

BROMFIELD BULLETIN



Dear Bromfield Community:

We just realized that it has been a month since our last Bromfield Bulletin! Certainly a great deal has transpired over that last month and there is a lot on the docket in the next two weeks! Wednesday marked the midpoint of third term so please check PowerSchool for the latest information about your child's progress. As always, please contact the teacher if you have a concern.

Obviously, the coronavirus is creating a great deal of concern within all communities. Dr. Dwight sent a letter home on Tuesday and that letter is in this edition of the Bulletin. We continue to monitor the situation very carefully. There was a meeting of school and community leaders this week and there will be a public forum on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00pm in Upper Town Hall. Please contact us with any concerns. Clearly, we want to take all precautions to ensure that all students and staff are safe and remain healthy.

The 2020-21 school calendar was set recently. Creating the calendar was more challenging this year due to the construction at Hildreth Elementary School. Please look at the copy of the letter that was sent home on February 26th. The letter and the calendars are also in this edition of the Bulletin.

As we look back at some of our events, we want to highlight a wonderful Snow Ball Dance on February 8th where over 180 high school students attended and had a great time. Our Speech and Debate team represented Bromfield very well at the State Tournament over the first weekend of vacation as they competed against the best debaters in our area.

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The NOLA trip featured 44 students heading to New Orleans over 10 days to do service work in the area. Once again, our students did a wonderful job of continuing the work of helping the area recover from Hurricane Katrina.

Our winter athletic season concludes today with the Skiing State Championships. Imogen Slavin, Sadie Keiran, Alex Lebish, Dylan Winchell, and Gavin Maddalone all qualified to represent Bromfield at this competition. Our track teams qualified a number of students for the Division 5 State Meet, the All-State Meet, and the New England Meet. While many athletes did very well, Samantha Schoenberg deserves special mention for winning the Division 5 high jump title, finishing second in both the All-State and New England Meets. In fact, she broke her own high jump record with a jump of 5'7" at the New England Meet. The Bromfield Boys Basketball Team and the Littleton/Bromfield Hockey Team both qualified for the district play-offs and the Bromfield Girls Basketball Team upset Ayer-Shirley to reach the quarterfinals before succumbing to a fine Leicester squad.

We had a wonderful Community Gathering on Thursday, February 27th to honor Chef Paul. He received the prestigious and extremely competitive Lions Club Humanitarian Award for his "generous and charitable services to his community." It was wonderful to salute Chef as a whole school and he was truly touched by the honor and the standing ovation by all who were fortunate enough to be in attendance.

Last weekend, the Bromfield Business Professionals of America did very well at the State Conference with a number of students now eligible to move on to the National Conference. The list of these students can be found in this edition of the Bulletin. We also want to congratulate the Bromfield Drama Society for a job well done in the first round of the Massachusetts High School Theater Festival. While they did not advance, the production of "Bob's Date" was excellent and Julian Iverson and Emily Rypinski won ensemble awards. Leon Dell'Era, Tyler Hill and Owen Cameron won tech awards for projections, sound and lights, and Lin Lin Yu won an award for wig creation. In addition, the Civics Cup was contested on Sunday and was again a great success. We want to congratulate Liza Toll, Grace Acton, and Rachel Shrives of the "Pawnee Goddesses" for winning the coveted prize.

Today is the annual High School Science Fair. Once again, the Science Fair is in the gym. Judging occurred from 3 to 5pm and the students will present their projects to the public at 7:00pm followed by the awards ceremony in Cronin Auditorium at 7:45pm. We thank the Science Department, our custodial and maintenance staff, the community volunteer judges, and our students for a wonderful display of student talent. The Middle School Science Fair will take place during school on Wednesday, March 18th.

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The first dance/activity night for grades 6, 7, and 8 will take place next Friday, March 13th from 7 to 9. There will be dancing in the cafeteria, food will be served, and the gym will be open. This event is sponsored by the Bromfield Middle School Student Council. The Bromfield Model UN will be traveling to UMass-Amherst next weekend to participate in the UMASS Model UN conference. After the success of the Harvard Model UN conference, we look forward to hearing about the latest journey of the group.

The Class of 2023 is preparing to go to Washington D.C. from March 18 until March 21. This annual trip is always a great highlight for our students. There will be a mandatory meeting about the trip on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm in Cronin Auditorium. Finally, there will be an early release on March 18th with dismissal at 12:05.

Finally, the 2020 Bromfield Parent Survey was sent to all parents on Thursday. The information gleaned from this survey helps us examine what is working well and what could be improved at Bromfield. Please take this survey to help us continue to grow as a community. Here is the link: [2020 Bromfield Parent Survey](#).

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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Principal

Robin Benoit
Associate Principal

Julie Horton
Dean of Students



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Linda G. Dwight
Superintendent

March 2, 2020

Dear Harvard School Community,

The safety of our students, families, teachers, and staff remains foremost in our attention as we stay current regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our nurses, Colleen Nigzus and Dawn French, have been advising us on measures to prevent the spread of sickness and communicating directly with families. We are reviewing our emergency planning guides and communicating with leaders from local agencies and departments.

We encourage families to increase their focus on preventative steps such as hand washing especially before and after public events. Other preventative measures such as not touching your mouth and nose and washing and disinfecting door handles and other commonly touched areas may be found at this website provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/actions-prevent-flu.htm> According to the most recent CDC newsletter, sick people should stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours and other disease-spreading behaviors (ie. coughing, sneezing, runny nose) are under control.

While we do not anticipate the need to close schools due to the virus, we are planning for this scenario. The technology resources that we have will open distance learning opportunities. The details of this plan will be shared with families if we decide at any point to take this action.

Meanwhile, we ask that you inform our school nurses before your family travels out of the country or to any locations with known cases of the virus. We have updated our travel forms to help families share their information with us; [HES Family Trip Form](#) ; [TBS Family Trip Form](#)

Your communication will open dialogue between the school nurse and your family regarding your travel plans and any follow up needed with your primary physician. We will require that students who have traveled to affected areas remain at home for monitoring before returning to school. If you have travel plans, please review the travel information provided by the CDC at this website; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

We understand the stress this quickly developing and uncertain situation causes for families. Please reach out to any of the school leaders or school nurses to review your specific family circumstances or to ask more detailed questions. We will communicate with you when there are any changes to share.

Sincerely,

Linda G. Dwight, Ed. D

Harvard Public Schools

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School Committee Meeting

March 9, 2020

6:15 PM

Upper Town Hall

1. Call to Order and Read the Vision Statement (6:15)
2. Public Commentary (6:17)
3. Student Report (6:20)
4. Field Trip/Grant Approval; Vote (6:25)
5. Club Approvals; Vote (6:40)
6. Innovation Lab Update (6:50)
7. Superintendent Update (7:30)
8. Coronavirus Readiness Update (7:40)
9. Goals Discussion; Vote (7:50)
10. School Building Update (8:10)
11. Budget Discussion (8:15)
12. Agenda Items (8:35)
13. Approval of Meeting Minutes (8:40)
14. Liaison/Sub-committee Reports (8:45)
15. Public and School Committee Commentary (8:55)
16. Executive Session (9:00) ; pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A section 21 (a) and (3) for the following purposes:
 - a. To discuss strategy with respect to an in preparation for collection bargaining with Harvard Teachers' Association because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.

Materials: Innovation Lab Update, Joint Goals, Updated Budget Book, Clubs, Grants, Field Trip Approvals, Club Applications, Superintendent Report, Minutes

Vision Statement: The Harvard Public Schools Community, dedicated to educational excellence, guides all students to realize their highest potential by balancing academic achievement with personal well-being in the pursuit of individual dreams. The students engage in learning how to access and apply knowledge, think critically and creatively, and communicate effectively. They develop the confidence and ability to understand diverse perspectives, collaborate, and contribute to their local, national, and global communities.

COMING SOON...

Spring Town Wide Read
(Heartland by Sarah Smarsh)
Thursday, March 26 @6:30pm
RSVP via EVENTBRITE:
arminarm-bookread.eventbrite.com

Fall 2020 Town Wide Read
DATE TBD

**A Deeper Look at Instant Decisions:
Recognizing the source of bias and how
to increase awareness of its impact.**

Sunday, February 9, 2020
The Bromfield School
Library and Media Center
14 Massachusetts Ave, Harvard, MA
2:00-4:00pm

Don't miss this opportunity! For more
information, email
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PANEL
**INTERSECTION OF
RELIGION AND THE
ENVIRONMENT**

Back by popular demand, Arm in Arm is excited to host another religions panel centered around religion's role in protecting the Earth.

Thursday, May 7, 2020
The Bromfield School
Library and Media Center
7:00pm

**HARVARD COMMUNITY
CONFERENCE (HC2) ON GIVING
BACK**

**Saturday, March 7 at Volunteer's Hall from
11:00am-3:00pm**

Join us for a conference featuring local speakers and their life stories! This year's HC2 Theme is Giving Back: Personal, Local, Global. Visit <https://sites.google.com/view/hc2/home> for more information.

**Business Professionals of America
2020 State Leadership Conference Results**

Student Name	Competition/Event	Place
Ziyad Ali	Interview Skills	3rd
Ziyad Ali, Matt Atwell, and William Walling-Sotolongo	Global Marketing Team	2nd
Robert Arellano, Jacob Elliott, Devin Patel	Economic Research Team	3rd
Olivier Bradley, Nishkal Pisal, Jayden Liu	Video Production Team	5th
Jacob Elliott	Graphic Design Promotion	4th
Ryan Femino, Will Squire, Nathan Woolcock and Jelin Zhong	Small Business Management Team	2nd
Andrew Hopper	Personal Financial Management	5th
Jayden Liu	Extemporaneous Speech	2nd
Cole O'Neil	Economic Research Individual	5th
Ethan Taylor	Presentation Management Individual	4th
Nathan Woolcock	Entrepreneurship	5th
Jelin Zhong	Entrepreneurship	2nd
William Walling-Sotolongo	Computer Programming Concepts	4th
Matt Atwell	Financial Math and Analysis	1st
Will Squire	Financial Math and Analysis	3rd
Zachary Shipman	Digital Marketing Concepts	1st
Bodhi Chadran	Digital Marketing Concepts	3rd
Adrian Curtis	Digital Marketing Concepts	5th
Jack Yu	Administrative Support Concepts	3rd
Zachary Shipman	Administrative Support Concepts	4th
Andrea Bradshaw	Business Meeting Management Concepts	1st
Jack Yu	Business Meeting Management Concepts	2nd
Ben Brown	Marketing, Management, and Human Resource Concepts	1st
Nishkal Pisal	Marketing, Management, and Human Resource Concepts	4th
Matt Atwell	Parliamentary Procedure Concepts	4th
Nishkal Pisal	Project Management Concepts	2nd
Matt Atwell	Project Management Concepts	3rd
Jack Yu	Project Management Concepts	5th

Subject: School Calendar

February 26, 2020

Hello HPS Families,

Attached you will find next year's academic calendars for the Harvard Public Schools. A few things are different than in past years, and we wanted to take a moment to point out and explain those changes.

First, you will notice that there are separate calendars for Hildreth Elementary and The Bromfield School. While most days align, there were a few changes needed to accommodate the move into the new elementary school, scheduled to be done next spring.

HES students grades 1 to 5 will start school on Wednesday, August 26th. Bromfield students and PreK and Kindergarten students will start on Thursday, August 27th. All HES students will also attend on November 3rd and January 19th while TBS students will not attend on those days.

You will also notice that there are 3 days in purple on the HES Calendar in May. These dates are intended for teachers and staff to use for moving into the new school. While we have penciled them in for May 7th, 10th, and 11th, the exact dates may shift depending on the construction schedule. As we get closer to the completion of construction we will be able to confirm these dates. Note that all HES students will not attend on these days but all TBS students will attend. We recognize that for some families this will create complexities in scheduling and childcare, and are exploring the possibility of offering childcare options in another location for those dates.

Finally, you will notice that there is a slight increase in the number of early release days scheduled for next school year. We wanted to take a moment to explain how these days are used and how they contribute to student success and well-being. This time allows teachers to collaborate on curriculum development, align coursework, and review data to adjust instruction to meet student needs. Based on feedback from teachers and families, we see an increased need to provide time for counselors to connect with teachers to support student needs and mental health, as well as time for the planning that goes into co-teaching and collaborative teaching to better support struggling students. In reviewing this practice, we see many high-performing districts have already dedicated as much or more time to these important educational needs, with some surrounding districts scheduling early release days as much as weekly or biweekly.

We recognize that families need to make plans based on the school calendar, and appreciate your efforts to support consistent student attendance. In order to make this planning easier for families, the Calendar Advisory is looking to begin work on the 2021-2022 calendar immediately so that we can get it out to families with more lead time.

Here is a copy of the HES calendar: [HES Calendar](#).

Here is a copy of the TBS calendar: [TBS Calendar](#).

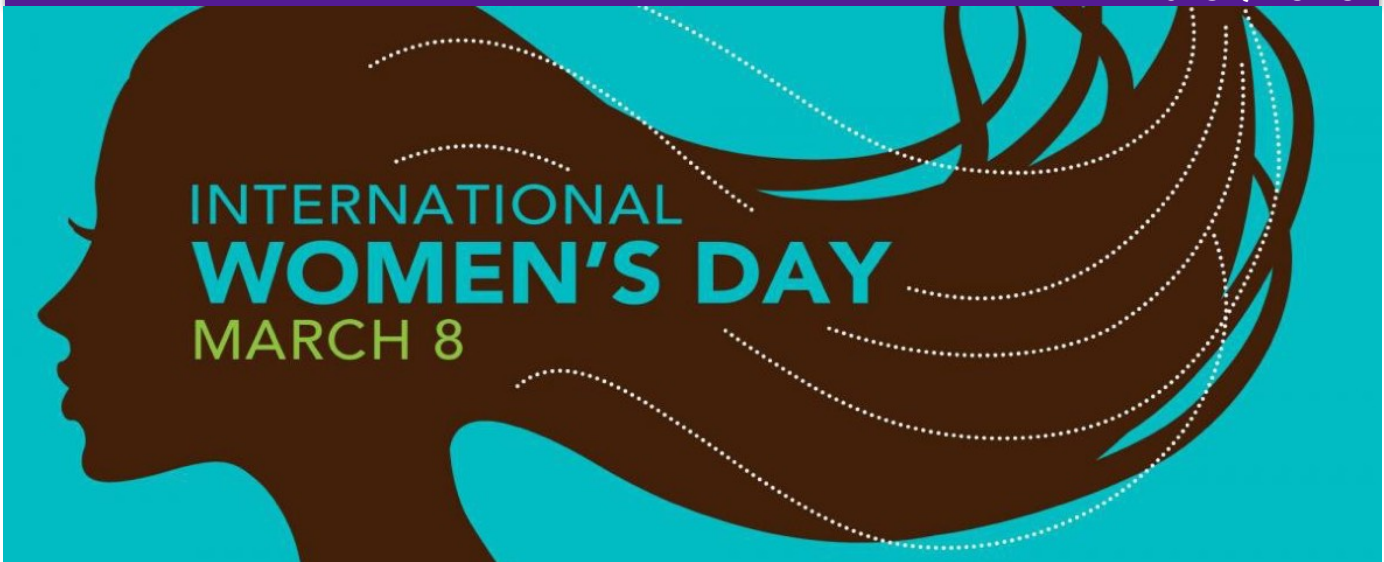
Please feel free to contact the school offices with any questions.

Josh Myler, Principal, Hildreth Elementary School

Scott Hoffman, Principal, The Bromfield School

CALENDAR

March/2020



Date	Day	Activity
Mar 2, 2020	G	4/5 Volunteer Chorus, Student Leaders *Requires Registration
Mar 3, 2020	A	Early Release day ,4th & 5th Ukulele Club
Mar 4, 2020	B	Term 3 Progress Reports Posted, Grade 3 Recorder Club
Mar 5, 2020	C	
Mar 6, 2020	D	Science Fair
Mar 9, 2020	E	Purim, Band
Mar 10, 2020	F	4th & 5th Ukulele Club
Mar 11, 2020	G	4/5 Volunteer Chorus, Yearbook *Requires Pre-registration
Mar 12, 2020	A	Washington DC Trip Meeting
Mar 13, 2020	B	MS Dance (Sponsored by MS Student Council), Grade 3 Recorder Club, Band, Little Mermaid Jr.
Mar 16, 2020	C	Term 2 Report Cards, 4th & 5th Ukulele Club
Mar 17, 2020	D	
Mar 18, 2020	E	Early Release day, Grade 9 Washington DC Trip, MS Science Fair, Band, Grade 3 Recorder Club, Yearbook *Requires Pre-registration
Mar 19, 2020	F	
Mar 20, 2020	G	4/5 Volunteer Chorus
Mar 23, 2020	A	Student Leadership *Requires Registration
Mar 24, 2020	B	Gr. 10 ELA Session 1, Band
Mar 25, 2020	C	Early Release day ,Gr 10 ELA Session 2, NHS Induction, 4th & 5th Ukulele Club, Yearbook *Requires Pre-registration
Mar 26, 2020	D	4/5 Volunteer Chorus
Mar 27, 2020	E	Intent to Enroll in Kindergarten Due, Staff/Senior Game, Band, Grade 3 Recorder Club
Mar 30, 2020	F	Gr 6-8 ELA MCAS Session 1, Husky Headlines *Requires Registration
Mar 31, 2020	G	