Services. She will support Civil Rights Coordination, McKinney-Vento and Home/Hospital Coordination.

Mrs. Bromfield began her career in 1981 as a Special Education teacher, and was Director of Student Services at Canton Public Schools until 2020. She lives with her husband and daughter in Brookline.



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Staffing Update



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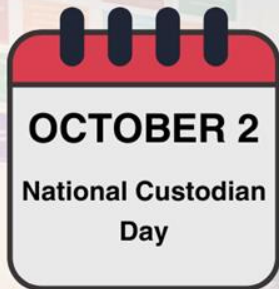
I am pleased to announce that **Neel Gudka** joined PSB earlier this week as the new **Communications Specialist**.

Neel brings four years of experience in media, marketing and communications. Originally from Mumbai, India, he has lived in Boston for the last two years. He recently completed his Master's degree in Digital Media Management from Northeastern University, where he also worked as a student employee in multiple marketing and communications roles.

We warmly welcome Neel into the PSB Community!

Staffing Update

Important Dates



Source: <https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendar>

Cultural Observances

SEPTEMBER 29

Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival, is a traditional festival celebrated in Chinese culture. Similar holidays are celebrated in Japan (Tsukimi), Korea (Chuseok), Vietnam (Tết Trung Thu), and other countries in East and Southeast Asia.

SEPT 29 - OCT 6

Sukkot

The festival of Sukkot (סוכות) begins on 15 Tishri, the fifth day after Yom Kippur. It is quite a drastic transition, from one of the most solemn holidays in the Jewish year to one of the most joyous. Sukkot is so unreservedly joyful that it is commonly referred to in Jewish prayer and literature as Z'man Simchateinu, the Season of Rejoicing. Sukkot officially begins at Sunset on October 9.

Mark your Calendars



Spotlight on Excellence:

Brookline Food Service - Summer Eats Program

THE **INDISPOSABLE** PODCAST

EPISODE #139

The ABCs of Reuse in K-12 Schools

with Sasha Palmer and
Rebecca Salguero of Brookline
Massachusetts Public Schools, and
Ben Schleifer of the Center for
Environmental Health

Our Food Services Director **Sasha Palmer** and Food Services Sustainability Coordinator **Rebecca Salguero** were featured on the latest episode of Upstream's *Indisposable* Podcast.

They sat down with host Brooking Gatewood to discuss their experiences, challenges and lessons learned in bringing reuse to school lunches.

Media Credit: J. Roffman

Our Food Services Team and Sustainability