

A newsletter

from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

**Calendar**

- 1 April (Wednesday)  
Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 2 April (Thursday)  
Open Comment  
SEPAC meeting  
7 pm Heath School Library
- 2-4 April (Thur-Sat)  
PTO Play  
7pm auditorium
- 6 April (Monday)  
• LSA classes begin  
• PTO Meeting  
7 pm library
- 7 April (Tuesday)  
School Council Meeting  
8 am 2nd floor conf. room
- 10 April (Friday)  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
Day of Low Attendance (Good Friday)
- 14 April (Tuesday)  
Grade 7 field trip
- 15-16 April (Wed-Thur)  
Grades 5/6 Play
- 16 April (Thursday)  
EARLY DISMISSAL  
12:30 pm Grades K-6
- 20 April (Monday)  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
*Patriots Day*
- 21-24 April (Tue-Fri)  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
*April Vacation*
- 30 April (Thursday)  
• Principal's Forum  
7:45 am library

**This Week Only:  
Don't Miss the 2009  
PTO play "Nightmare  
on Brook Street"**

**D**on't be fooled by the title. Expect your kids to have sweet dreams after this candy-filled family comedy about pirates on Brook Street, space alien bounty hunters from Pluto, and werewolves on Longwood. Get a taste of Halloween in April!

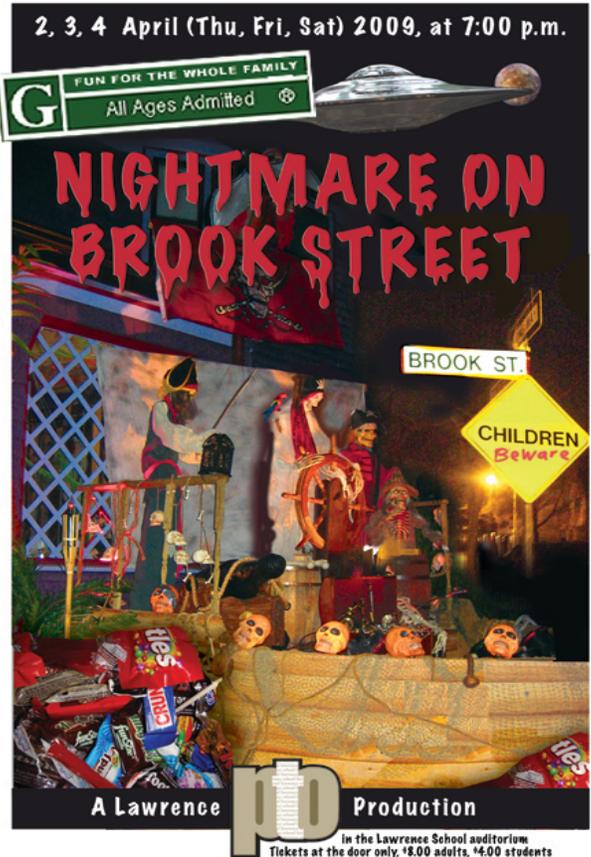
**Come with the whole family** to see your fellow parents and your kids' teachers sing and dance, and to see the Frankenstein principal come to life!

Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are available at the door (\$4 kids, \$8 adults).

**Mark your calendar/save the date!** After regular PTO business, guest speakers will be Community Relations Officer Prentice Pilot and our own Kirsten Alper, Lawrence School Technology Specialist. The topic will be Internet Safety and Online Bullying: Insights and Advice. Babysitting provided.

**Bingo was Bonus**

Thanks very much to Laura O'Brien for making Bingo Night a big success.



**MCAS Dates**  
**English Language Arts**  
(Testing begins at 8:15 each day)

Grade 3: March 30, April 1 and 2  
Grade 4: March 31 (Long Composition) and April 2, 3 and 6  
Grade 5: March 30, April 1 and 2  
Grade 6: April 7, 8 and 13  
Grade 7: March 31 (Long Composition) and April 1, 3 and 6  
Grade 8: April 7, 8 and 13

## Women Who Inspire Us

One of the wonderful things about working in education is the opportunity to be inspired by the students with whom we work. Last Wednesday night, I experienced one of those inspirational moments when I attended the Brookline Commission for Women's annual "Women Who Inspire Us" ceremony. The event recognizes the recipient of the Brookline "Woman of the Year" award. The reason I attended, however, was to hear the student essays. Each year, students in grades 6–8 may participate in "A Women Who Inspires Me" essay contest.

This year, Lawrence School student Caroline Zheng took first place in the sixth grade contest for an essay she wrote about the aide who works with her, Kathy Kapsides. Caroline read her essay to the crowd assembled at the Brookline Public Library, with Ms. K. in attendance to be recognized.

Caroline's essay, entitled "An Everyday Inspiration," begins, "Sometimes all you need is just a helpful smile telling you that you can do it. Ms. K, my aide in school, can always do that. I need an aide in school because of some of my physical ability is limited." Caroline goes on to describe Ms. K's life and how she inspires Caroline. Caroline writes, "We need more people like her on this planet, people who will put their own needs aside and ask what others need. From her, I have learned that help can come in all sorts of ways and that anyone can do it."

Congratulations to Caroline for her inspirational words and to Ms. K for her inspirational support. You made me smile because you did it!

—Rick Rogers, Principal

Don't miss the Principal starring as a (friendly) Frankenstein in the PTO play!

Principal's

Corner



### Around Brookline

**Brookline Solo Parents Group Meeting**, Sunday, April 5, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. at 20 Harvard Place. For more info contact Lauren Gibbs at 617-441-8892 or [ladarelgk@verizon.net](mailto:ladarelgk@verizon.net).

### Arts and Sports

#### Feats on the Floor

This dynamic concert of original dance by the BHS Choreography Class offers a 'behind the scenes' look at the process of making dances at Brookline High School. BHS's top student choreographers will showcase their latest dance creations inspired by music, poetry and the free-flowing spontaneity of improvisation. Friday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m., Studio 1, Tappan Gym, \$5 (8th graders are FREE!). For more information, call Lynn Modell, 617-713-5228.

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### Help on the PTO Board

The nominating committee is looking for people to join the PTO Board. At the moment, they're especially searching for a co-President and assistant Treasurer. Please contact Joanne Liautaud ([joanneliataud@hotmail.com](mailto:joanneliataud@hotmail.com)) or Laura O'Brien ([LOBRIEN186@msn.com](mailto:LOBRIEN186@msn.com)) if you are interested in these, or other, roles on the PTO Board or with PTO in general.

### One Less Piece of Paper in Your Life

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### Retire, Exchange or Purchase a Pair of New/Used Youth Soccer Cleats!

How it works: On Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7, from 7:45 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. and from 2:20 p.m. to 2:40 p.m., people may deposit their cleats/shin guards in boxes in exchange for a ticket. On Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8, from 2:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., people may buy cleats by redeeming their ticket(s) or by paying \$8/pair. (Wed. is reserved for ticket holders only.)

On April 14, all remaining cleats will be sold at the Runkle School. Any cleats that remain after that will be donated to a Boston soccer program for disadvantaged youth. Monetary receipts will go to the Brookline Youth Soccer scholarship fund.

Shin guards may also be donated and purchased by exchange tickets or for \$2/pair.

Questions? Contact Tina Manuel ([tinaymanuel@gmail.com](mailto:tinaymanuel@gmail.com)).

