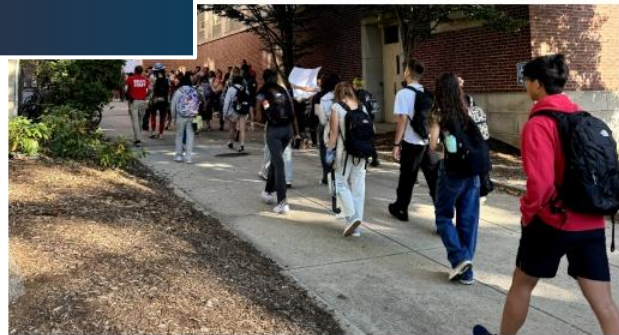




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# Superintendent's Update

December 19, 2024

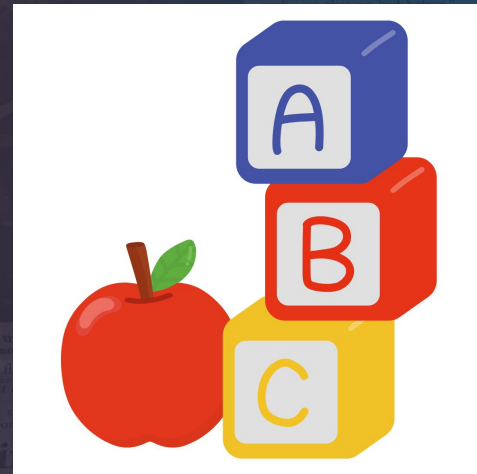


# Kindergarten Registration for SY 2025-26

The online registration for students entering kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year opens on **January 8, 2025**.

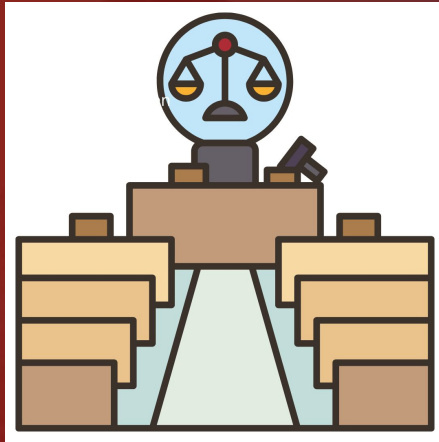
Kindergarten is an important milestone for everyone involved, and our staff is here to support families in this transition. The Office of Registration and Enrollment (ORE) is committed to ensuring that all families have a smooth and successful transition into their first day of kindergarten in Brookline. All families will have multiple opportunities to engage with our staff throughout the registration process and are happy to work to support each family with any specific needs they may have.

Pre-Registration for all other grades will open on **March 1, 2025**.





# Discovering Justice Mock Trials



Dr. Jodi Fortuna, our Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, was summoned for jury duty at the Discovering Justice Mock Trial event earlier this month.

Discovering Justice is a civic education non-profit that works with students to introduce them to the workings of the legal system, and help them explore the ideals of justice. Discovering Justice is an afterschool partner of the Hayes, Runkle, and Florida Ruffin Ridley Communities.

Hayes and Runkle held their trials at the Moakley Courthouse, and Florida Ruffin Ridley had their mock trial at the Brookline District Court.

This year's case concerns students' First Amendment rights and peaceful assembly. The student attorneys did an outstanding job pleading their cases.

# Brookline SEPAC's Summer Camp Fair

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is hosting a free summer camp fair on **January 11, 2025** at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School cafeteria.

The fair will feature a variety of camp and program representatives who specialize in supporting children with special needs, providing families with valuable resources and opportunities to explore meaningful and fun summer options for their children.



# Parent Workshop — *Navigating the Cyber World*



The Office of Student Services has organized a parent workshop, *Navigating the Cyber World*, on January 15th from 7pm to 8pm.

The workshop reviews the challenges and dangerous situations that may arise through use of the internet, social media, and smartphones. It is important for school staff and parents to be aware of the popular apps, social media sites, and programs used by youth online. This workshop explains the issues and possible consequences of cyberbullying, sexting, and revealing identifying information to strangers.

## **About the Speaker**

Cory Mashburn, M.Ed., has over 20 years expertise in the field of prevention services and more than 25 years' experience working with youth and people with disabilities. He has overseen the planning and implementation of prevention programs within communities and schools in the New England Region, including substance use and abuse, bullying, cyber safety, and human rights. In addition, Cory has developed multiple health and wellness curricula in schools across the state of Massachusetts.



# HGSE Student Intern

We welcome Johnny Reed to PSB as Superintendent Fellow.

Originally from Chicago, Johnny is currently pursuing his doctorate in Educational Leadership at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. His areas of interest and expertise include curriculum, and student and teacher mental health.





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