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Superintendent's Update

January 18, 2024



Agenda

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- Superintendent's School Visits
- Important Dates
- Spotlight on Excellence

Regeneron Science Talent Search 2024

Congratulations to Brookline High School's **Matvey Borodin**, who was named a Scholar at the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2024, the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors. The competition is owned and produced by Society for Science.

Throughout its history, the competition's alumni have been honored with 13 Nobel Prizes, 11 National Medals of Science, six Breakthrough Prizes, 21 MacArthur Foundation Fellowships and two Fields Medals.



MMEA Eastern Senior District Festival

Congratulations to the following BHS students who participated in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) Eastern Senior District Festival on January 5 and 6.

The students did stellar work and gave outstanding performances, alongside top music students from thirty cities and towns in Massachusetts.

Henry Allen – Trombone	Diane Kang – Cello
Shanti Appavoo – Soprano	Kyoya Kobayashi – Alto Saxophone
Ingrid Aumiller – Alto	Lil Kuklewicz – Alto Voice
Ivy Bass – Alto Voice	Tony Lee – Clarinet
Ronni Chang – Violin	Elise Ruberg – Soprano Voice
Antonia Duffield – Alto Voice	Sophia Shahrooz – Soprano Voice
Sora Egozy – Clarinet	Noa Suk – Violin
Ivan Epworth – Bass Voice	Justina Wang – Violin
Daphne Jones – Soprano Voice	Brianna Yang – Viola

PEARLL BHS World Language Survey

The PSB has partnered with **Professionals in Education Advancing Research and Language Learning (PEARLL)**, to assess BHS' World Language program, understand its strengths and identify opportunities for growth. PEARLL is a Language Resource Center at the National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland, committed to improving the nation's capacity for teaching and learning languages.

PEARLL members visited the BHS World Language classes in October and November last year, and interacted with students and teachers. They are now administering an anonymous survey to get a better picture of students' experience learning a language at BHS. Their survey has been sent to students as well as parents/guardians.



Parent Workshop: 'The Digital Well-Being Playbook'

The PSB has partnered with the Massachusetts Partnership for Youth (MPY) to hold the parent workshop, *The Digital Well-Being Playbook*, on January 24, 2024 over Zoom.

The workshops aims to navigate the following:

- Achieving sustainable, positive digital practices with family and at work
- Optimizing digital habits for better mental health and family connection
- Preventing and recovering from sensory overload and digital overwhelm, and
- Positively shift your relationship with your devices so they fuel vs. fatigue your relationships

About the Speaker



Nina Hersher, MSW, is Chief Learning Officer at the Digital Wellness Institute, author of the bestseller, *Your Playbook for Thriving in the Remote Work Era*, and a highly sought after speaker. A leading expert in Digital Wellness, Hersher holds a specialized Master of Social Work in Digital Culture and Program Development. Hersher is also Co-founder of annual Digital Wellness Day, reaching over 7 million people in 36 countries.

BA&CE's Kids Activities Week



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FUN!**

20-23 FEBRUARY
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ACTIVITIES AGES 5-12

- Acting
- Arts & Crafts
- Singing
- Shark Tank Jr.
- Dancing
- Lego Future House
- Games

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Adult & Community Education


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Brookline Adult & Community Education (BA&CE) is organizing a week-long program filled with fun, enriching and entertaining activities for kids aged 5-12, from February 20-23, 2024.

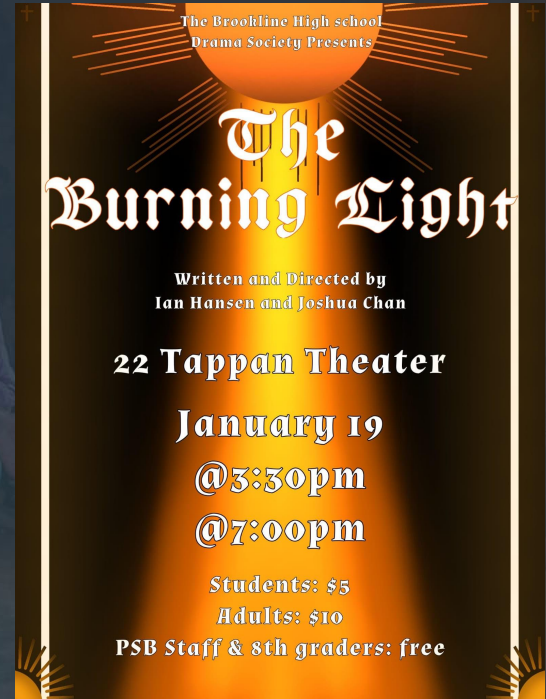
The week will feature full or half-day sessions featuring acting, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, Shark Tank Jr., Lego Future House, and more.

BHS' Senior Project Play

The Senior Project Play is a production that has, for the last several years, been written and directed by two BHS seniors. This year, seniors Joshua Chan and Ian Hansen were selected by the Drama teachers to take up the mantle.

The duo has co-written and co-directed *The Burning Light* – the story of a young lesbian growing up in 1989, a time when being gay isn't an option for the people around her or herself.

The Burning Light will be showcased on January 19 at the 22 Tappan Theater.



Superintendent's School Visits

Recently Completed	
Hayes	Wednesday, January 17
Lawrence	Thursday, January 18

Upcoming	
BHS	Friday, January 19
Lincoln	Friday, January 19
BEEP	Monday, January 22
Pierce	Wednesday, January 24
Driscoll	Friday, January 26
Runkle	Friday, January 26
Ridley	Monday, January 29
Baker	Tuesday, January 30

Important Dates

January 19

K-8 Early Dismissal (1.40pm) –
Teacher Collaborative Time

February 9

K-8 Early Dismissal (1.40pm) –
Teacher Collaborative Time

January 26

K-8 Early Dismissal (1.40pm) –
Teacher Collaborative Time

February 16

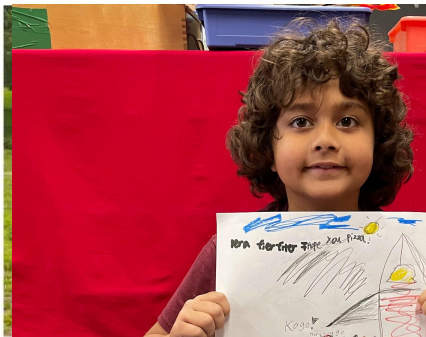
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February 19-23

February Vacation (schools closed)



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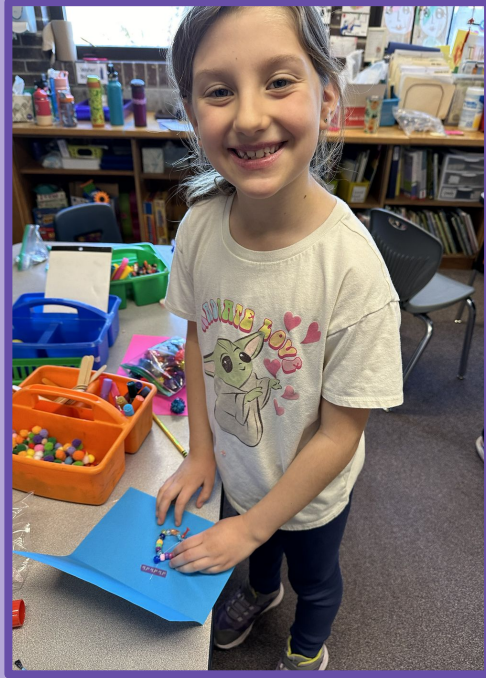
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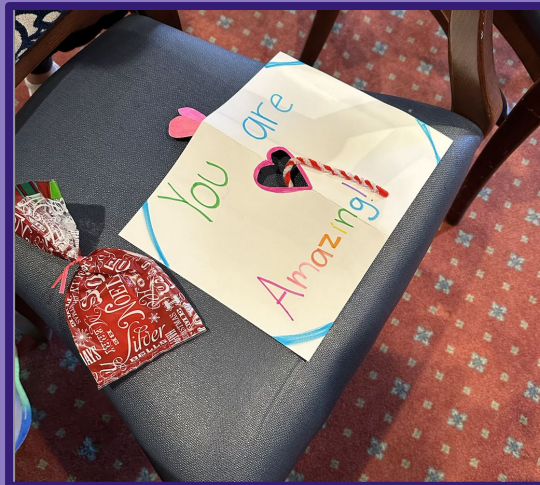


Pierce School Second Grade Community Projects



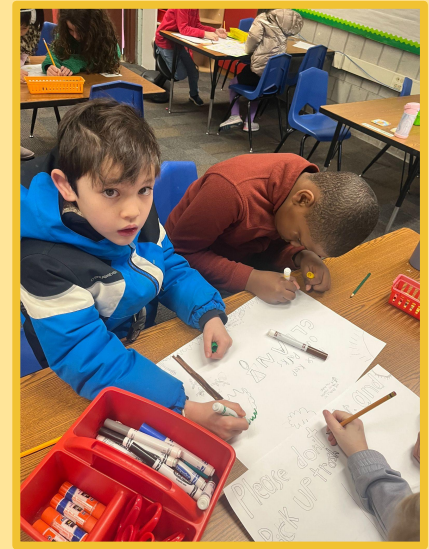
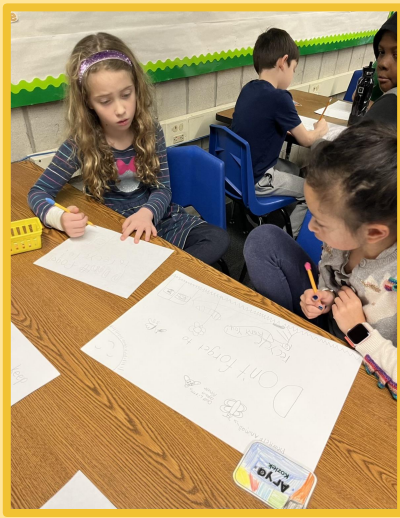
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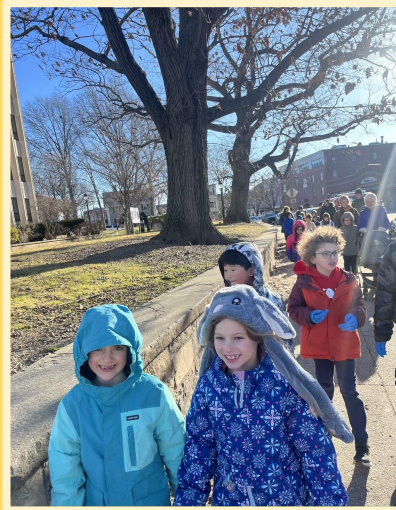


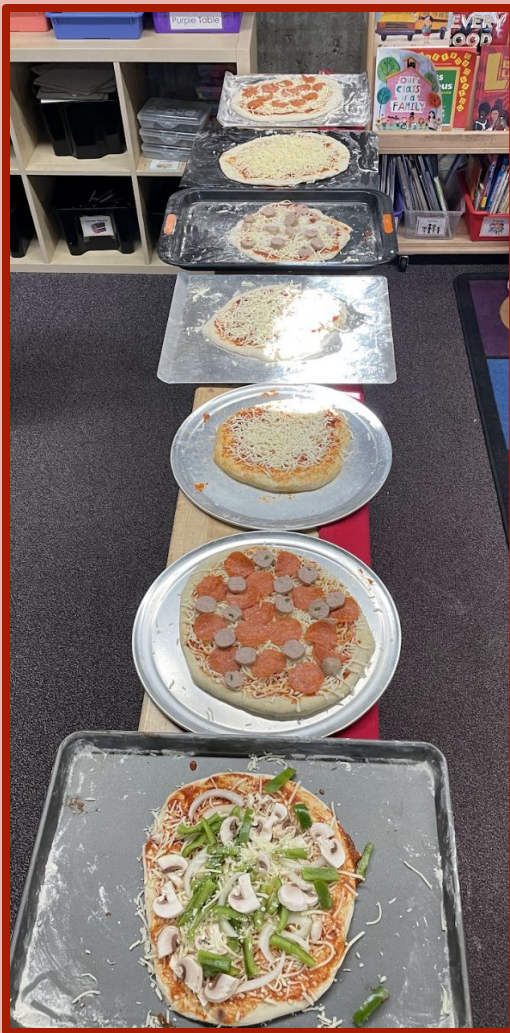




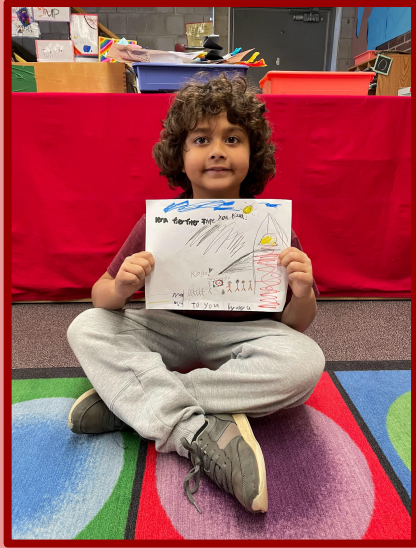
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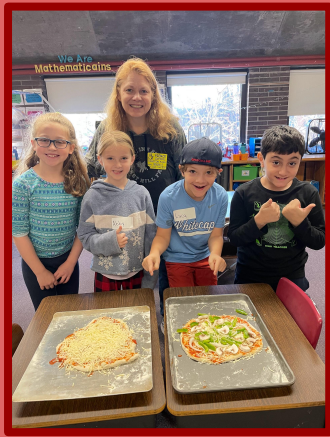






2W made pizza
and cards for
local firemen







2Le made kindness rocks

