



Aitken Family Newsletter

12/17/2021

Coming Events



Report cards are coming home today!

School Spirit Week
December 20-23

Kindergarten
Registration begins in
January



Reminders and Updates...

VACCINATION CLINIC INFO

For those families that choose to have their child vaccinated:

Once your student is fully vaccinated, please provide an electronic copy or photo of your child's vaccination record/card to the person designated below by your child's school principal.

Aitken Elementary School: Amy Infante,
Secretary infantea@seekonkschools.org
Martin Elementary School: Lisa McLintock,
Nurse, mclintockl@seekonkschools.org
Hurley Middle School: Caitlin Crowshaw,
Nurse, crowshawc@seekonkschools.org

Being fully vaccinated ***(two weeks following the second dose)*** will eliminate the need for your child to quarantine at home or participate in "test and stay" if they are designated as a close contact, and it will also help to reduce our overall contact tracing. If you have any questions regarding this vaccination clinic, please contact your child's building principal, school nurse or Bridget McNamara, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at

A message from our Superintendent of Schools, Dr.
Rich Drolet

mcnamarab@seekonkschools.org or
1-508-399-5106.

The Seekonk Public Schools will once again be partnering with Brewster Ambulance to provide a free COVID-19 vaccination clinic. This next clinic will be solely for students ages 5 to 11.

The vaccination clinic will be held at the Hurley Middle School gymnasium and will take place on **Thursday, December 2nd** with the second dosage being administered on **Thursday, December 23rd**. Students participating in the vaccination clinic must have a parent or legal guardian with them at the clinic, and the parent or legal guardian must sign the two attached consent forms from Brewster Ambulance and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Students participating in the vaccination clinic must bring both consent forms to the clinic on December 2, 2021.

Parents/guardians who would like to have their child vaccinated through this program are asked to pre-register by completing an online form so that Brewster Ambulance can gauge vaccine supply amounts and scheduling. The pre-registration form can be found here:

<https://brewstercovid.as.me/schedule.php?calendarID=6233957>

For the safety of our students, if you bring your dog with you when dropping off or picking up your child, please try to wait on the side of the fence away from the grassy areas (driveway side) or at the very least, keep your dog close to you to avoid any potential for injury. Thank you

Student Spotlight Submissions

Help us share the great things happening in the Aitken community. Send your pictures to grafd@seekonkschools.org with a short caption and we will try to include it in the newsletter.



Drop off and Pick Up Reminders

For the safety of our students and staff, we ask that if you arrive prior to the 3:05 dismissal time to pick up your child, please wait until that time to walk into the backyard of the school. There are still students at recess until that time. Thank you.



PERSONAL ITEMS

Please remember to label any personal items that come to school including, but not limited to: water bottles, lunchboxes, book bags and coats. When these items are labeled, it is much easier for us to identify the owner of the item. Thank you!



AITKEN SCHOOL IS PROUD TO WELCOME A NEW INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Heidi Brooks has been selected to be the interim assistant principal at our school beginning in January. Heidi brings a wealth of experience, having served in various roles at two Dartmouth, Massachusetts elementary schools. She spent her entire career in education at Dartmouth Public Schools that spans an impressive 36 years. Her previous roles include: classroom teacher, assistant principal and principal. Heidi is licensed as a Principal/Assistant Principal and has an undergraduate degree in early childhood education and a masters' degree in educational leadership. Heidi describes herself as "a compassionate leader with a unique ability to work collaboratively with staff, parents and fellow administrators to create a safe and supportive educational environment for students." During the interview process, Heidi presented herself not only as a competent professional, but also someone with a caring and humorous demeanor. Heidi will be a wonderful addition to Aitken as the interim assistant principal for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year!

Don't Forget!

Make sure to bookmark the new district website

www.seekonkschools.org



AITKEN TO KNOW

Here is the link to the Aitken to Know Newsletter for DECEMBER, 2021

<https://sites.google.com/view/aitken-to-know/home>



AITKEN SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Please find below the link to the Aitken School Calendar with PTO and other school events:

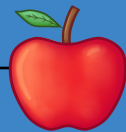
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Superintendent Dr. Rich Drolet would like to share an update regarding the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) mask mandate for the current school year.

From the Commissioner of Education:

Consistent with the authority provided by the Board, and after consulting with medical experts and state health officials, the Commissioner is extending the mask requirement through at least January 15, 2022. The Department will continue to work with medical experts and state health officials to evaluate the mask requirement beyond January 15.



FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Health Screenings will begin in November and continue throughout the school year. In order to ensure the student's privacy, the results will not be disclosed to the student. You will be notified in writing if there are any problems or concerns.

If you would like your child to opt out of the screenings, please inform me in writing (a note or email to devanej@seekonkschools.org) by Friday, October 29th.

As mandated by Massachusetts state law, the following screenings will be conducted;

Vision and hearing will be done in all grades K-5

Height, weight, and BMI for grades 1 and 4

Postural (aka scoliosis) screening for students in grade 5

Daily COVID-19 Symptom Checklist

Please monitor your child daily for the following symptoms:

COVID-19 symptoms list:

- **Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills**
- **Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Muscle aches or body aches**
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea when in combination with other symptoms

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Unvaccinated** individuals **AND** any close contacts presenting with these symptoms should follow **testing and quarantine** response protocols.
- **Vaccinated** individuals who are not close contacts should follow the testing and quarantine response protocols if they are experiencing symptoms in **bold**. These individuals may also seek clinical guidance to assess the need for PCR testing if they have other symptoms on this list.

For further information about our Covid-19 guidelines, please visit the Seekonk Public Schools website, scroll down to Quick Links: "School Nurses' website."

Here you will find;

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Covid -19 guidelines and protocols

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MRoY-TZdcFf0N4z0PzoNEL3-BjP1gSs/view>

Protocol Flowchart

- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, please **do not** send them to school and contact their Primary Care Physician.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Gfo4g2jvq07pdJBH-lo_w3o9qji4MUf4/view

Daily Symptom Checklist

https://docs.google.com/document/d/15ANrwQQVdmRDyFFExWDeRreEP5yO_mRKJwwrzRk0FeCk/edit

Please contact your school nurse with any questions.

Jessica Devane, RN, BSN

Mildred H. Aitken Elementary School

devanej@seekonkschools.org

508-336-5230

COVID TEST CONSENT FORM:

Families received a consent form on the first day of school to participate in the "Test and Stay" program which was communicated to families by Superintendent Drolet on August 31st. Please return this form to the school if you give consent for your child to participate in the testing program (if a minor symptom is reported to the nurse's office in school or is unvaccinated and is identified as a close contact). In addition, I have included a link to access and complete the "Test and Stay" consent forms online. <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma> Parents that have already turned in a hard copy of the consent form do not need to complete the online form.

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BREAKFAST AND LUNCHES:

**Just a reminder that breakfast and lunches are still
free for all students.**

Seekonk Schools
Breakfast Menu December 2021
Meals Provided At No Cost to Students
Milk A la Carte \$.50
Adult Meal: \$4.00



A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and whole grain, one (1) vegetable side dish, two (2) fruit side dishes, and a choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and skim chocolate.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		12-1 Double Chocolate Chip Muffin With Graham Cracker	12-2 Double Chocolate Chip Muffin With Graham Cracker	12-3 Double Chocolate Chip Muffin With Graham Cracker
Alternate Meals: 2. Assorted Cereal with Graham Crackers				
12-6 Apple Cinnamon Muffin With Graham Crackers	12-7 Apple Cinnamon Muffin With Graham Crackers v	12-8 Apple Cinnamon Muffin With Graham Crackers	12-9 Apple Cinnamon Muffin With Graham Crackers	12-10 Apple Cinnamon Muffin With Graham Crackers
Alternate Meals: 2. Assorted Cereal with Graham Crackers				
12-13 Blueberry Muffin With Graham Crackers	12-14 Blueberry Muffin With Graham Crackers	12-15 Blueberry Muffin With Graham Crackers	12-16 Blueberry Muffin With Graham Crackers	12-17 Blueberry Muffin With Graham Crackers
Alternate Meals: 2. Assorted Cereal with Graham Crackers				
12-20 WG Bagel With Cream Cheese	12-21 WG Bagel With Cream Cheese	12-22 WG Bagel With Cream Cheese	12-23 WG Bagel With Cream Cheese	12-24 No School
Alternate Meals: 2. Assorted Cereal with Graham Crackers				
12-27 	12-28 	12-29 Holiday Break	12-30 	12-31
Choose with any meal: Assorted Chilled Fruit Fresh Whole Fruit	Choose with any meal: Assorted Juice Fresh Whole Fruit	Choose with any meal: Assorted Chilled Fruit Fresh Whole Fruit	Choose with any meal: Assorted Juice Fresh Whole Fruit	Choose with any meal: Assorted Chilled Fruit Fresh Whole Fruit



Chartwells new Food and Nutrition Guidelines make it easier than ever for students to make healthy food and

Questions or Comments?
Please call Karleen DeLellis, Foodservice Director
at 508-336-0814

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If you have any **food allergies**, please let us know!

Seekonk Elementary Schools
Lunch Menu December 2021
Meals Provided At No Cost to Students
Milk: A la Carte \$.50
Adult Meal: \$4.00



A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and whole grain, one (1) vegetable side dish, two (2) fruit side dishes, and a choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and skim chocolate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		12-1 Beef Macho Nachos Served with Salsa & Seasoned Corn	12-2 Cheeseburger Oven Baked Fries	12-3 Classic Cheese Pzza Or Pepperoni Pzza Seasoned Peas
Alternate Meals 2. Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich 3. Double Chocolate Muffin Fun Lunch				
12-4 Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Served with Marinara Sauce Seasoned Broccoli	12-7 Chicken Nuggets With Seasoned Pasta Served with Glazed Carrots	12-8 Homemade Macaroni & Cheese Served with BBQ Baked Beans	12-9 Popcorn Chicken Served with Mashed Potatoes Crispy Corn	12-10 Classic Cheese Pzza Or Pepperoni Pzza Seasoned Peas
Alternate Meals 2. Toasty Cheese Sandwich 3. Bagel & Yogurt Fun Lunch				
12-13 Turkey Hot Dogs Served with BBQ Beans Seasoned Carrots	12-14 Soft Taco Served With Salsa Seasoned Corn	12-15 Pasta with Hearty Meat Sauce Served with Seasoned Broccoli	12-16 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Seasoned Corn	12-17 Classic Cheese Pzza Or Pepperoni Pzza Seasoned Peas
Alternate Meals: 2. Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich 3. Cheerios & Yogurt Fun Lunch with Cheddar Crackers				
12-20 WG French Toast Turkey Sausage Served with Warm Apple Slices	12-21 Meatballs served over Pasta with Marinara Sauce Cinnamon Glazed Carrots	12-22 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Served with Oven Baked Fries	12-23 Turkey Hot Dog BBQ Baked Beans	12-24 No School
Alternate Meals: 2. Toasty Cheese Sandwich 3. Pretzel & Sunbutter Fun Lunch				
12-27 	12-28 	12-29 Holiday Break	12-30 	12-31 
Choose with any meal: Carrot Sticks Cucumber Coins Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Chilled Fruit	Choose with any meal: Carrot Sticks Cucumber Coins Assorted Chilled Fruit Fresh Whole Fruit	Choose with any meal: Garden Salad Red & Green Pepper Strips Assorted Chilled Fruit Fresh Whole Fruit	Choose with any meal: Broccoli Bites Grape Tomatoes Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Chilled Fruit	Choose with any meal: Caesar Salad Grape Tomatoes Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Chilled Fruit



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From our Seekonk Public Library



Youth Services

library@seekonkpl.org
childrens@seekonkpl.org

December 2021 Children's Programs

Holiday Trivia & Craft*

Tuesday, December 7, 6 PM

Test your knowledge of the holidays with trivia!
Includes a craft. Ages 8+ Register



Flashlight Readers*

Thursday, December 9, 6:30 PM

A virtual program, reading at home under the covers! Free flashlight included. For emergent readers in grades 1 & 2. Register for Zoom link

Sensory Friendly Movie: Elf

Saturday, December 11, 1 PM

Sensory friendly with lights up, volume down, subtitles on. Everyone is welcome! Drop in



Made By Me: Homemade Pizza Sauce*

Wednesday, December 15, 5 PM Ages 8 +

Kids make dinner from their kitchen! Some ingredients supplied. Live via Zoom. Register



Minecraft Build Challenge*

Monday, December 20, 5:30 PM

Single session build challenge
grades 3 - 5. Live via Zoom. Register

SCHOOL VACATION SPECIALS

Friendship Bracelet Take & Make Kits

Starting Monday, Dec 27

Drop in while supplies last

Coding with Dash Robot*

Monday, December 27, 2 PM

Hands-on coding for grades 2-5. Register

Coding with Dash



Movie Matinee: Jungle Cruise

Tuesday, December 28, 2 PM

Storytimes on back

**Program requires registration. See calendar of events at seekonkpl.org
childrens@seekonkpl.org | (508) 336-8230 x56140*



Storytimes

Seekonk Library storytimes focus on **talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing** important principles for your child's reading readiness.



Dec 1- December 11

Stop in and check out a packet of 6

books with an accompanying early literacy activity. Assorted themes.



Jingle Babies

Monday, Dec 13, 10 AM, Birth - 2

Join Miss Sharon for a seasonal storytime with a holiday theme. Includes music, movement and bubbles! Everyone is invited to wear red, green or blue. For children birth through age 2. Drop in.



Jingle Kids

Wednesday Dec 15, 2 PM ages 2 - 5

Join Ms. Sandie for a holiday storytime adventure! Holiday stories and activities for ages 2-5. Siblings always welcome! Drop in