

Superintendent's Update

October 26, 2023

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Agenda

- Community Highlights
- Superintendent School Visits
- Staffing Updates
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- Spotlight on Excellence

Pierce Project Update: Thank you MSBA

- The MSBA voted to increase the building construction reimbursement cap for the Pierce School from \$393/sf to \$516/sf and the site construction reimbursement cap from \$39/sf to \$52/sf.
- Our OPM believes that this will represent a change from a maximum reimbursement of \$37,839,511 to \$45,403,459. This has the potential to shift the Town share from \$172MM down to \$164.5MM, resulting in a savings of \$7.6MM. Final numbers will be finalized by MSBA in the coming month.

The Annual Grades 5-8 Cross Country Meet

The PSB's annual Cross Country Meet for grades 5 to 8 was held on Friday, October 20 at the Larz Anderson Park. The event saw a large turnout, with around 350 students participating in the one-mile run.

Our young athletes had a wonderful day out on the course, and we saw some inspiring displays of grit, determination and sportspersonship.

The Annual Grades 5-8 Cross Country Meet



Images shared by Carlyn Z. Uyenoyama, PSB K-12 Coordinator for Wellness Education and Donna Finnegan, Runkle School Principal

Runkle's Annual Halloween Fair

The Runkle School held their Annual Halloween Fair on Friday, October 20. Organized by the Runkle PTO, the event was a great success. Students, staff and families dressed up in their best costumes, and enjoyed a fun evening of with trick or treating, bouncy castles, games, an inflatable obstacle course and a spooky haunted walk.

The Runkle school thanks the PTO, teachers, parents and volunteers who helped make this event a great success.

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BHS Drama Society: 'The Rehearsal'



The Brookline High School Drama Society held multiple shows of their 9th grade play, *The Rehearsal*, at the 22 Tappan theater last week.

The Rehearsal is a play about a high school putting on a musical — a hilarious look behind the scenes of a drama club production filled with lots of drama.

Lincoln Pumpkinfest

The Lincoln school's biggest annual carnival, the Pumpkinfest, will be held on Sunday, October 29 from 12pm to 4pm. The event promises a fun-filled family time with food, live music, games, prizes and more.

All proceeds from the event directly support the Lincoln School.



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School Visits

Recently Completed

BEEP	Friday, 10/13
Driscoll	Tuesday, 10/17
Baker	Friday, 10/20
BHS	Wednesday, 10/25

Upcoming

Driscoll/Pierce	Monday, 10/30
Heath	Tuesday, 10/31
FRR	Wednesday, 11/1
Lincoln	Thursday, 11/2



Staffing Update: Harvard Intern



We're delighted to share that **Monique Miles** has joined The PSB as a **Harvard EdLD Intern**.

Monique is the Managing Director of The Aspen Institute Form for Community Solutions, an organization that strives to build the power and influence of those with least access to opportunity.

Monique has a master's degree in Education Policy and Management from Harvard University, and is currently pursuing her doctorate in Education Leadership from Harvard.

We warmly welcome Monique to the PSB community.

Staffing Update: Harvard Intern

We're delighted to share that Ruiz Clark has joined The PSB as a **Harvard EdLD Intern**.

Ruiz has spent over a decade working towards education and literacy in various countries, including India, Malaysia, Armenia and the United States.

Ruiz has a master's degree in International Education Development from Columbia University, and is currently pursuing his doctorate in Education Leadership from Harvard University.

We warmly welcome Ruiz to the PSB community.



Mark your Calendars

Important Dates

NOVEMBER 3rd

No school for students; staff professional development day.

NOVEMBER 1-30

National American Indian Heritage Month

National American Indian Heritage Month honors the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

NOVEMBER 10th

Veterans Day Observance;
District closed



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Cultural Observances & Events

OCTOBER 24 Dussehra

Dussehra is a major Hindu festival celebrated in India and some other countries. Dussehra commemorates the victory of Lord Rama, one of the incarnations of Lord Vishnu, over the demon king Ravana, thereby signifying the triumph of good over evil.



OCTOBER 31 Halloween

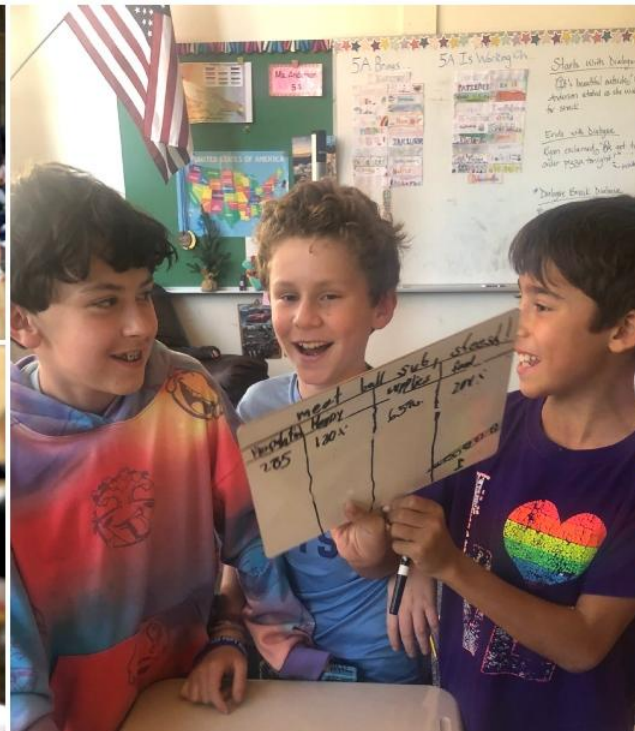
Halloween originates from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, marking the end of harvest and the beginning of winter, when the boundary between the living and the dead is believed to be at its thinnest. It is a spooktacular holiday with costumes, haunted tales, and sweet treats.



NOVEMBER 1-2 Day of the Dead

Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday during which ancient Aztec rituals honoring the dead are performed. During this holiday, family and friends gather to pay respects, remember, and celebrate those who have passed away.





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