

PEABODY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - "TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD"
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Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff & Community Members:

Welcome to the 5th Edition of the district newsletter
"TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD!"

Every year when March 2 comes around I cannot help but think about the importance of reading. March 2 is Read Across America Day.

Research demonstrates that that if a child is reading at grade level by third grade their ability to meet future academic success is almost guaranteed. Teachers know that up to third grade children are learning to read. After third grade, students are reading to learn.

It is commonly said "today's readers are tomorrow's leaders". This is true. This is why I, and many of my colleagues and community leaders choose to read at different grade levels and at different schools throughout the week of March 2.

We must keep our students interested and engaged in reading and education every day.

Dr. Josh Vadala
Superintendent of Schools

**KEEP READING. IT'S ONE OF THE
MOST MARVELOUS ADVENTURES
ANYONE CAN HAVE. - LLOYD
ALEXANDER**

NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY (DR. SEUSS DAY)

Each year, National Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The annual event is part of Read Across America, an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association.

This motivational and awareness day calls all children and youth in every community across the United States to celebrate reading. It encourages them to read where ever they are. Great ways to inspire reading in children include:

Keep books everywhere you spend time. Put them in the car, in every room of the house, and tuck them in backpacks and purses. Make them easily accessible.

Visit the library often. Knowing how to use the library and learning the benefits of a library fosters a love of reading as well as genuine respect for the services libraries provide.

Get caught reading. Children imitate what they see the adults around them do. Whether they see you read a magazine, newspaper, or novel, let them know reading is the cool thing to do.

Read to your children. No matter their age, reading aloud strengthens their vocabulary and language skills. It also opens up opportunities for discussion.

Have your children read to you, too. You never know what you might learn!



"On March 1st, Nature Club students at the Higgins Middle School welcomed March by building snow 'people' using some recycled materials. Club students will enjoy bringing native plantings to the Higgins with funds awarded by the Peabody Education Foundation this spring."



HIGGINS HAWKS OF THE DAY FEBRUARY 2022



Kally Delaroca
Rylee Callanan
Madison Madden
Ava Targett
Julia Barreira
Adam Mekedem
Izrael Good

Zach Sordillo
Lucas Pinto
Matthew Taverna
Sydney Angland
Maggie McGahey
Sohia Accord
Steven Hachey

PROJECT 351 /10th ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

This year marks the 10th annual Higgins Middle School/Project 351 Clothing Drive in support of Cradles to Crayons. On Tuesday, April 5th; Wednesday, April 6th; and Thursday, April 7th; we will be collecting new or slightly used clothes (sizes newborn to adult medium) outside the main entrance of Higgins Middle School from 3PM to 5PM. All donations will go to kids in need in Massachusetts. As a way of saying 'thank you' we will be giving an ice cream from our partner, Treadwell's, to all that donate.

MEET ELLA!



ELLA THE COMFORT DOG, IS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. SRO ERIC RICCI, IS ELLAS PARTNER AND WILL MAKE SURE THAT SHE GETS WHERE SHE NEEDS TO BE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LOGAN TRACIA & SARA DIVASTA/D2 STATE CHAMPIONS



THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE THANKED OUR STANDOUT STUDENT ATHLETES



LOGAN LOMASNEY

Peabody Sophomore
Forward

High scorer (10 ppg.) and rebounder (12 rpg.) for Tanners ... Had six games with 15 points or more ... Scored 250 points ... Named NEC Player of the Year ... Tanners' co-MVP with fellow all-star Emma Bloom ... Best individual performance against Masconomet with 19 points and 20 rebounds ... Impact player in Peabody's unbeaten NEC championship season ... Plans to play basketball in college and is already attracting interest from schools ... Has 3.9 GPA and ranked 25th in sophomore class ... Biggest influence and role model is her dad Steve, a star athlete at Peabody High who played professional baseball.

ABIGAIL BETTENCOURT

Peabody Sophomore
Shooting Guard

Northeastern Conference all-star led the Tanners with 22 three-pointers ... Great defender who averaged 8.7 ppg. ... Received Tanners' Most Versatile Award ... Season best 18 points vs. Saugus ... Added 15 points in playoff win over Lynn Classical ... Used her quickness to lead team in steals with 69 ... Scored double digits in nine games ... Second-leading shot blocker on team ... Played key role in Tanners going undefeated in conference play ... Salem News Player of the Year in softball (pitcher) as freshman ... Three-sport athlete also volleyball all-star ... Carries 4.04 GPA and plans to continue athletic career in college ... Hopes to follow in parents' footsteps, both of whom played a Division 1 sport in college.

EMMA BLOOM

Peabody Senior
Guard/Forward

NEC First Team all-star ... Three-sport athlete plays goalie in soccer and shortstop in softball ... Captain was Tanners' second leading scorer and rebounder ... Had 21 points against Winthrop and 12 points & 6 rebounds in tourney win vs. Lynn Classical ... Averaged 9.2 points and 5.5 rebounds ... Team co-MVP with fellow Salem News all-star Logan Lomasney ... Was calming influence on young team ... "A leader and skilled player in all aspects of the game," said coach Stan McKeen ... Will attend Assumption University to major in business/marketing and play softball ... Is ranked 47th in her class with a 3.67 GPA.

TAYLOR BETTENCOURT

Peabody Junior
Point Guard

Captain-elect was named NEC-All Conference ... Set fast pace for Tanners by getting the ball up the court quickly ... Averaged 8 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals a game ... Best game was 14 points and 6 assists in come-from-behind win over Billerica ... Led Tanners in assists and was second in 3-point shots ... Received Tanner Award at team banquet ... Has 3.5 GPA ... Plans to study criminal justice and play basketball in college ... Said her dad Ted, a former Peabody High basketball great and the city's Mayor, is her biggest athletic influence.



2022 SPRING SPORT CAPTAINS



PVMHS PEER MEDIATORS

BROWN SCHOOL

The Brown School Third Grade undertook the Kindness Project again this year. The goal of the Kindness Project is to see how many Valentine Cards the Third Grade Team could receive from cities, states, and countries around the world. They reached 44 states and 13 countries. Click on the below link to get all of the great details!

[Third Grade Kindness All School Assembly February 18th, 2022.pptx](#)



WELCH SCHOOL

In honor of Women's History Month, the Peabody Police Department came to visit our 4TH and 5TH graders for a special presentation on being a female officer in Peabody. We had two female officers share their experiences and students prepared questions to ask the officers about being female police officers.



WEST SCHOOL



In honor of Name Tag Day, our 5th Grade Leadership Team handed out name tags and everyone was asked to write their name along with something that describes them or positive thought for the day.

Students came to school dressed as their favorite storybook characters and ready to share their favorite books.



WOW, WHAT A NIGHT! OVER 100 FAMILIES ATTENDED THE CARROLL SCHOOL'S ELL MULTICULTURAL FAMILY NIGHT.

CARROLL SCHOOL

PEABODY REMOTE EDUCATION PROGRAM

In keeping with Peabody P.R.E.P.'s goal to provide social interactions for our fully-remote students, Mr. McCue and the Peabody Area Chamber of Commerce arranged a unique opportunity for a few Peabody P.R.E.P. students to meet and socialize with the community's elected officials and business leaders. Students attended the annual PACC Legislative Breakfast with Mr. McCue, Dr. Lord, and a group of students from Peabody Veterans Memorial High School where they enjoyed a sit-down breakfast, heard from a series of public officials and had the opportunity to ask questions.

Mikhaely Teles, a junior at Peabody P.R.E.P., asked a question about improving regional public transportation. State Senator Bruce Tarr, Mayor Bettencourt, and others addressed her concerns.



PEABODY LEARNING ACADEMY

On Monday, March 21, Senior's from the Peabody Learning Academy took part in an onsite field trip to North Shore Community College. Students met with admissions officers and took ACCUPLACER placement exams. All seniors were accepted and were ready to choose classes by the end of the trip!

MCCARTHY SCHOOL

The Coffee Bean Club held a collection drive for Haven from Hunger. The students planned the collection, went to classes to talk about the collection, and they gathered all of the items collected.

The Coffee Bean Club is designed to bring students together to come up with ways to encourage our whole school community to:

- 1) SMILE
- 2) HELP OTHERS
- 3) INCLUDE EVERYONE



**EDUCATION TEACHES US COMPASSION AND KINDNESS,
CONNECTION TO OTHERS.**

"JILL BIDEN"

SOUTH SCHOOL



Four fifth grade students volunteered to spend their recess time setting up the South School's new floating library. These students spent over two months identifying library books that are in good condition and of interest to students. These students leveled the books by grade, labeled them, and organized them into grade level carts. The South School is looking forward to "rolling out" this program very soon!



Hero Artist, Rob Surette, with another amazing performance at the South School. Carol & Kim Murtagh were in attendance. Thank you to @PeabodyEd and the generous donations from @NSBankma, JB Thomas/Lahey and @GraVoc

CENTER SCHOOL'S 4TH GRADE DESTINATION IMAGINATION CLASSROOMS COMPETED IN THE DI TOURNAMENT ON MARCH 12 & MARCH 13 IN GRAFTON MA.



center burke



Burke School students practiced worked with classmates, teachers, families and the community. They focused on endurance, practice, curiosity, humility and confidence. Work was concluded with a school-wide fun run!

CLASS OF 2023 JUNIOR PROM



MEET THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Mayor Edward Bettencourt Jr.
Chairman, Ex-Officio



Joseph Amico



Jon Swanson



Brandi Carpenter



Beverley Ann Griffin Dunne



Jarrod Hochman



John Olimpio

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