



Morrison School Newsletter, 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Can you believe it, November is already upon us. By the time you get this newsletter your children will be ready to go trick-or-treating and be filled with excitement and “sugar.” With regards to the Wellness Regulations, there will be no treats handed out in the classrooms. Many teachers are coming up with clever ways to help the students enjoy this time of year without involving candy. It is still fine for you to send in a treat with your child for lunch or snack, however, it is a great idea to have a 1-to-1 ratio of candy to healthy snacks such as fruits and vegetables. Thank you in advance for limiting the candy consumption over the next few weeks.

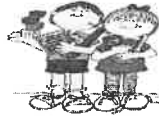
On a curriculum note:

*On Tuesday, November 5th, there will be **no school** for students. Teachers will be participating in a variety of professional development activities.

Regarding social activities, I hope everyone had a great time at the “Halloween Ball” and the “Character Parade.” I really enjoyed seeing all of the clever costumes and scary faces. Thanks to all of the parents who helped with the set up and operation of both activities. I am sure a good time was had by all.

On the seasonal note, please send your children to school prepared to go outside for recess. We do our best to get the students outside during the day. (Pretty soon we will be getting into hat and gloves weather). With this in mind, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** label your son/daughters’ outer clothing (sweatshirts, coats, gloves, mittens, etc...) you might be surprised by the quantity and quality of clothing that gets turned in to our lost and found. If items are labeled, then they have a better chance of being returned to their owner. **OVER THE THANKSGIVING BREAK I AM GOING TO WASH ALL OF THE ITEMS IN THE LOST AND FOUND AND THEN DONATE THEM TO A CHARITY.**

John Piordan



The principal would like to recognize the following children for the month of *October* ~

Charlotte Motta
Aiden Hickey
Samia Yazbeck
Maddie Ryan
Samuel Kreuz
Carter Chan
Jaden Tong
Hannah Humphrey
Ariyana Chisholm
Bella Chiang
Nikol Zotaj
Scott Heiskell
Kaylianis Roman
Natalie Piccolo
Analiza Gomes
Ava Lamonica
Joey Francis

Emma McCarthy
Logan O'Connell
Domingo Yazbeck
Avery Cooley
Elijah Watson
Susan Nguyen
Rylee Woodford
Mia Francis
Lucas Tillman
Alizay Ahmad
Jason Clark
Cathy Macharia
Samantha Patchin
Mia Francis
Billy Chen
Deniz Tukeshev
Anani Davis

Aubrey Lamonica
Francisco Crovello
Maeve Meade
Sophia Whiting
Ryan Gibbons
Amelia Dominguez
Corah Carthas
Ashley Lippert
Jayda Sweatman
Lucas Fontana
Hayden Craig
Fabian Zieziulewicz
Preston Butler
Kenneth Chen
Billy Breadmore
Clark Lynn



AROUND THE BUILDING

KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

In the first few months of school the kindergartners have made lots of new friends, settled in to new routines, and had a lot of fun learning! The children have been working hard on letter names and sounds as well as syllables, sequencing, rhyming, and more. In math we've worked hard on numbers and subitizing. Also coming up this month, the children will be learning all about our Native American and pilgrim friends and participate in a great Thanksgiving feast.

MRS. BOUCHER

We have 2 current reading groups working in the classroom. One group is working on developing sight word vocabulary and blending words with consonant blends (CVCC and CCVC). The other group is working on letter/sound correspondence, letter naming and matching lively letters to plain letters. Both groups continue to work on developing phonemic awareness skills/ability. Super proud of these guys! Grade 1 students are focusing on rote counting and subitizing on a tens frame. Grade 2 continue to work on adding using touch math.

Students have enjoyed talking about the Fall and what the new season brings. We're looking forward to graphing our favorite face for a class pumpkin, which we will carve! We will also be graphing our favorite candies to eat on Halloween.

Mrs. Capachione:

Wow! I can't believe November is already upon us. The students in room 210 have been working very hard these past few months, I am proud of how well they are adjusting to their new classrooms. This month will consist of lots of fun activities focusing on Thanksgiving. In social studies, second graders will continue to learn about the continents and third graders will continue to learn about Massachusetts. In math we will continue to work on two-digit place value and will begin working on place value of a three-digit number. We have also started working on word problems, which students are doing a really good job with so far. I look forward to another fun-filled month of learning!

MRS. MAZZEO

Mrs. Mazzeo's class has been busy at work this month. In math we have been concentrating on graphing and word problems. Students enjoyed reading DEM BONES by Bob Barner and completing graphs on skeleton bones! Students continue to work on the My Sidewalks reading curriculum, with themes of growing and inventions this month. In Science, the 5th graders are studying the food web while 4th grade just completed a unit on energy. The kids in Room 212 are earning Mazzeo's bucks for their hard work and loving shopping at the classroom store every other Friday.



GRADE ONE

October has been a busy month in first grade! First graders have been working hard in phonics and reading, making sure we know all of our sounds and starting to blend them together. The more we know, the more we can read! In math we are working on place value of tens and ones. We are starting to explore concepts of counting on and addition and subtraction too. In science we've been discussing the sun, moon, and stars, and the different phases of the moon. As the weather gets colder, please remember that we go outside twice every day for recess, so your first grader should be dressed appropriately for colder temperatures. Please label all items (coats, mittens, lunchboxes, etc.) with your first grader's name and classroom.

GRADE TWO

The second graders continue to work hard! We have completed our first reading unit on Exploration. During this unit students explored the desert, space, rural, urban and suburban neighborhoods and learned lots of rich vocabulary connected to each place. We all continue to work on fluency and accuracy in our reading. We encourage families to keep supporting these efforts by having your child read as much as possible at home. In math students have been continuing to work with groups of ten, fact families and even/odd numbers. Second graders have been learning about the seven continents in Social Studies, as well as the importance of Columbus Day. Your little scientists have been learning about water and erosion in science. Thank you for your continued support at home!



GRADE THREE

Third grade students (and teachers) are grateful for a new resource provided to us. Reading has become more interesting as we use the Storyworks Jr. Magazine in class. It is full of high interest articles that motivates students to read. We have read non fiction pieces on Christian the Lion, compared and contrasted the busiest and loneliest places on Earth, and most recently read a paired article on the Special Olympics and a school (much like Morrison) that integrates students of all abilities and learning styles including Isaac, a classmate with Down Syndrome. These magazines also expose third graders to plays, poems, fables, debates (should chocolate milk be banned from school?) and special interest articles like the one written about a ten year old girl who designed her own prosthetic arm using a 3D printer. Next month we are looking forward to reading the article "Meet a Pilgrim Boy" which aligns perfectly with our upcoming Social Studies unit. How lucky are we to see excitement and interest in reading and learning grow in our students? Take some time each week and ask your third grader what exciting articles they have read in class.

GRADE FOUR

Can you believe it is November already? Time has flown by here in 4th grade. The students are working very hard on their math facts and learning rounding and place value. In science we are learning about energy and how it is transferred. In reading the students are reading their whole class novel and preparing to become more independent and read in their book groups. The writer's in Mr. Clark and Mrs. Kelley's classes are working on a realistic fiction story. Please ask your student what they are writing about. Just a reminder that we will be doing our Tie Dying on November 26th. Keep an eye out for notices regarding that as we get closer.

GRADE FIVE

We continue our literature selection with all classes reading **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry. We are about halfway through, it's getting really exciting. Ask you children to tell you about this terrific historical fiction novel!

In Math, we are working on multiplying multi-digit numbers (2 digit by 2 digit, 3 digit by 2 digit, etc). Students should have their multiplication facts memorized. If students do not, please work with your child for 10 minutes each night until they do. Xtramath.org is a great website to practice online. This will assist your child grasp the more advanced concepts of Fifth Grade.

In Science we have been learning about the Matter Cycle, and are finishing the unit with a group work poster and class presentations. We will be conducting a review for a Life Science Common Assessment followed by an Earth and Space unit.

Homework Planners- Please, Please, Please encourage the use of your child's homework planner. This is a key component to their success in Fifth grade. Students should have daily entries to their homework planner.

Organization is a key component to success in the fifth grade. Please reinforce the concept of studying for tests. Keep all papers from a particular unit of study until the test has been completed. We appreciate all of your efforts at home.

Be sure to check out our 5th Grade page on the Morrison School Website for updates on upcoming tests & projects.

<http://goo.gl/jYRwJ3>

It was great meeting so many of you at Parent/Teacher conferences!

Thanks for all of your continued support!

- The Fifth Grade Team

FROM THE NURSE - MRS. CAMPBELL

Vision and hearing testing has been completed in grades kindergarten to grade 5. Parents will receive written notification if their child did not pass the screenings. The notice will recommend that the child visit an eye doctor for further vision evaluation, or visit their doctor for further evaluation of his or her hearing to detect any possible problems.

The Holiday Season is approaching rapidly and once again the Marge Crispin Center will be sponsoring the Braintree Holidays/ Friends Program for needy residents of Braintree. The Program will provide families with Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Food Baskets and will provide 5 Holiday Gifts for children ages newborn to Age 15. Applications are available from the School Nurse, Mrs. Campbell 781-380-0230, or you can contact Debbie Simpson the director of the program 781-848-2124. Applications for Thanksgiving Food Baskets should be submitted to The Marge Crispin Center by November 12, 2019 for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and by December 7 for Christmas.

We will be having our annual Food Drive November 4-12th to benefit the Marge Crispin Braintree Holidays Program. They especially need donations of gravy, boxed stuffing mix, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Pie Crust Mixes, Pie Fillings, Cranberry Sauce, Cake and Brownie Mixes.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

During the month of November students in Ms. Rapchuck's classes will be working on their Volleyball skills.





For Lunch Menus (including nutrition information) please visit the following:

<https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/webmenus2/#/view?id=5d924ecd534a139e5c8b4568&siteCode=6301>

Elementary Lunch Menu November 2019						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY!	Weekly Alternate	
	Important Info: Free and reduced meal applications are available all year. Apply at any time! *This institution is an Equal Opportunity provider.*			1 Pizza Fridays! Gill's Pizza Celery Sticks Baby Carrots Light Ranch Dip Cookie Fruit	Ham and Cheese Sub	
4 Crispy Chicken Patty on WW Bun Pickles Sweet Corn Steamed Broccoli Florets Fruit	5 No School Teacher's Professional Day	6 <i>Breakfast for Lunch!</i> Jumbo Waffles Strawberry Topping Jones Breakfast Sausages Tater Tots Syrup	7 Fish-N-Chips Condiments Dinner Roll Bean Salad Sweet Potato Fries Watermelon	8 Pizza Fridays! Domino's Pizza Grape tomatoes Celery Sticks Cucumbers Ranch Dressing Cookie Fruit	Tuna Salad on a Bun	
B: Blueberry Muffin	B: Mini Maple Waffles	B: Honey Wheat Bagel	B: Mini Pancakes	B: Cinnamon Cream Cheese Bagel		
11 Veteran's Day No School!	12 Spaghetti and Meatballs WW Breadstick Vegetable Medley Blend Fresh Fruit	13 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Bowl Steamed Broccoli Florets Candied Roasted Chickpeas Fortune Cookie Mandarin Orange	14 <i>Chicken Nugget Day!</i> Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Honey Glazed Carrots Ketchup Sweet Peas Fruit	15 Pizza Fridays! Big Daddy's Pizza Cucumber Wheels Baby Carrots Ranch Up Hummus Cookie Assorted Fruit	Pizza Power Pack	
B: Blueberry Muffin	B: Mini Maple Waffles	B: Honey Wheat Bagel	B: Mini Pancakes	B: Cinnamon Cream Cheese Bagel		
18 <i>Meatless Monday!</i> Mozzarella Sticks Marinara sauce for dipping Homemade Kale Chips Sweet Potato Tots Fruit	19 <i>Too Tuesday!</i> Cheddar Cheese Salsa Shredded Lettuce Cilantro Lime Rice Broccoli Sour Cream Mixed Fruit	20 Hotdog on WW Bun Condiments Pickles Homemade baked beans Heartzels Fresh Grapes	21 <i>Feast Day!!</i> Roasted Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Cranberry Sauce	22 Gill's Pizza Baby Carrots Celery Sticks Fresh Broccoli Florets Light Ranch Dressing Assorted Fruit	Earthy Crunchy Wrap	
B: Blueberry Muffin	B: Mini Maple Waffles	B: Honey Wheat Bagel	B: Mini Pancakes	B: Cinnamon Cream Cheese Bagel		
25 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tater Tots Ketchup Orange Slices	26 Big Daddy's Pizza Fresh Broccoli Florets Grape Tomatoes Baby Carrots Hummus Emoji Italian Ice	27 Early Release Day No Lunch Served	28 Thanksgiving Day No School	29 Thanksgiving Recess No School	Breakfast for Lunch	

Braintree Public School Nutrition Services

November 2019 Menu



KALE is loaded with fiber and antioxidants, and also provides 100% of the daily value of vitamins A, C, and K.

*Kale does not necessarily have to be cooked. Simply just massage it!

DID YOU KNOW? Kale has more iron than beef, and more calcium than milk!

Kale and White Bean Dip
Ingredients:
- 40 oz of kale
- 2.5 lbs of beans, white, canned drained
- 4 TB of garlic, raw, chopped
- 1/4 cup of olive oil
- 2 TB of lemon juice
Sauce:
1. Wash kale
2. Drain beans
3. Mix all ingredients in a food processor
**Enjoy with any of your favorite veggies or WG pizza crust!

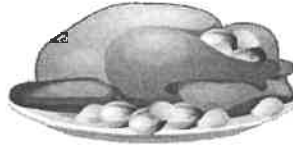
If you have any questions regarding our menus, owed money procedure or household applications, please contact Braintree Nutrition Services at 781-848-4000 x7045 or visit our website: www.braintreepublicschools.org
Elementary Meal Prices: Lunch \$3.00 (Reduced \$1.40) Breakfast \$1.25 (Reduced \$0.90) Per the USDA, students must take at least 3 items for a complete lunch (1 must be a fruit or veggie). Students are encouraged to take all items. Healthy Choice Snacks, 100% Juice & Water \$1.25 - 1.00

Food Drive ~ November 4 – 12, 2019

The Morrison School will be holding a Food Drive to benefit the Marge Crispin Center Braintree Holidays/Friends Food Pantry

Please drop off your non-perishable food items in the marked boxes located in the School Lobby

The Center especially needs potatoes, canned peas, canned green beans, gravy, stuffing mix, canned baked beans, canned pineapple, cake mixes, brownie mixes, cookie mixes, canned frosting. Thanks for your support.



Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

TRANSLATION ANNOUNCEMENT (English)

If parents or guardians need this notice or other school notices translated into another language, please contact Mrs. Cabral at 781-380-0230 ext.6405 or Jessica.Cabral@braintreeschools.org. Thank you.

ANUNCIO DE TRADUCCIÓN (Spanish)

Si los padres o tutores necesitan este aviso u otros avisos escolares traducido a otro idioma, póngase en contacto con la Sra. Cabral en 781-380-0230 ext.6405 o Jessica.Cabral@braintreeschools.org. Gracias.

ANÚNCIO DE TRADUÇÃO (Portuguese)

Se os pais ou responsáveis precisarem desta notificação ou outros avisos da escola traduzido para outro idioma, entre em contato com a Sra. Cabral em 781-380-0230 ext.6405 ou Jessica.Cabral@braintreeschools.org. Obrigado.

翻译公告 (Chinese)

如果父母或监护人需要此通知或其他学校通知

翻译成另一种语言，请联系卡布拉尔夫人

781-380-0230 ext.6405或Jessica.Cabral@braintreeschools.org。谢谢。





الترجمة إعلان (Arabic)

أخرى مدرسية إشعارات أو الإشعار هذا إلى بحاجة الأوصياء أو الأهل كان إذا في كابرال بالسيدة الاتصال يرجى ، أخرى لغة إلى ترجم

781 كابرال بالسيدة الاتصال يرجى ، أخرى لغة إلى ترجم
Jessica.Cabral@braintreeschools.org 380-0230 ext. 6405 or

Morrison Calendar 2019

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 EB Awareness Day  Morrison Pride	2
3	4 7 pm School Committee Meeting	5 NO SCHOOL Election Day PTO Bake Sale	6 Rotary Club Visit - Dictionaries Gr. 3 Thesauruses Gr.5	7	8 Museum of Science "Now Hear This" Box Tops Hike	9  Grade 1+3 9 Grades K+2 9:45 Grade 4+5 1:30
Canned Food Drive to Benefit Marge Crispin Center Nov. 4 through Nov. 12						
10	11 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day	12	13 World Kindness Day Wear Kindness Shirts	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Think Positive Thursday Wear a Positive Message shirt	22 Museum of Science Program Gr.1 - 9 am Mayor Visit 9:30 -10:30	23
24	25	26 	27 EARLY RELEASE 12:10 dismissal	28 THANKSGIVING DAY BHS Turkey Trot	29	30
NO SCHOOL						

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

All communications are now handled electronically. For flyers and community information please visit:

<https://www.braintreeschools.org/618/Flyers-Community-Information>

Flyers listed include:

- BYB – Basketball Prep League (grade 1 Boys and Girls)
- Learn to Ski or Snowboard at Blue Hills
- BHS 20th Annual Turkey Trot 11/28/19
- Sign up for Braintree Youth Lacrosse
Boys Grades 1 to 8
Girls Grades 3 to 8
- Youth Lacrosse Sign Up
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Posted on: October 15, 2019

Braintree Youth Lacrosse Sign Up

Registration is open for the 2020 season until December 31st

Boys – Grades 1 to 8

Girls – Grades 3 to 8

[Online registration only.](#)





Calling all 1st grade Boys and Girls
Don't forget to register
for
BYB PREP LEAGUE

Visit Braintreeyouthbasketball.siplay.com to register
Registration is open October 12th - December 7th

WHO: 1st grade Boys and Girls

WHAT: An instructional basketball league introducing basic skills and drills in a fun and positive environment

WHEN: Saturdays, 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

WHERE: Daughraty Gym, 516 Washington Street

Prep League begins on Saturday, December 14th and will be held on the following dates; December 21st, January 4th, 11th 18th, 25th, February 1st and 8th.

PREP LEAGUE FEE is \$30 and includes a ball and t-shirt

Braintree Recreation Announces



2020

SKIING or SNOWBOARDING AT BLUE HILLS SKI AREA FOR AGES 8-15

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 2020

Bus leaves from Town Hall PROMPTLY at 3:30pm

Returns to Town Hall (approximately) at 6:30pm

Cost:

\$300/Lesson.....Lift Ticket.....Rental.....Bus Costs

\$215/Lesson.....Lift Ticket.....Bus Costs

****Additional \$30 Helmet Rental Fee (Recommended by Blue Hills)**

A 1 ¼ hour lesson each of the five days at Blue Hills Ski Area and use of the facilities to practice what you've learned. First Time, Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced level classes will be given. Classes are from 4:30pm - 5:45pm. An adult chaperone will accompany kids to the Blue Hills Ski Area to oversee class instructions.

Registration begins Monday, November 18, 2019, 9:00am to 6:30pm, at the Recreation Office, 85 Quincy Avenue, on a first come basis. Thereafter, registration is Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, at the Recreation Office.

Registration Deadline is Thursday, December 19, 2019.

Parents are required to visit the Recreation Office to register their child.

No phone or on-line registrations will be permitted.

We will accept MasterCard/Visa, Checks or Cash

Visit www.braintreerec.com for information.

Braintree Recreation

85 Quincy Avenue, Braintree MA

781-794-8901

The Braintree Athletic Association

presents...

The 20th Annual Turkey Trot

REGISTER

Pre-register at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Braintree/BHSAATurkeyDay5k>

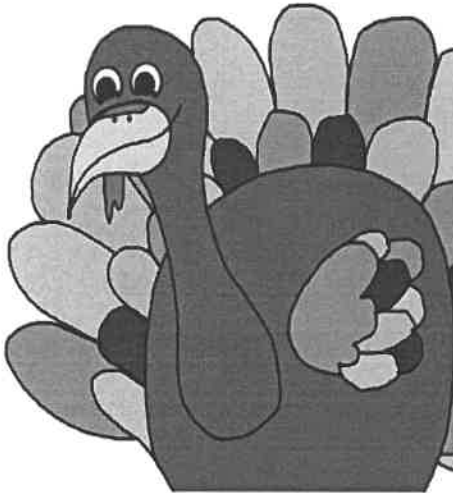
**or register on race day
November 28, 2019**

COST

\$25.00 Preregistration

\$35.00 on race day

***T-shirts to the first 500 registered runners only**



Thursday
November 28, 2019
8:00 a.m. Start

SCHEDULE

Registration 7:00 a.m. at BHS

8:00 a.m. Start Time

LOCATION

Race will begin and end at Braintree High School