

Calendar

7 October (Wednesday)
Magazine Drive ends

8 October (Thursday)
School Committee Meeting 7pm James F. Walsh School Committee Room, 5th Floor, Town Hall, 333 Washington Street.

12 October (Monday)
SCHOOL CLOSED
Columbus Day

13 October (Tuesday)
* LEDP Gift Wrap Sale begins
* School Photo Day
* PTO Meeting
7 pm library

22 October (Thursday)
Principal's Forum
8 am library

27 October (Tuesday)
School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room

1 November (Sunday)
Daylight Saving Time ends (set clocks back one hour)

3 November (Tuesday)
SCHOOL CLOSED
Professional Development Day

Landmark School Outreach Partnership Begins



Principal's
Corner

Lawrence School is the pilot site for a new partnership between the Public Schools of Brookline and the Landmark School Outreach Program. The Landmark School is a private school in Beverly specializing in working with students with language-based learning disabilities and differences. Landmark School's Outreach Program provide teachers who work in other school settings a program of applied research and professional development that includes "appropriate learner-centered pedagogy; systematic, skills-based content materials; and models for adapting instruction to learner needs."

The Lawrence School/Landmark School Outreach Partnership is a yearlong effort to identify and implement common effective instructional strategies that best support students with learning differences. The partnership is built around a series of workshops, classroom observations, collaborative planning, demonstration lessons and consultation.

Teachers and special educators in grades 4-6 will be working with Landmark throughout the school year. Each grade level team will select common skills or strategies to implement in their classrooms and determine when and how to teach them. Teachers will develop and expand their repertoire of instructional strategies that have been found to be most effective in supporting students with learning differences.

The partnership began with a summer workshop for the entire group in August. Staff from Landmark presented an overview to their approach and offered us some options to consider for use at Lawrence. Beginning this week, Landmark consultants will spend one day observing in classrooms to become familiar with our school. On a second day, Landmark consultants will work with grade level teams individually in two hour blocks - planning a lesson together, providing a demonstration lesson observed by the other team members, and debriefing what was learned from this experience. Additional grade-level teams workshop days are planned, as is a full day session for the entire group on the district Professional Development Day (November 3).

We are fortunate to have this opportunity to learn from Landmark's expertise in a context that is firmly grounded in our daily classroom work. I believe that ALL students will benefit when we use common language and strategies and hone our ability to "adapt instruction to learner needs."

More to come as the year unfolds... *—Rick Rogers, Principal*

Things Are Beginning to Clique

Come to the next PTO Meeting Tuesday October 13 at 7 p.m. where featured speakers from the Brookline Mental Health Center, Brooke Rosing, LICSW and Joshua Eagle, PhD will be sharing their expertise on Cliques: How to understand them during childhood and adolescence, their impact on kids, when/how school and parents should intervene. Both girl and boy cliques will be addressed, with plenty of time for questions and discussion.

AROUND BROOKLINE

Winsor Music will present a Halloween concert on Saturday, October 31 at 2:00 p.m. (repeated at 4:00 pm) at St. Paul's Church (15 St. Paul Street). The two programs will feature pieces played on the theremin (an eerie-sounding electronic instrument) with piano accompaniment. Also we **dare** you to write a Halloween story! Kids, let your imaginations run wild! Your story should be between 5 and 10 minutes long, and appropriate for all ages. The winning story will be read at the concert and accompanied by sound effects from the spooky theremin and the black keys of the piano. This is a rare opportunity for all young writers and Halloween lovers! Email your story to info@winsormusic.org. Adults \$10 Children FREE

Make Some Noise at the Brookline Music School
Check out Studio J, a state-of-the-art technology studio at the Brookline Music School, outfitted with six brand new iMacs equipped with Garage Band recording software, and more. Drop in for Open Lab (free) on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

International Night is Friday, November 13 from 6-8 pm. Celebrate our cultural diversity with delicious food from around the world, fun activities and displays, and live performances and music. Volunteers needed to help with setup; decorations; food preparation; information displays; ticket sales and cleanup. If you can help, please contact Teresa Martinez at teremar3000@aol.com or Pearl Singhakowinta at pearl.sing@yahoo.com.

PTO Magazine Drive

Final Call...

This year's magazine drive ends October 7. Please give checks and completed orders to your child's teachers by Wednesday. Orders can also be placed online at www.qsp.com using the school code: 425007642. Questions? Contact Jordan Shaughnessy 617-232-1628 or jordanshaughnessy@verizon.net.



SAY CHEESE

Don't forget to look your best on Tuesday, October 13 - School Picture Day! Photos will take place rain or shine. Have your child return their order forms from Coffee Pond Photography (sent home last week). Orders can also be placed online. A limited number of scholarships are available for those who apply. We are also seeking volunteers to help coordinate that morning. Please contact Pearl Singhakowinta pearl.sing@yahoo.com or Jan Nagler jnagler@bu.edu for more information.

save the date PTO MEETING

10 November (Tuesday)

"Update on World Language Program" with Dawn Carney, Elementary World Language Coordinator.
Babysitting will be provided.

TEACHING MATH TO STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Brookline Special Education Parents Advisory Council (SEPEC) presents Learning Math: Cognition, Language, and the Acquisition of Math Competency, by Chris Woodin, Landmark School - Wed., October 14, 6-8 p.m., Hunneman Hall, Brookline Public Library.

Topics include discussion on how to learn how specific cognitive deficits affect a student's ability to learn math with traditional methods as well as techniques that may be used given a student's strengths and weaknesses.

The lecture consists of a lively presentation of methods to insure learning of basic math facts, development of cardinality, remediation of numeral and number reversals, and multi-digit whole number operations, with demonstration of multi-model techniques.

This presentation is geared toward both parents and teachers and is eligible for teacher professional development credit. Brookline SEPEC is a Brookline 2010 climate action partner: light refreshments will be served; please bring your own cup



Meet the Green Team

Newly-formed Climate Change Action Brookline (CCAB) has developed a broad and aggressive plan to increase energy efficiency and reduce Brookline's carbon output. What does that have to do with Lawrence? As part of the town-wide initiative to include the schools in this movement, "Green Teams" have been created at each of the eight grade schools. Kathleen Scanlon is Lawrence's team leader. Green teams work to implement some of the broader CCAB goals into their localized communities. Case in point: The Green Guild is proud to be presenting the 1st Annual Green Film Festival, being held at 7 p.m. on October 21 at the Coolidge Corner Theatre. The Green Film Festival is just one event taking place as part of Brookline, MA Green Week, which begins on Sunday, October 18.

For more info go to:

www.climatechangeactionbrookline.org/schools.html