

❖ Knightly News ❖

November 2011

Hollis Brookline Middle School



From the Administration

Very hard to believe that it is December with 60 degree temperatures, yet our calendars are leading us into winter and many events. This **Knightly News** is written to inform you of pertinent information.

Report Cards were sent home on November 22nd. Please, if you have not already done so, review the report with your child, sign the envelope and return it to HBMS this week. We do follow up with all students who have not returned one. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Our fall **Recognition Assembly** will be held this **Friday, December 2nd** beginning at 7:35am. We will honor academic achievements as well as participation in all of the fall sports teams. While we appreciate your hectic schedules we do request that you stay for the entire ceremony.

December 7th is a scheduled **early release day**. Students will be dismissed at 12:00.

The **PTSA** is kicking off its **Reflections Arts Competition**. This year's theme is "Diversity is..." and the deadline is January 5th. Students who would like to choreograph a dance, create a musical composition, produce a video, write a poem, paint a picture or take a photo should begin now. Entry forms may be picked up in the office.

The Drama Department has announced that **auditions** for onstage performers will be held **Tuesday, Dec. 6th** for the Broadway Jr version of **Fiddler on the Roof**. All the information and sign ups are on the bulletin board outside of the music rooms. Students are encouraged to try something new and help onstage or offstage to support the performance.

Team Prescott will be hosting the next **school dance, Dec. 9th**. Reminder to parents that carpooling for pick up at 9:00 for 7th grade and 9:15 for 8th grade is advised!

Students are preparing for the upcoming **winter concerts**; December 13th @ 7:00 pm for grade 7 and December 14th @ 7:00 pm for the 8th grade. Both concerts will be held in the middle school gymnasium. Please plan to join us!

The December Coop School Board meeting will be held December 21st. The Coop Budget Committee will meet the following evening. We are in the height of the **budget**

Calendar Of Events

December 7—Early Release
Dec. 26-Jan. 2—Holiday Recess
January 16th—No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January TBD—Teacher Workshop Day (Primary Voting)
February 9th—Early Release
February 27th—March 2nd—Mid-Winter Vacation
March 13th—Early Release
March 20-23—8th Grade Washington DC Trip
April 11—Early Release

season. We encourage you to stay informed and ask questions.

In these difficult economic times, we want our school **community** to be aware of **resources** to help them get through the winter months. For assistance with heating oil call Rev. Smith at the Hollis Congregational Church at 465-7797. For food assistance please contact St. John Neumann Food Pantry and Outreach Program at 880-4689.

Any further questions, please contact Sheila Mandragouras RN at HBMS 465-6272.

Please note a **correction to the school calendar** located in the Student Agenda, page 7. It states there are 6 early release days, however lists only 5. In addition to the 5 listed the 6th will be held April 11, 2012. We thank the 7th grade student who detected the mistake.

Sincere thanks are extended to Cheryl O'Donnell and all the many volunteers who set up, prepared dishes and served staff a most incredible **Thanksgiving feast** on November 16th. Please know that staff are still raving about the meal.

The **Running Club** will begin for all interested 7th and 8th grade students on Tuesday, January 10th, 2:30-3:30. More information will be following.

Our Holiday vacation begins December 23rd at dismissal and continues through Monday, January 2, 2012. On behalf of the staff, best wishes are extended to you and your families.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lewis Goyette, Principal
Stephen R. Secor, Assistant Principal