

# Buckingham Browne & Nichols Middle School Parents' Association

**September  
11, 2011**

Weekly Reminder  
Issue 1

Middle School Parents,

We hope you and your students had an excellent first week back to school. In an effort to keep you as informed as possible, the MSPA will be sending you a Weekly Reminder on Sundays along with a monthly newsletter. If you have a reminder to include, please contact [Barry Lyons](#).

Barry Lyons and Jocelyn Sand  
MSPA Vice Presidents

Melissa Boudreau and Karen Wang  
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## This Week

All students must be in homerooms by **7:55am**. Classes start promptly at 8am.

Pick-up is at the **Upper School** on the following days and times:

Mondays - 3:45

Tuesdays - 3:15

Thursdays - 3:15

Pick-up is at the **Middle School** on the following days *unless your student has a game*. Please check the [MS Athletics](#) page for game schedules by sport and make sure your student has the proper clothing, footwear and equipment.

Wednesday - 3:05

Friday - 2:15

### Pizza Lunch

Pizza Lunch starts this Wednesday. All order forms should be returned to the MS Office. Please sign up to volunteer at the following Doodle links:

7th Grade <http://doodle.com/guv2uwip7tkav2tv>

8th Grade <http://doodle.com/fss6v9z6hp8f3fi2>

### After School Programs

All After-School Programs start this week.

## New Offerings

### MSX: Middle School Extension Program

MSX offers after school coverage for Middle School students from dismissal until 5:30 each day on full days of school. To learn more about MSX, follow the link <http://www.bbns.org/middle-school/after-school>.

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**October 2,  
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## This Week

### **Tuesday, October 4th**

**Asian & Asian-American Parents Meeting**  
6pm in the US Community Room

**Community Gay Straight Alliance Meeting**  
6:30pm at 46 Belmont Street, Watertown

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**October 2011 Newsletter**

## Welcome



Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome to the first monthly MSPA Newsletter. This newsletter will promote volunteer opportunities and make you aware of MS news of interest. ***Most importantly, it will provide an in-depth look at the upcoming month's events at the MS.*** Our Weekly Reminder will serve as a list of what you need to know for the coming week. As always, continue to refer to the all-school calendar for global BB&n events such as affinity group meetings and to verify dates. We hope you find this newsletter informative and use it as your link to the MS. Please email us with any questions you may have.

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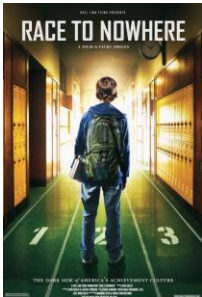


House of 7 Gables

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**Race to Nowhere** is a documentary film which examines the pressures faced by young people, teachers and parents in our high-stakes, high-pressure public and private education system and culture. The documentary is a call to mobilize families, educators, experts and policy makers to question current assumptions on how best to prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens of today and for the future.

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MFA New Wing

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<http://www.bbns.org/calendar/athletics/2011-10>. Spirit Day is a great opportunity for you and your families to connect with other BB&n families while enjoying an afternoon of sports. Keep a watch out for more details and volunteer opportunities.

Saturday, October 29th from 9am to 12pm

## Admissions Open House

The MS Admissions Office will be hosting an Open House for prospective parents and students. Parent volunteers interested in helping welcome families should contact Martha Newport at [617-800-2335](tel:617-800-2335) or [mnewport@bbns.org](mailto:mnewport@bbns.org).

Saturday, October 29th at 6pm



## Night of Knights: BB&n Community Celebration

A festive evening for the entire BB&n community to celebrate our shared legacy and accomplishments. This year's event to be held at the Nicholas Athletic Center also celebrates the successful completion of the Opening Minds Campaign. To RSVP follow the link: <https://www.bbns.org/rsvp2?event=3972>.

Monday, October 31st

## 8th Grade Wellness Collaborative

Will Slotnick, Founder and Director of the Wellness Collaborative will be leading a week-long series of workshops for eighth graders during science classes. The primary focus of the Wellness Collaborative is to provide:

- Alcohol, tobacco and other drug education
- Stress management and mindfulness training
- Overall social and emotional wellness.

The program is supported by the most current prevention research and uses strategies proven most effective in changing unhealthy attitudes and behavior and in reducing the risks associated with substance abuse. These strategies include a strong emphasis on social and emotional wellness.

## 8th Grade Science

Last week's 8th Grade field trip to Drumlin Farm was part of the updated science curriculum. To complement chemistry studies this year, eighth graders will engage in field studies, both on the BB&n Middle School campus and at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Lincoln, MA. These studies are designed to contextualize the course content and to better demonstrate to students the integrated nature of science. Over the course of the year, students will gain direct experience collecting samples from the natural environment and conducting various tests both in the field and in the lab at school.

In the spring, students will design a field study with a goal of collecting data that will further explore the information gathered in their initial field trip. Students will complete research on their topic in preparation for the field trip and test their methods using the BB&n Middle School study plots. Students will publish their findings in an online science journal. There will also be an evening event, **Knights of Science on May 2** during which students will present the results of their studies to parents and invited guests. *Knights of Science will replace previous years' Science Fair.*

## Thank you



The MSPA would like to extend a huge thank you to the Fords for donating and scooping Christina's ice cream for the MS Ice Cream Social. The summer day was perfect for ice cream, welcoming new families and catching up with returning families. Thank you to all of our volunteers for bringing us together.

## Volunteers Needed

### Faculty Appreciation

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October 9,  
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### **Sunday, October 23rd from 10am to 12pm**

#### **Head of the Charles Reception**

Join other BB&n families and alumni at the BB&n Boathouse as they cheer on this year's rowers. The MS is fortunate to have many students with siblings rowing in BB&n boats this year. Come show your support!

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October 23,  
2011

Weekly Reminder  
Issue 7

## This Week

### Monday, October 24th & Tuesday, October 25th

#### Grade 7 MFA Field Trip

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### Wednesday, October 26th

#### Faculty Appreciation

MS faculty and staff will be treated to an amazing lunch provided by parent volunteers.

### Thursday, October 27th

#### Soup Bowl Dinner at 6pm

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and to make contributions. Please RSVP to [Libby Maclaren](#) and refer to our "Volunteer Section" below for what you can contribute.

## **Making Sense of MS Night at 7pm**

Making Sense of MS Night is a closer look at the MS academic program lead by a panel of Department Heads. Parents learn what to expect developmentally from their student regarding independent work and study. This evening is highly recommended for Grade 7 parents and new Grade 8 parents.

## **Friday, October 28th**

### **Spirit Day**

Remind your student to wear blue and gold. MS students will celebrate Spirit Day at school with a pep rally. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend games to cheer on teams, help with team refreshments and promote school spirit.

### **Game Line Up**

MS Girl's Soccer vs Milton at Milton at 3:15 PM

MS Boy's Football vs Thayer at Thayer at 3:15 PM

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As always, check the Athletic calendar for changes:

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## Directory Correction

Dawn Balcazar, mother of grade 7 Jenna Selden, has a phone correction of [508-740-5175](tel:508-740-5175). [Please note that Jenna should be added to the student list of Wellesley residents.

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**October  
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**Buckingham Browne & Nichols  
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**November  
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Issue 10

**Monday, November 14th  
2:15pm Dismissal - No Sports**

**Quick Links**

**Study Hall available to 3:40pm**

**Tuesday, November 15th**  
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Celebrate the diversity of all three BB&N campuses. An event for the entire BB&N community, OSOW will be held at the Nicholas Athletic Center.

**Volunteers Needed**

**One School One World** volunteers are needed to bring food, set up tables and clean up. Volunteers can either bring food for countries listed on the doodle link or can create their own table for a country that is not listed. The US, MS and LS tables will provide breads and dips, appetizers and desserts. Please volunteer on the doodle link <http://doodle.com/7shy7m5n9hcieh5x5>.

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## On Sale

### Community Service T-shirts

Community Service t-shirts will be on sale for \$10 from Monday, November 14th to Tuesday, November 22nd in the 7th grade foyer.

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**November  
20, 2011**

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#### **Monday, November 21st**

##### **Community Service Perishables Collection**

Perishable items for the Giving Thanks Day collection should be delivered to the first floor faculty kitchen/refrigerator and be labelled "For GTD."

##### **ERB Tests**

**3:10pm Dismissal - No Sports**  
**Study Hall available to 3:40pm**

#### **Tuesday, November 22nd**

##### **ERB Tests**

**3:15pm Dismissal - No Sports**  
**No Study Hall**

#### **Wednesday, November 23rd**

##### **Giving Thanks Day**

Students should wear their Community Service t-shirts.

##### **Noon Dismissal**

**Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th  
NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break**

**On Sale**

**Community Service T-shirts**

Community Service t-shirts will be on sale for \$10 until Tuesday, November 22nd in the 7th grade foyer.

**Donations**

**Donations still needed!** Please sign up to contribute at [www.Genius.com/go/giving23/2079482](http://www.Genius.com/go/giving23/2079482) using the password GTD2011. Please only send in what has been listed on sign up genius. The itemized list is very specific to what the sites have requested or what has worked to make a successful day in the past. Contact **Peggy Fitzgerald** at [fenchak@gmail.com](mailto:fenchak@gmail.com) with questions.

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**November  
27, 2011**

Weekly Reminder  
Issue 12

**Winter Sports Begin This Week  
Regular Dismissals, Clubs and XMS**

**Monday 3:45pm at NAC  
Tuesday 3:15pm at NAC  
Wednesday 3:05pm at MS  
Thursday 3:15pm at NAC  
Friday 2:15pm at MS**

**Thank You**

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Peggy Fitzgerald and the MS Faculty would like to thank all who donated, drove and helped MS Community Service. Giving Thanks Day was a huge success! Our students came together as a community and supported many local programs in many different ways. Thank you for making it happen!

## Thank you

*Dear BB&N Parents,*

*One School One World was a success this year. Thank you to all who participated. It was amazing to see the gym transformed into a colorful festival of food, fun activities, artwork and entertainment. The event could not have been a success if it weren't for all of the tireless parent volunteers, grandparents/grandfriends, faculty, entertainers, maintenance staff and friends who attended and made this event possible. What a great way for us to show our pride in our BB&N community!*

*Thanks again,  
Charmaine Tyler  
OSOW Chair 2011*

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**December 2011 Newsletter**

The days are getting shorter.



Like the days, December is short. Keeping in the spirit of brevity, we will not send a weekly reminder for the week of Dec 5th. Please refer to this monthly newsletter. Enjoy the month and have a wonderful winter break!

**Barry N. Lyons** and **Jocelyn Sand**  
MSPA Vice Presidents

**Melissa Boudreau** and **Karen Wang**  
MSVP Assistant Vice Presidents

## In This Newsletter

**Second Star to the Right Performance**

**PIN Webinar**

**Bake Sale**

**No School**

**Ski Trip**

**Cambridge Boat Club**

Wednesday, December 7th at 7pm



### **Second Star to the Right**

The Middle School will present the first ever multimedia theatre production in the Big Room! Second Star to the Right is an adaptation of Peter Pan with a modern twist. All your favorite characters will appear in the show complete with flying, pirates and a big sword fight. Come and be amazed, enthralled and surprised by the twist ending!

Wednesday, December 7th at 9pm

### **PIN Webinar**

#### **Students in the Digital Age How Technology Influences the Developing Brain**

PIN (Parents' Independent School Network) is sponsoring its second webinar. PIN is a volunteer group of parents who have students at New England area independent elementary and secondary schools. To be part of this on-line seminar, register in advance at <http://dragonflylearning.org/transactions/SelfRegister.aspx>. Complete the form with the following and select "Register:"

- user type: Parent
- Enter your information
- Select Parents' Independent School Network from the institution list
- Enter the subscription code of 3LTLK5BH

Thursday, December 8th

## Bake Sale

The Community Service Club is having a Bake Sale. Proceeds are to benefit the Heading Home Organization and will be used to buy holiday presents on a family's wish list. Donations of nut-free baked goods are welcome.

Wednesday, December 14th at 6pm



2010 Winterfest

## Winterfest Performance

The annual Winterfest Concert will feature performances by the Chorus, Jazz Band and Chamber Music ensembles. Please feel free to come early to view the art work on display from the visual art classes. Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

Monday, December 19th - Tuesday, January 3rd

## NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

## Save the Date



## January 23, 2012 MS Ski Trip to Loon Mt

The MS is planning a fun day of skiing at Loon Mountain. Save the date for Monday, January 23rd and keep an eye out for more details coming your way in mid-December. Contact [Sheila Galligan](#) if you would like to help. She will be looking for a couple of chaperones for the bus and hot chocolate duty. Please note: if your child chooses not to attend, there is NO SCHOOL that day. THINK SNOW!

## Cambridge Boat Club Member Needed



If you are a member of the Cambridge Boat Club, please contact [Cheryl Cronin](#). A group of parents is working on organizing a year-end class party to celebrate 8th grade "graduation" and is currently exploring venue options. They might need a CBC member to act as a sponsor (preferably an 8th grade parent). Anyone interested in helping plan the party should contact [Cheryl](#) by email or at 617-421-

1926.

## Reminder

With the holiday season upon us, the MSPA would like to remind parents of the the BB&N gift policy. Please refer to the guidelines at the link:

[http://www.bbns.org/sites/default/files/docs/PA-faculty-gift-appreciation\\_12.5.10.pdf](http://www.bbns.org/sites/default/files/docs/PA-faculty-gift-appreciation_12.5.10.pdf). Also, be aware that all Middle School parents collectively contribute to

an end-of-the school year gift for faculty and staff. These gifts are collectively contributed through PA dues and distributed by the MSPA.

## Thank you

The MSPA would like to give an enormous amount of thanks for **Peggy Fitzgerald** and her immense efforts in November's Community Service. Without Peggy and her army of volunteers, Giving Thanks Day could not have happened.

**Diana Goldman** did a tremendous job of being the MS Coordinator for One World One School. The MS showed our enthusiasm for diversity at this all-school event.

We also appreciate **Shannon Hayden** and **Kevyn Fusco** for coordinating our efforts in making a special lunch for MS faculty and staff.

# Buckingham Browne & Nichols Middle School Parents' Association

**December  
11, 2011**

Weekly Reminder  
Issue 13

## This Week

**Wednesday, December 14th at 6pm**

### Winterfest

The annual Winterfest Concert will feature performances by the Chorus, Jazz Band and Chamber Music ensembles in the MS Big Room. Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

## Winter Break

**Monday, December 19th - Monday, January 2nd**

*Classes Resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012*

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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## **BB&N Middle School Parents' Association Loon Mountain Ski Trip**

*January 23, 2012*

### **Form Links**

The link <http://goo.gl/Raj3L> contains all the details and forms for the ski trip. Please print and complete the necessary forms, attach a personal check in the correct amount as payment, and drop off your completed package to Ms. McGovern in the MS Office NO LATER THAN JANUARY 13th. Space is limited. If you cancel after January 13th, your payment is non-refundable.

For more information, please contact Sheila Galligan at [cshgalligan@aol.com](mailto:cshgalligan@aol.com).



## Buckingham Browne & Nichols Middle School Parents' Association

### January 2012 Newsletter

Happy New Year



Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing winter break.

**Barry N. Lyons** and **Jocelyn Sand**  
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Monday, January 2nd

**NO SCHOOL: Last day of Winter Break**

Wednesday, January 4th at 9pm

## **PIN Webinar**

### **From "Ginger" to "Gay" Ad Hominem Attacks Do Break Bones**

PIN (Parents' Independent School Network) is hosting its third webinar. PIN is a volunteer group of parents who have students at New England area independent elementary and secondary schools. To be part of this on-line seminar, register in advance at <http://dragonflylearning.org/transactions/SelfRegister.aspx>. Complete the form with the following and select "Register:"

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Monday, January 16th

**NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Monday, January 16th at 12pm in the US Commons

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Luncheon**

This year's 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Brunch will feature "Reflections and Lessons Learned," from three Upper School students, who have attended the NAIS sponsored Student Diversity Leadership Conference. Our Musical Guest will be the Gospel Group, "Confirmation" under the direction of David Coleman. A delicious brunch will be served and all ages are invited to attend.

Please RSVP by January 9th to [Lewis Bryant](#) by email or at 617-800-2168.

Friday, January 20th at 7pm

## **Guys and Dolls**

Come and enjoy the talent! This year the MS will be performing the musical *Guys and Dolls*. Join us in the Big Room for a fun-filled evening.

Monday, January 23rd from 7am to 6:30pm



## **MS Ski Trip to Loon Mt**

The MS is planning a fun day of skiing at Loon Mountain. All necessary forms and details can be located at the link <http://goo.gl/Raj3L>. Please send your completed

forms, attach a personal check in the correct amount as payment, and drop off your completed package to Elaine McGovern in the MS Office **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 13th**. Space is limited. If you cancel after January 13th, your payment is non-refundable. Please note: if your child chooses not to attend, there is NO SCHOOL that day. THINK SNOW! Contact [Sheila Galligan](mailto:Sheila.Galligan@mspsa.org) if you have questions.

# Buckingham Browne & Nichols Middle School Parents' Association

**January 8,  
2012**

Weekly Reminder  
Issue 14

## This Week

### Friday, January 13th

#### Ski Trip Sign Up Deadline

The MSPA is sponsoring its annual Ski Trip to Loon Mountain on Monday, January 23rd. The deadline to sign up is this Friday. The link <http://goo.gl/Raj3L> contains all the details and forms for the ski trip. Please print and complete the necessary forms, attach a personal check in the correct amount as payment, and drop off your completed package to Ms. McGovern. Space is limited. If you cancel after January 13th, your payment is non-refundable. For more information, please contact Sheila Galligan at [cshgalligan@aol.com](mailto:cshgalligan@aol.com).

## MLK Day Reminder

### NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 16th

#### MLK Day Luncheon at 12pm at the US Commons

This year's 28th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day brunch will take place at the Upper School Commons. This year's gathering will feature "Reflections and Lessons Learned" from three Upper School students who have attended the NAIS-sponsored Student Diversity Leadership Conference. Our musical guest will be the gospel group, "Confirmation" directed by David Coleman. A delicious brunch will be served and all ages are invited to attend. Please RSVP to [Lewis Bryant](mailto:Lewis.Bryant@mspsa.org) at 617-800-2168 or email by January 9. See website [link](#) for more information.

## A Word from Stefanie Haug, MS Counselor

MS students are now exploring the theme of differences in their weekly Co-Curriculum meetings. In the seventh grade, students are being introduced to concepts of identity and differences. Discussions will address the range of individuation that a personal identity can permit. Discussions about definitions of differences will allow students to explore their cultural heritage with their families and invite them to share something from home.

Eighth grade students also started their Differences unit exploring their personal identity by sharing the story behind their names. Upcoming units will expand the lens from individual identity to look at group identities. As

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part of this exploration, students will be asked to initiate conversations with grown-ups in their lives with the aid of some template exercises.

For both seventh and eighth grade, the hope is that family conversations will enhance students' understanding of differences across a range of issues and environments and also strengthen students' exploration of their own evolving personal identity.

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**January 15,  
2012**

Weekly Reminder  
Issue 15

## This Week

### **Monday, January 16th**

#### **NO SCHOOL: MLK Day**

#### **MLK Day Luncheon at 12pm at the US Commons**

This year's 28th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day brunch will take place at the Upper School Commons. This year's gathering will feature "Reflections and Lessons Learned" from three Upper School students who have attended the NAIS-sponsored Student Diversity Leadership Conference. Our musical guest will be the gospel group, "Confirmation" directed by David Coleman. A delicious brunch will be served and all ages are invited to attend. Please RSVP to [Lewis Bryant](#) at [617-800-2168](tel:617-800-2168) or by email.

### **Friday, January 20th**

#### **Guys and Dolls Musical at 7pm in the Big Room**

Come enjoy an evening of song! This year the MS will be performing the musical Guys and Dolls. You will be amazed by the talent.

## Ski Trip Reminder

The MSPA is sponsoring its annual Ski Trip to Loon Mountain on Monday, January 23rd. The link <http://goo.gl/Raj3L> contains all the details and forms for the ski trip. Please print and complete the necessary forms, attach a personal check in the correct amount as payment, and drop off your completed package to Ms. McGovern. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Sheila Galligan at [csHgalligan@aol.com](mailto:csHgalligan@aol.com).

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help organize the upcoming **MS Mixon Friday, February 3rd**. Please

contact **Lynn McLaughlin** at [lynnmclaugh@mac.com](mailto:lynnmclaugh@mac.com) if you can help.

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# Buckingham Browne & Nichols Middle School Parents' Association

**January 22,  
2012**

Weekly Reminder  
Issue 16

## This Week

**Monday, January 23rd**

**NO SCHOOL: Ski Trip**

### **Ski Trip**

Due to the recent change regarding buses on Sparks Street, we have been asked to have the buses and students depart from and return to the NAC at the the Upper School.

**Drop off will be at the NAC at 7am.** The bus will be leaving at 7:15am SHARP.

**Pick up will be at the NAC at 6:30pm.**

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, February 3rd: MS Student Mix**

Drop your students off for an evening of fun, music, dancing, snacks and hanging out. This is a student only event. The MS sponsors two "Mixes" each year - one in the fall, one in the winter. The Mixes are chaperoned by faculty and parent volunteers. The doors are open from **7-7:30pm. Admission is \$5.** Any late arrivals need to be pre-approved by the Grade Dean; students are required to stay for the entire Mix. All students must be picked up by a parent. Any student walking home must have advanced approval. Students may invite up to 2 guests who must be registered in advance by signing up in the Front Office by Friday at dismissal. All BB&N students are responsible for their guests and must familiarize them with the rules and expectations. Pick up is *promptly* at **9:30pm.**

## Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming **MS Mix on Friday, February 3rd.** We need volunteers to chaperone from 6:30 - 10:00 and to bring snacks. Please sign up to chaperone or contribute food at <http://bit.ly/oPgkmH>. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn McLaughlin at [lynnmclaugh@mac.com](mailto:lynnmclaugh@mac.com) or on her cell at 781-454-5320.

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## A Word from Cara Falconi, MS Academic Support Specialist

Dear Families,

As you know, BB&N administered ERB tests to 7th and 8th grade students during the month of November. The ERB scores have arrived and will be mailed to you by the end of the week.

The scores from these tests help us to better understand your child's academic strengths and weaknesses, and are used in conjunction with grades and teacher comments to complete a student's academic profile. The tests offer data on students' verbal and quantitative abilities and the skills learned in each of these areas through the curriculum. For our students, ERBs offer good practice in taking standardized tests since they require the ability to do focused, concentrated work for extended periods. As standardized testing represents an important component of the high school experience, the ERBs offer the opportunity for students to learn how to conduct themselves early.

We would like to invite you to attend an **ERB coffee on Thursday, February 8th, 7:50-8:30am, in the Lower School's Lehner Center Pokross Room.** Jamie Wallace, MS learning specialist, Cara Falconi, MS academic support specialist, Lisa Bennett, LS learning specialist and Dr. Jacqueline Kieff, LS psychologist, will discuss how to read and interpret the ERB scores and how we use ERB results at BBN. We will answer general questions if time permits.

Of course, if you have questions that are specific to your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's advisor to discuss.

Thank You,  
Cara Falconi  
Middle School Academic Support Specialist  
617-800-2369

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## 10th Annual Have-a-Heart Food Drive



Beginning February 7th, BB&n will again show its heart by collecting food for the Preventive Food Pantry at Boston Medical Center. The pantry's focus is to prevent and treat the health and developmental consequences of hunger and malnutrition. The pantry currently provides nutritionally-appropriate food and counseling to over 7,500 patients and their families each month. Your participation in our 10th annual drive will make a crucial difference for many of these families who must decide to "heat or eat" at this time of year.

Be an active part of BB&n's caring community! We are asking each grade to donate a specific type of food, identified by the Preventive Food Pantry as a high priority need. 7th Grade is asked to bring in boxes of graham crackers and 8th grade is assigned peanut butter. Please bring in the type of food your grade has been assigned to the Middle School front hall by Friday, February, 17th.

If you have any questions, please contact Johanna Schulman at [617-515-9162](tel:617-515-9162) or [johannaschulman@gmail.com](mailto:johannaschulman@gmail.com) and Peggy Fitzgerald at [617-818-8045](tel:617-818-8045) or [fenchak@gmail.com](mailto:fenchak@gmail.com).

We will not be sending out a weekly reminder for the week of Jan 29th. Please refer to this monthly newsletter.

**Barry N. Lyons** and **Jocelyn Sand**  
MSPA Vice Presidents

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MSVP Assistant Vice Presidents

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**MS Mix**

**New Parent Reception**

**Food Drive: 7th Grade Donation**

**Food Drive: 8th Grade Donation**

**ERB Coffee**

**PIN Webinar**

**7th Grade Wellness Collaborative**

**7th Grade Parent Coffee**

**MSPA Speaker**

**Thank You**

**Save the Date**

**Volunteers**

Friday, February 3rd from 7pm to 9:30pm



## MS Student Mix

Drop your students off for an evening of fun, music, dancing, snacks (not dinner!) and hanging out. We aim for 100% participation. We call it a mix so "non-dancers" still feel comfortable attending. This is a **student-only event** with a charge of \$5 per student. The Mix is chaperoned by faculty and parent volunteers. The doors are open from 7-7:30pm. Any late arrivals need to be pre-approved by the Grade Dean; students are required to stay for the entire Mix. All students must be picked up by a parent. Any student walking home must have advance approval. Students may invite up to 2 guests who must be registered beforehand by signing up in the Front Office by Friday at dismissal. All BB&n students are responsible for their guests and must familiarize them with the rules and expectations. Pick up is **promptly** at 9:30pm.

Parents are still very much needed to chaperone from 6:30 - 10:00 and to bring snacks. Please, please, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/oPgkmH>.

Monday, February 6th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm  
at 15 Craigie Street, Cambridge

### New Parent Reception

Head of School, Rebecca Upham and Campus Directors, Mary Dolbear, Shera Selzer and Rebecca Geary are hosting a winter Open House for Middle and Lower School **parents who are in their first or second year at BB&n**. This is a casual get-together, a chance to meet and chat with other parents and a chance for Rebecca, Mary, Shera and Rebecca to hear how the year is going. We hope you'll be able to drop by for cup of "cheer."

Tuesday, February 7th to Friday, February 17th

### Have-a-Heart Food Drive



7th Graders are asked to donate **14 oz boxes of graham crackers of any variety**. Please bring donations to the MS Front Hall.

Tuesday, February 7th to Friday, February 17th

### Have-a-Heart Food Drive



8th Graders are asked to donate **peanut butter - regular and reduced fat in 18oz plastic jars** (no glass, please). Please bring donations to the MS Front Hall.

Wednesday, February 8th at 7:50am in the LS Pokross Room of the Lehner Center

### **ERB Coffee: DATE CORRECTION**

Join Jamie Wallace, MS Learning Specialist, Cara Falconi, MS Academic Support Specialist, Lisa Bennet, LS Learning Specialist and Dr. Jacqueline Kieff, LS Psychologist in a discussion about how to read and interpret the ERB scores and how the results are used at BB&n.

Wednesday, February 8th at 9pm

### **PIN Webinar**

#### **Mollifying Video Game Ingestion To Combat Obesity and Diet Crises**

PIN (Parents' Independent School Network) is hosting another webinar. PIN is a volunteer group of parents who have students at New England area independent elementary and secondary schools. To be part of this on-line seminar, register in advance at <http://dragonflylearning.org/transactions/SelfRegister.aspx>. Complete the form with the following and select "Register:"

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Monday, February 13th

### **7th Grade Wellness Collaborative**

Will Slotnick, Founder and Director of the Wellness Collaborative will be leading a week-long series of workshops for seventh graders. The primary focus of the Wellness Collaborative is to provide:

- Alcohol, tobacco and other drug education
- Stress management and mindfulness training
- Overall social and emotional wellness

The program is supported by the most current prevention research and uses strategies proven most effective in changing unhealthy attitudes and behavior and in reducing the risks associated with substance abuse. These strategies include a strong emphasis on social and emotional wellness.

Wednesday, February 15th at 8:15am in the 8th Grade Foyer



### **7th Grade Parent Coffee**

This coffee is a great opportunity to meet with Will Slotnick and learn more about his Wellness Collaborative. He will explain his program to 7th Grade parents and how it extends into 8th Grade and Upper School.

Monday, February 20th and Tuesday, February 21st

**NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day and Professional Day**

Tuesday, February 28th at 6:15pm

**MSPA Speaker Cindy Telingator**

### **Messages, Mentoring & Modeling**

**Communicating with students about issues of relationships, sexuality, love and heartbreak**

Please join us for a discussion about the sexual development of young people and the role of trusted adults in the process. This interactive seminar will touch on topics such as how adults transfer messages about sexuality & relationships; how we model behaviors that promote healthy development and how we can create a safe environment for all of our children to learn.

Cindy Telingator, MD completed her adult psychiatry training and child and adolescent psychiatry training at Cambridge Health Alliance in 1994. Since that time she has worked at Cambridge Hospital in various roles, and since 2000 she has been the training director of the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program. She has also maintained a private practice in Central Square in Cambridge since 1994 where she sees adults, adolescents and children. She is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. She has lectured and written about issues of gender and sexuality in children, adolescents, and adults for over 20 years.

### **Thank You**

On behalf of the entire MS, we would like to thank **Sheila Galligan** for organizing a fabulous day of skiing at Loon Mountain. She and her chaperones made sure that our skiers kept warm, enjoyed the slopes and drank plenty of hot chocolate.

### **Save the Date**



#### **Thursday, June 7th 8th Grade "Graduation" Party**

Mark June 7th on your calendars! A party for 8th graders to celebrate their "graduation" from MS will be held. More details to follow. Volunteers interested in helping organize this event for 8th graders should contact **Cheryl Cronin** by email or at [617-421-1926](tel:617-421-1926).

### **Volunteers Needed**

#### **MS Mix**

Parent volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming MS Mix on **Friday, February 3rd**. We need volunteers to chaperone from

6:30 - 10:00 and to bring snacks. Please sign up to chaperone or contribute food at <http://bit.ly/oPgkmH>. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn McLaughlin at [lynnmclaugh@mac.com](mailto:lynnmclaugh@mac.com) or on her cell at [781-454-5320](tel:781-454-5320).

## 8th Grade "Graduation" Party

Volunteers interested in helping organize this event for 8th graders should contact Cheryl Cronin by email at [ccronin@croninleonard.com](mailto:ccronin@croninleonard.com) at [617-421-1926](tel:617-421-1926).

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### This Week

**Monday, February 6th**

#### **New Parent Reception**

**at 15 Craigie Street from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Head of School, Rebecca Upham and Campus Directors, Mary Dolbear, Shera Selzer and Rebecca Geary are hosting a winter Open House for Middle and Lower School **parents who are in their first or second year at BB&n**. This is a casual get-together, a chance to meet and chat with other parents and a chance for Rebecca, Mary, Shera and Rebecca to hear how the year is going. We hope you'll be able to drop by for cup of "cheer."

**Tuesday, February 7th to Friday, February 17th**

#### **Have-a-Heart Food Drive**

Leave donations in the MS Front Hall

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**Wednesday, February 8th**

**ERB Coffee: DATE CORRECTION  
at 7:50am in the LS Pokross Room of the Lehner  
Center**

Join Jamie Wallace, MS Learning Specialist and Cara Falconi, MS Academic Support Specialist along with the LS in a discussion about how to read and interpret the ERB scores and how the results are used at BB&n.

**Belize Trip Student Meeting at 3:05pm to 4pm**

This meeting is for students accepted into this year's Belize program. The discussion will cover pre-trip preparation.

**PIN Webinar at 9pm**

Mollifying Video Game Indgestion to Combat Obesity and Diet Crises  
Please refer to the MSPA Monthly Newsletter for registration instructions.

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**This Week**

**Thursday, February 16th**

**7th Grade Parent Coffee: NEW DATE  
at 8:10am in the 8th Grade Foyer**

The Parent Coffee with Will Slotnick of the Wellness Collaborative slated for Wed, Feb15th has changed to Thurs, Feb 16th. Will Slotnick leads the workshops on substance abuse, stress management and general wellness for seventh and eighth graders. He also works again with students in the tenth and eleventh grades at the US. The coffee is an opportunity for seventh grade parents to meet Will and the MS

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Counselor, Stefanie Haug, ask questions and obtain some resources about these topics.

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**February  
19, 2012**

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## This Week

**Monday, February 20th & Tuesday, February 21st**

**NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day and Professional Day**

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, February 28th  
6:15pm refreshments**

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**6:30pm sharp! program starts**

## **MSPA Speaker Cindy Telingator**

### **Messages, Mentoring & Modeling**

*Communicating with students about issues of relationships, sexuality, love and heartbreak*

Please join us for a discussion about the sexual and emotional development of young people and the role of trusted adults in the process. This interactive seminar will touch on topics such as how adults transfer messages about sexuality & relationships; how we model behaviors that promote healthy development and how we can create a safe environment for all of our children to learn.

Cindy Telingator, MD completed her adult psychiatry training and child and adolescent psychiatry training at Cambridge Health Alliance in 1994. Since that time she has worked at Cambridge Hospital in various roles, and since 2000 she has been the training director of the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program. She has also maintained a private practice in Central Square in Cambridge since 1994 where she sees adults, adolescents and children. She is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. She has lectured and written about issues of gender and sexuality in children, adolescents, and adults for over 20 years.

## **Reminders**

**EXTENDED TO Friday, February 24th**

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This Week: Mud Week

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**Monday, February 27th**  
**2:15 Dismissal from the MS - No Sports**  
**Study Hall available to 3:40pm**  
**MSX same schedule**

**Tuesday, February 28th**  
**2:15 Dismissal from the MS - No Sports**  
**Study Hall available to 3:15pm**  
**MSX same schedule**

**MSPA Speaker Cindy Telingator in Big Room**  
**6:15pm refreshments**  
**6:30pm sharp! program starts**

### **Messages, Mentoring & Modeling**

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**Wednesday, February 29th**  
**3:05 Dismissal from the MS - No Sports**  
**No Study Hall available**  
**MSX same schedule**

### **Belize Family Potluck Meeting from 5:30pm to 7pm**

This meeting will be a nuts and bolts overview for the families of students traveling to Belize. Families will receive a copy of the final itinerary, review emergency information, go over the packing list, and make sure all forms have been turned in. This will also be an opportunity for students to share with parents a brief overview of information they will have researched in preparation for the trip. It is very important that the student and at least one parent make this meeting. Please RSVP to this event by clicking the link:

<https://docs.google.com/a/bbns.org/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFpjMGtSRk9aV3NyZmNGUFd1Q1VvUmc6MQ>

**Thursday, March 1st**  
**2:15 Dismissal from the MS - No Sports**  
**Study Hall available to 3:15pm**  
**MSX same schedule**

**Friday, March 2nd**

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**No Study Hall available**  
**MSX same schedule**

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**March 2012 Newsletter**

Spring is on the way.



We hope you have a relaxing Spring Break.

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## From the Community Service Club



The Community Service Club is gearing up for two more drives in February and March and we'd love your support.

**Pennies for Patients** is a three week-long service learning program in which students collect spare change to help those afflicted with blood cancer. Each homeroom will have a collection box for spare change. Dig in the car or under couch cushions-every penny makes a difference! The drive runs from **February 22nd to March 6th**.

**Belle of the Ball** cleans and distributes prom dresses to high school junior and senior girls who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend their school's prom. Dresses can be any size but must be in good shape and only "gently worn". Middle school girls, please take a moment to clean your closet before or after spring break-maybe it's time to get rid of the too small dresses your wore to Bar and Bat Mitzvahs last year. The organization is eager to have semi-formal dresses in small sizes. Dresses must be dropped in the bins under the front stairs by **March 30th**.

Thank you for your generosity,  
The MS Community Service Club

## Wednesday, March 7th at 9pm

### **PIN Webinar**

#### **Learning Styles and Perceptual Pathways Tapping into Neurological Proclivities**

*Kinesthetic, auditory or visual? Student learning styles are by no means consistent. Tailored teaching techniques and personalized study habits promote success in academics. What are the seven perceptual pathways and how can understand each unlock inherent potential? How do multiple intelligences and hemispheric dominance influence a student's ability to retain and reproduce data? Connect with leading neuroscientists to discover how students can maximize recollection and enhance academic performance with science-steeped methods.*

PIN (Parents' Independent School Network) is hosting this webinar early this month. PIN is a volunteer group of parents who have students at New England area independent elementary and secondary schools. To be part of this on-line seminar, register in advance

at <http://dragonflylearning.org/transactions/SelfRegister.aspx>.

Complete the form with the following and select "Register:"

- user type: Parent
- Enter your information
- Select Parents' Independent School Network from the institution list
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## Friday, March 9th to Sunday, April 8th

### **Spring Read-a-thon: A Word from Beth Brooks**

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Join Our Mailing List!

I am delighted to announce BB&n Middle School's fifth annual Spring Read-a-thon, sponsored by the Student Literary Advisory Group. The Read-a-thon, which will run from March 9th through April 8th, supports reading and builds community while raising funds for literacy. The students who have read for the greatest number of hours will receive recognition and prizes.

We will donate all Read-a-thon proceeds to Reach Out and Read. This exciting nonprofit organization promotes early literacy and school readiness in doctor's offices by giving books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud. For more information, go to [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)!

Students participating in the Read-a-thon are invited to seek sponsors to pledge financial support for the time that they spend reading. Your support can be based on the number of hours your child reads, or you can pledge a set amount.

Prior to spring break, each student will receive Read-a-thon guidelines and a "reader meter" to keep track of the hours they spend reading. Two weeks after returning to school, those who participate in the read-a-thon will submit their hours. Last year, the winner logged a total of one hundred forty-five hours!

In conjunction with the Read-a-thon, some students have opted to participate in a voluntary "group read." They will receive the book, *A Crack in the Sky* by Mark Peter Hughes prior to spring break. Time spent reading this book will be counted double in the Read-a-thon. On April 4th, the author will give a presentation to all of our students who have participated in the group read.

Read-a-thon materials will be posted on the MS library website, which can be accessed at [go.bbns.org](http://go.bbns.org). Please contact Beth Brooks, our MS librarian, with questions ([617-800-2340](tel:617-800-2340) or [beth\\_brooks@bbns.org](mailto:beth_brooks@bbns.org).) Happy reading!

Beth Brooks

Library Director

Monday, March 12th to Friday, March 23rd  
**Spring Break - NO SCHOOL**

Saturday, March 10th to Sunday, March 18th



**BB&n MS  
Student Trip to Belize**

**Save the Dates**

**Thursday, April 5th  
MS Parent Potluck**

Another great parent potluck is in the works. You won't want to miss it!

To see your invitation, click on the link:

<http://paperless.ly/Al9oi5>.

To sign up to bring a dish, click on the link:

<http://doodle.com/ecnmzgi5yae86xqg>.

Contact [Gina Foote](#) if you have any questions or would like to help organize.

**Thursday, June 7th  
8th Grade "Graduation" Party**

Mark June 7th on your calendars! A party for 8th graders to celebrate their "graduation" from MS will be held. More details to follow. Volunteers interested in helping organize this event for 8th graders should contact [Cheryl Cronin](#) by email or at [617-421-1926](tel:617-421-1926).

**Thank You**

On behalf of the entire MS, we would like to thank **Lynn McLaughlin** for organizing the Mix along with the chaperones and those who provided snacks. We also appreciate **Johanna Shulman** and **Peggy Fitzgerald** for spearheading the MS's participation in the Have-a-Heart Food Drive.

We also thank **Kevyn Fusco** and **Shannon Hayden** and their volunteers for their efforts in organizing a special lunch for the MS Faculty and Staff.

The Community Service Club thanks the entire MS for their contributions to the Have-a-Heart Food Drive. Never have so many graham crackers and jars of peanut butter been seen!

## Volunteers Needed

### 8th Grade "Graduation" Party

Volunteers interested in helping organize this event for 8th graders should contact Cheryl Cronin[ ] by email at [ccronin@croninleonard.com](mailto:ccronin@croninleonard.com) at [617-421-1926](tel:617-421-1926).

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2012**

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## Welcome Back!

We hope you had a relaxing Spring Break.

## Upcoming Event

### BB&n MS Parent Potluck

**Thursday, April 5th  
7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**46 Belmont Street Campus  
Watertown, MA**

Please click on the link below to view your invitation and RSVP.  
<http://paperless.ly/Al9oi5>

Please click on the link below to volunteer to bring food or drink.  
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### **April 2012 Newsletter**

Spring has arrived.



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## Monday, April 2nd

### Field Trips: NO SPORTS

#### Grade 8 Science Field Trip

The eighth grade returns to Drumlin Farm in order to collect data for the field studies that students have designed over the last several weeks. The field trip will take place rain or shine. Drop off is at the MS by 8am and pick up will be at the MS at 2:15pm.

*Bring:* field notebook, blue or black pen, lunch and water bottle, testing materials

*Wear:* long pants (no shorts), closed-toe shoes for walking, sweatshirt/light jacket, raincoat/pants if rain forecast

*Optional:* sunscreen, bug spray, hat, camera

*Leave Home:* electronic devices, music players, candy/gum, valuables

#### Grade 7 History Field Trip

The seventh grade will go to Harvard's Peabody Museum in Cambridge to study Mayan, Moche and Kuna exhibits. Drop off is at the MS by 8am and pick up will be at the MS at 2:15pm.

*Bring:* lunch, water bottle, pencils, CLIPBOARD or NOTEBOOK COVER (critical for sketching and writing)

*Wear:* long pants (no shorts), closed-toe shoes for walking, sweatshirt/light jacket, raincoat/pants if rain forecast

*Leave Home:* electronic devices, music players, candy/gum, valuables

## Wednesday, April 4th at 9pm

### PIN Webinar

*Who AM I?*

*Media's Influence on Relationship Development*

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Thursday, April 5th from 7pm to 9pm

### **MS Parent Potluck**

Please join us for the second, and last, MS parent potluck of the year. It is a great opportunity to connect with other parents and it reminds your children that they are not your only source of information about what is happening at the MS! Other parents are a great resource and they are fun. We hope to see you all there.

To view your invitation and RSVP click:

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Sunday, April 8th

### **Spring Read-a-thon Ends**

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Monday, April 16th

### **NO SCHOOL: Patriots' Day**

Wednesday, April 25th at 7pm in Big Room

### **Drama Festival Play**

Save the Date

### **Thursday, June 7th**

### **8th Grade "Graduation" Party**

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**April 22,  
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## This Week

**Wednesday, April 25th**

**Drama Festival Play at 7pm in the MS Big Room**

## 8th Grade Graduation Party



The 8th Grade Graduation Party is **June 7th, 7-10 pm**. An email has been sent to all 8th grade parents containing details about the party, and a Sign Up for items and activities we need your help on. In particular, please consider signing up to be a chaperone for the evening, as we will need several.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0545A4A8238-8thgrade/3133662](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0545A4A8238-8thgrade/3133662)

If you did not receive the email, please let **Cheryl Cronin** know right away. Also, an invitation has been mailed to all 8th grade students. If your child does not receive an invitation in the next week or so please let **Cheryl** know at [ccronin@croninleonard.com](mailto:ccronin@croninleonard.com).

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**May 2012 Newsletter**

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Wednesday, May 2nd

## Science Knight at 7pm in the Big Room

Over the course of the year grade 8 students have gained direct experience collecting samples from the natural environment and conducting various tests, both in the field and in the lab at school. In the spring, students design a field study with a goal of collecting data which will further explore the information gathered in their initial field trip. Following an anonymous peer review process, students publish their findings in an online science journal and present the results of their studies to parents and invited guests at Science Knight.

This exciting event is structured as a symposium and also features Dr. Michael Canfield, noted author and Harvard University instructor, as the keynote speaker.

Monday, May 7th

## Boston Field Trips: NO SPORTS

### Grade 7 Mathematics Trail Field Trip

The 7th Grade will explore mathematics in Cambridge and Boston. The field trip will take place rain or shine. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and ready to walk. Drop off is at the MS by 8am and pick up will be at the MS at 2:15pm.

*Subway Fare:* We will be traveling on the MBTA. It is your child's responsibility to have either a Charlie Card or a paper Charlie Ticket available at any T station. Students should load their passes with enough money for a round trip: \$3.40 on a Charlie Card or \$4 on a Charlie ticket.

*Food & Drink:* Students should bring a water bottle and may bring a snack. We will be having lunch in the Prudential Mall food court. Students may either bring lunch or money to buy it.

*Materials:* Students will need pencils, small centimeter ruler, a piece of string 1 meter long, a stopwatch/timer. Small (non-graphing) calculators are optional. Cell phones may be used ONLY for timing purposes.

*Leave Home:* music players, portable video game systems, graphing calculators, gum.

### Grade 8 History Field Trip

The 8th Grade will travel to Boston on a History Field Trip to visit the State House, Old Burying Ground, and several monuments for the school day, from 8:10am to 2:10pm. The field trip will take place rain or shine. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and ready to walk. Drop off is at the MS by 8am and pick up will be at the MS at 2:15pm. Study hall will be available.

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*Food & Drink:* Students should bring lunch and a water bottle. Students may bring money for snacks.

*Materials:* Students will need a backpack for rain gear, pencils and pens.

*Leave Home:* music players, portable video game systems, gum/candy, valuables.

## Thursday, May 10th at 8:30am to 9:15am



### **MSPA Parent Coffee**

Connect with other MS parents before summer begins! We want to hear about your child's experience. Join us in the 8th Grade Foyer for a cup of coffee.

## Wednesday, May 9th at 9pm

### **PIN Webinar**

#### ***Protective Parenting***

#### ***Giving Your Child the Rudder and the Oars***

PIN (Parents' Independent School Network) is hosting its final webinar of the year. PIN is a volunteer group of parents who have students at New England area independent elementary and secondary schools. To be part of this on-line seminar, register in advance

at <http://dragonflylearning.org/transactions/SelfRegister.aspx>.

Complete the form with the following and select "Register:"

- user type: Parent
- Enter your information
- Select Parents' Independent School Network from the institution list
- Enter the subscription code of 3LTLK5BH

## Friday, May 11th



### **Spirit Day**

Remind your students to wear their blue and gold! Come cheer and show your support for BB&n Athletics. MS students will celebrate Spirit Day at school with a pep rally. Parents and family members attend games to cheer on teams and promote school spirit. Keep your ears open for volunteer opportunities like providing team snacks.

Check out the Athletic calendar for a full schedule of sporting events:

<http://www.bbns.org/calendar/athletics>

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Dean; students are required to stay for the entire Mix. All students must be picked up by a parent. Any student walking home must have advance approval. Students may invite up to 2 guests who must be registered beforehand by signing up in the Front Office by Friday at dismissal. All BB&n students are responsible for their guests and must familiarize them with the rules and expectations. ***Pick up is promptly at 9:30pm.***

**Parents will be needed to chaperone from 6:30pm - 10pm and to bring snacks. Please keep a look out for the volunteer sign up.**

## 19th Annual BB&n at the MFA Day

**Sunday, May 13th from 11am - 3pm**

Celebrate the artistic accomplishments of our students in BB&n's 19-year partnership with Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. BB&n alumni/ae and families are welcome to join current students and families for this annual tradition. Be our guest for free admission to the entire Museum collection and a featured exhibit of BB&n student work.

## Wednesday, May 23rd

**Spring Concert at 7pm**

## Monday, May 28th

**NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day**

## Thursday, May 31st from 11am to 2pm

**7th Grade Field Day at the US Field**

Field day is a day of friendly competition among the seventh grade homerooms. We need eight parent volunteers to help with the barbecue lunch. This is a great volunteer opportunity to enjoy a day in the sun at the grill. Please contact [Karen Wang](#) and [Melissa Boudreau](#) to volunteer.

## Coming in the Mail



## Keep an Eye Out

The MS is sending you a Spring Newsletter with all the details you need to know for the end of the school year. Keep an eye out for this mailing so you will be fully informed and can easily manage the logistics of a busy end-of-the-year schedule.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Tuesday, June 5th**

Last day for Grade 7. Dismissal at 1pm.

#### **Thursday, June 7th**

Grade 8 Closing Ceremony begins at 9:15am.

### 8th Grade "Graduation" Party

#### **Thursday, June 7th from 7-10pm**

An email has been sent to all 8th grade parents containing details about the party, and a Sign Up for items and activities we need your help on. In particular, please consider signing up to be a chaperone for the evening, as we will need several.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0545A4A8238-8thgrade/3133662](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0545A4A8238-8thgrade/3133662)

If you did not receive the email, please let Cheryl Cronin know right away. Also, an invitation has been mailed to all 8th grade students. If your child does not receive an invitation in the next week or so please let Cheryl know at [ccronin@croninleonard.com](mailto:ccronin@croninleonard.com).

Also, please make all checks for the 8th grade party out to Judy Kanwal. This is not an official PA event so please do not make checks out to BB&n.

### Parent Volunteers Needed

#### **Read-a-thon Ice Cream Party**

Beth Brooks needs parent helpers to scoop ice cream to the Read-a-thon winners. Contact Beth at [beth\\_brooks@bbns.org](mailto:beth_brooks@bbns.org).

### **Spirit Day on May 11th**

MS teams may be looking for special snacks to celebrate Spirit Day. Keep your ears open for ways to contribute.

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### **8th Grade Field Day on June 6th from 11am to 1pm**

8 parents will be needed to help grill and serve lunch at the Field Day at the Upper School Field. Contact Barry Lyons at [bnlyons47@yahoo.com](mailto:bnlyons47@yahoo.com) and Jocelyn Sand at [jhsand@aol.com](mailto:jhsand@aol.com) to volunteer.

## Circus Student Volunteers



### **Saturday, May 5th**

Help the Lower School celebrate Cinco de Mayo and raise money for BB&n Financial Aid! Come to the Volunteer Table at the LS on May 5th from 11am to 3pm and find out where you can help at the circus.

### **Buckingham Browne & Nichols Middle School Parents' Association**

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## This Week

### **Monday, May 7th**

**2:15 Dismissal from the MS - NO Sports**  
**Study Hall available**  
**MSX same schedule**

### **7th Grade Mathematics Trail Field Trip**

Students will explore mathematics in Cambridge and Boston and be traveling by MBTA. Each student is required to have a Charlie Card or Charlie Ticket with round trip fare. Lunch will be at the Prudential Center. Students may either bring or buy lunch.

### **8th Grade History Field Trip**

Students visit the State House, Old Burying Grounds and several other monuments. Since travel will be by MBTA, each student is required to have a Charlie Card or

Charlie Ticket with round trip fare. Students should bring lunch and a water bottle. Students may bring money for snacks.

## Thursday, May 10th

### **MSPA Parent Coffee from 8:30am - 9:15am in the 8th Grade Foyer**

Connect with other MS parents before summer! Let's share coffee and MS experiences.

## Wednesday, May 9th at 9pm

### **PIN Webinar: *Protective Parenting - Giving Your Child the Rudder and the Oars***

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## Read-a-thon Ice Cream Party

On May 16th from 2:45pm to 3:05pm, parents are needed to help scoop ice cream, purchase supplies, set up and clean up. Encourage reading! Please contact [Beth Brooks](#) to volunteer.

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**May 13,  
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This Week

**Tuesday, May 15th**

## Welcome Night for Rising Grade 8 Students and their Parents at the Upper School

Geoff Theobald, Director of the Upper School invites rising 8th Graders and their parents to an introductory program at the Upper School. He will provide students and parents a clearer understanding of what is come as students join the US. The program for the evening will include:

**5:45-6:15 pm:** Barbecue, April's Garden, Upper School Courtyard  
*(All new Upper School students and families)*

**6:30-8:00 pm:** 9th grade - Students meet upperclassmen. Parents gather with the 9th Grade Team. All hear an introduction to Bivouac.

Please call the US [617-800-2131](tel:617-800-2131) or email Geoff Theobald at [gtheobald@bbns.org](mailto:gtheobald@bbns.org) if you have any questions.

**Wednesday, May 16th**

## **Read-a-thon Ice Cream Party**

A congratulatory ice cream party will be held for those students who participated in the 5th Annual Read-a-thon. The party will either be outside where pizza is served or if the weather doesn't cooperate, in the music room. The ice cream party will be from 2:45pm to 3:05 pm - right before pick up.

## **Thursday, May 17th at 6pm in the Big Room**

### **Film Making Class Presentation**

Original screenplays by members of the class.

## **Volunteers Needed**

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