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# Brookline Bulletin

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## Dates to remember

**Dec. 11** CSDA Book Fair  
**Dec. 14** CSDA Book Fair Evening Event  
**Dec. 14** CSDA Band and Chorus Concert 6:00 p.m.  
**Dec. 15** Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal  
**Dec. 18-22** Brookline Schools Spirit Week  
**Dec. 20** School Board Meeting  
at RMMS 6:00 p.m.  
**Dec. 25 - Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL** Winter Break  
**Jan. 15 NO SCHOOL** Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day



Kindly label all clothing for your child to wear outdoors. Snowsuits, boots, and winter outerwear are needed for the winter months as recess is spent outdoors throughout the school year. Students go outside with temperatures of 15 degrees or above. We do consider wind chill and whether or not it is sunny outside as well.



## CSDA Happenings

**Grade 4:** Fourth grade mathematicians are finishing up the 2-digit multiplication unit. In science, they are beginning to learn about the five senses.

**Grade 5:** Fifth graders have started reading and comprehending nonfiction texts. Mrs. Leafe & Ms. Coutu's classes are doing this through a biography project. Mrs. Palmer & Ms. Combes' classes are doing this through a state project.

**Grade 6:** Sixth graders are excited to begin working on weather forecasting after our presentation with Mrs. Shiri Spear! They are also looking forward to the beginning of our archaeology unit!

**CSDA Unified Arts:** Fourth and fifth grade artists are creating eye-popping Op Art drawings. Sixth graders are sculpting realistic-looking clay dragon eyes and then doing a detailed drawing of their creation.

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Mrs. Bouley

## RMMS Happenings

**Pre-K:** Preschoolers began learning about the 5 senses and gingerbread. They are gearing up for a busy month of crafts and fun!

**Grade K:** Teachers will be introducing two more letters during Foundations next week: x and y. You may hear your child saying, "F-fox-/f/" and wonder, why fox? *They focus on the /ks/ sound of Xx in kindergarten, so all of the words they practice will have Xx as the final phoneme.*

**Grade 1:** First graders will work with the suffix s in Foundations. In math, they will work with strategies for addition and subtraction within twenty.

**Grade 2:** Second graders are lighting up the month of December with kindness! Each class will be learning about the importance of being kind, how they can show more kindness, and how they can acknowledge when others are being kind.

**Grade 3:** Third graders are working hard on their Heritage projects and historical fiction journals leading up to their Heritage Breakfast. They are continuing division practice in math and working on learning new spelling patterns in word study.

**RMMS Unified Arts:** In art, students are moving on from fall-themed projects to winter and holiday themes. Projects will include painting, drawing, collage, and printmaking.

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Mr. Molinari

**CSDA & RMMS  
HEALTH OFFICE UPDATES  
December 1, 2023**

**Holiday Health Tips**



**Stay active: Go for a walk, hike or run-walk a 5K**

**Manage your portion sizes of food**

**Bring a healthy dish to parties**

**Eat a small snack before you attend an event to help you consume less high calorie foods**

**Drink plenty of water**

**Maintain your usual bedtime routine**

**Reduce stress**

**Enjoy this magical time with your family!**



**Get Your Flu and COVID vaccines**

**- It is not too late to protect your family this season. Locations for obtaining a flu vaccine can be found here: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>**

**WHEN TO STAY HOME from school: To prevent contagious illness stay home with the following:**

- **Unexplained Rash- contact MD**
- **Uncontrolled Cough- contact MD**
- **Vomiting or Diarrhea - until symptom-free for 24 hours**
- **Fever - until fever-free without medication for 24 hours**

**CIRCULATING: [Strep Throat](#), [Stomach Illness](#), [Pneumonia](#), [Bronchitis](#), and the following:**

**[Croup](#)** The croup cough sounds like a harsh "barking" sound. This is the most common symptom of croup. Your child may also have stridor which is a raspy, vibrating sound that occurs when your child is breathing in.

**[Hand Foot and Mouth \(Coxsackie Virus\)](#)** Having direct contact with nose and throat secretions of an infected person may spread the infection. It may also be spread by the aerosol droplet route (e.g., sneezing, coughing). Or when you touch an object with the virus on it and then touch your face. Blisters may appear in the mouth, on the sides of the tongue, inside the cheek and on the gums. Lesions may also occur on the palms, fingers, soles of feet and buttocks. Most lesions persist for 7-10 days. A low-grade fever may accompany the illness for one to two days.

**[RSV \(Respiratory Syncytial Virus\)](#)** Common symptoms include runny nose, decrease in appetite, cough, sneezing, fever and wheezing. Most RSV infections resolve on their own in a week or two, but RSV can also cause more severe infections such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia (infection of the lungs).

**[COVID-19](#)** Common symptoms include Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Headache, Cough, Fatigue, Fever, Chills, Muscle or body aches, loss of taste or smell, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea. **Obtain a COVID test with any symptoms. To order 4 free COVID rapid tests <https://www.covid.gov/tests> What should we do if we test positive for COVID?** Isolate and Contact the school nurse. Symptom start date or test positive date is Day Zero, then isolate days 1-5 and wear a well fitting mask days 6-10.

**[Follow the CDC Guidelines for Isolation](#)** If someone in the household tests positive, start wearing a well fitting mask for 10 days from exposure. If you have any symptoms, test for COVID right away.

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# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR **BROOKLINE FOOD PANTRY?**

**Currently accepting donations and supporting  
families in Brookline and Hollis!**

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## **HOW OUR SCHOOLS CAN HELP**



**Most needed items  
for November:**

- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Toilet Paper
- Tooth Paste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Kitchen Sponges

**All families  
welcome- please  
spread the word  
to community  
friends  
and neighbors.**

**Thanks to our  
PTO, you may  
purchase the  
most needed  
items through  
Amazon:**

[https://www.amazon.com/  
registries/gl/quest-view/  
11J6079RAHQIX](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/quest-view/11J6079RAHQIX)



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO OUR  
THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION EVENT - WE  
COLLECTED OVER 1,000 ITEMS!**



## Pajamas for Presents



RMMS will be collecting NEW unwrapped pajamas for infants and children (infants to size 16) and children's slippers which will be donated to the SHARE program to help those in need.

The collection will run from **November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**through December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

A drop off bin will be located in the lobby of RMMS. Thank you for the gift of warmth!





## Socks for SHARE

It's that time of year again! CSDA will be sponsoring a **Sock Drive** as our community service project this year. This is a wonderful project and SHARE counts on us. We will be collecting NEW warm and cozy socks for men, women and children which will be donated to the SHARE Program to help those in need. The collection will run from November 13th through December 8th. The socks can be of any size, color, or style; they just have to be never worn before. The holiday sales make this a perfect time to help others!

There will be a drop off box in the main foyer of the school.

The mission of the SHARE Program is to provide food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance to area families in need who do not qualify for government assistance or for whom that assistance is insufficient or delayed in coming. SHARE also collaborates with other organizations to provide access to services and information, with a goal to promote self-reliance while maintaining the dignity of clients. It serves the towns of Milford, Amherst, Mont Vernon, and Brookline New Hampshire.



# **Children's Winter Clothing Swap**

## **The Barn at Saint Nicholas House**

*Donate what you don't need, take what you do.*

**Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3-6 PM**  
**19 Milford St., Brookline**  
**Just a short walk up the hill from the**  
**Town Tree Lighting!**

*Drop off donations through Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>*  
*on the front porch at Saint Nicholas House.*

*Contact Dr. Barry for more info*  
*603-714-5615*

*[brian@saintnicholashouse.org](mailto:brian@saintnicholashouse.org)*

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## **ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESSES**

The Brookline Parent Teacher Organization is excited to host Brookline Holiday Lights again this year.

This fun, free community events encourages family & friends to visit all the best light displays in Brookline by following our detailed directory & map. This year we are adding a car decoration contest and Brookline's Finest will be open to serve warm drinks and treats.

If your business would like to participate in Brookline Holiday Lights, please email the business name and address that you would like included in our directory & map.

Take your participation to the next level by becoming a sponsor of Brookline Holiday Lights. Make a donation of \$200 or more to the Brookline Parent Teacher Organization and we will include your business name &/or logo on the printable directory. Sponsors also get a special mention on the Brookline PTO's social media accounts.

**CONTACT US AT [BROOKLINELIGHTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BROOKLINELIGHTS@GMAIL.COM) TO  
ADD YOUR BUSINESS' LIGHT DISPLAY TO OUR  
DIRECTORY & MAP OR  
TO BECOME AN EVENT SPONSOR.**

Not a school sponsored event



The Brookline PTO  
presents

*Brookline*  
HOLIDAY LIGHTS

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 16 6 - 8 PM

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends as you use our  
map to guide you to Brookline's best light displays.  
(Maps available at 3PM, 12/16)

Brookline's Finest will be open, serving warm drinks &  
treats while hosting an Elf themed scavenger hunt.

New this year - decorate your car for a chance to win  
great prizes. Watch for contest details on Facebook &  
the PTO website.

Want your light display included?  
Visit [www.brooklinenhpto.ptboard.com](http://www.brooklinenhpto.ptboard.com)

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Hosted by Brookline PTO

# Lancaster Celebration of Lights

November 24 - December 30

318 Seven Bridge Road, Lancaster, MA

Buy your tickets using this link and  
Brookline PTO will earn \$2 for each ticket  
sold!

<https://bit.ly/47C2ued>



**NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT**

*Hollis Holiday Luminaria Stroll & Hollis Town Band Holiday Concert*  
*Sat., December 9th*



**Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 Workshop Classes; at Hollis Art Space
- 1:00 – 6:30 Gingerbread Contest; Lawrence Barn (1:00 – 2:00 drop off)
- 2:00 Placing bags and lighting candles in the village
- 2:00 – 4:00 Decorate an Ornament; Flagg Room in Hollis Congregational Church
- 2:00 – 4:00 Musical Performances; on the Squire's Patio
- 3:00 – 5:00 Decorated Antique Car, on the Lawn of Farley Building (weather permitting)
- 3:00 – 6:00 Holiday Craft Sale; Town Hall, sponsored by Hollis Brookline Rotary
- 3:00 – 4:00 Story Time for Children; Library
- 3:30 Meeting House Open to warm Visitors
- 4:00 – 6:00 Always Ready Engine House Open House; 26 Main St.
- 4:00 – 4:30 Tree Lighting Ceremony; Common
- 4:30 Tractor Parade; Historic District 4:30
- 4:45 – 6:15 Chili Supper, Eat in or take away; Hardy Hall
- 4:45 – 6:30 Visit with Santa & Cookie Sale; Lawrence Barn, hosted by Hollis Woman's Club
- 7:00 Hollis Town Band Concert; HB High School Auditorium
  - A canned food item is requested for admission.

**Come and enjoy the spirit of the season as we light up our country village. Bring your children to see Santa and sing along to the holiday music the Hollis Town Band performs. It will be a magical and glowing day.**

We want to thank the Hollis Woman's Club, Hollis Historical Society, Hollis Agricultural Commission and the NorEasters for sponsoring this annual tradition.

**THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT**



Hollis Santa and Elf waiting for a visitor 2021!

*Visit Santa*  
at the  
*North Pole* in Lawrence Barn  
Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>  
5:00- 6:30

- Photo Opportunity for Parents
- Donations Support HWC Scholarships

Sponsored by the Hollis Woman's Club



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# 2024 LEARN TO SKI & RIDE PROGRAM

## PLUS: NH SKI & RIDE BONUS

FREE Full Day/All Lift ticket to THREE NH Mountains. Valid starting Monday, February 26, 2024 through the end of each mountain's respective ski season. Valid for students only.



*We take great pride in holding the title, The Premier Teaching Mountain in New Hampshire. Our professional instructors gear every lesson toward the student's age and ability, while providing a fun learning environment.*

## LEARNING AND FUN, IT'S WHAT WE DO BEST!

### WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

- Weekday 5-Week Learn to Ski & Ride Series
- Participants receive a 1-hour lesson (if signed up for lessons) from a Pats Peak instructor and free ski/ride time.
- Program Dates: 2/16, 2/23, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

### HOW TO REGISTER

- It is open to **Anyone** in Hollis and Brookline Grades 1-12
- Register online at [www.patspeak.com/LTSR](http://www.patspeak.com/LTSR)  
Access Code: **BESKI2024**
- To receive early pricing, registration must be paid in FULL on or before: **Open**
- Additional Registration info:  
**Best Rates Register by 12/15/2023**

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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### TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

Parents responsible for transportation, we can help with carpooling!

### WHAT ABOUT EQUIPMENT?

- **RENTALS:** Full Rental Packages are available for the program, or for the season. Helmets are additional.
- **BRING YOUR OWN:** Mark equipment with NAME AND SCHOOL. Unsafe equipment will not be allowed on the mountain.

### PEAK PERKS: (DISCOUNTED PRICING)

- **CAFÉ CARDS**
- **PARENT/SIBLING FREQUENT USER CARD AND LIFT TICKETS**
- **HELMET, GOGGLES AND WATERPROOF MITTENS**
- **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT SEASON PASS**  
Unlimited Season Pass that is valid for the whole season-you don't have to wait until the program begins to use it! This discounted season pass is only available to the students of the Learn to Ski & Ride Program (must have minimum purchase of lessons. Non-transferable).

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

Not a school-sponsored event



If this program doesn't work for your schedule,  
contact Pats Peak about their **OPEN PROGRAM: For Individual Sign-Ups (Ages 6-17)**.

