

A newsletter

from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

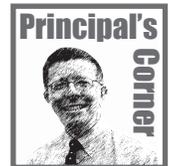
**Calendar**

- 27 October (Tuesday)**  
School Council Meeting  
8 am 2nd floor conf. room
- 30 October (Friday)**  
LEDP Fundraiser Ends
- 1 November (Sunday)**  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
(set clocks back one hour)
- 3 November (Tuesday)**  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
*Professional Development Day*
- 5 November (Thursday)**  
Japanese Food Fair
- 9 November (Monday)**  
Grade 7 Overnight  
Farm School
- 10 November (Tuesday)**  
PTO Meeting 8 am library  
NOTE MORNING TIME
- 11 November (Wednesday)**  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
*Veterans Day*
- 12 November (Thursday)**  
•Mr. Porter leaves for Japan  
•Grade 7 Overnight  
•EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30 pm Grades K-6
- 13 November (Friday)**  
International Night
- 16 November (Monday)**  
ECS Program Parent Info Meeting  
8:15 am library

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**Keeping Lawrence Safe:**

Evacuation Drill-Thursday, October 29  
Lockdown Drill-Wednesday, November 4



**C**hildren need to be safe in order to learn and grow. Maintaining the safety of over 600 students and 100 staff members who learn at Lawrence every day is a responsibility that we take very seriously. One important way to be safe is to practice what to do in case of an emergency.

Department are stationed at intersections along the routes.

A **Lockdown Drill** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 4**. This drill involves locking all classroom doors, drawing the shades and turning out the lights. Students are moved to an area of the classroom out of sight from the hallway door. The drill will only last a few minutes, long enough for police and school crisis team members to check that each classroom in the school is secure and students are out of sight. We will return quickly to our normal routine.

Teachers will discuss both drills ahead of time with their students in order to prepare them for it. They will be treating the drills in a calm, low-key manner.

**Drop-off & Parking**

On the subject of safety, please observe our school policy on drop-off and parking. Coming home with the newsletter is a flyer describing "Driving and Student Drop-off at Lawrence School" and a map showing where parking is available. Please remember **not** to:

- Stand or park in the drop-off zone in front of the school.
- Drop off or park behind Lawrence School in the teacher parking lot.
- Park in Lawrence Staff zones—marked by green signs.

Most importantly, all parents should slow down and exercise extra caution when driving near school in our congested neighborhood.

—Rick Rogers, Principal

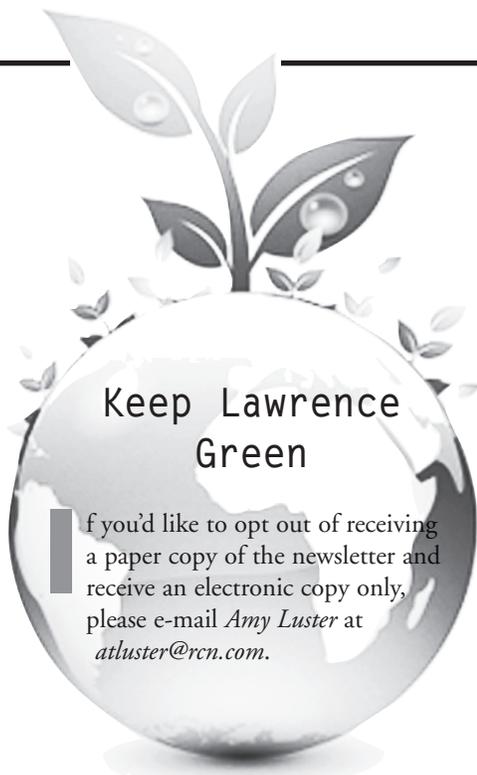
**Don't Miss Your Chance to Buy Gift Wrap**

**W**hen you make a purchase of high quality gift-wrap, packaging, and food from Sally Foster, you help serve the needs of many Lawrence Families by supporting the Lawrence Extended Day Program (LEDP). The fundraiser ends October 30, 2009.

To order on line, log on to [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) and select your items. At the checkout, ignore the promo code message and select "give credit to a school or group." LEDP is account number 0358659.

Everyone knows about fire drills, a familiar and accepted part of school life. More recently, schools have also begun to practice other drills. Lawrence will participate in two drills in the next 10 days in conjunction with the Brookline Police Department. These drills are completed annually in all Brookline Schools.

An **Evacuation Drill** is scheduled for **Thursday, October 29**. An Evacuation Drill is similar to a fire drill with one big difference: After we are outside, the entire school will walk to St. Paul's Church, our designated evacuation location. Children will walk with members of the staff, and officers from the Police



## Keep Lawrence Green

If you'd like to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and receive an electronic copy only, please e-mail *Amy Luster* at [atluster@rcn.com](mailto:atluster@rcn.com).

## It's time for Math League

**G**rade 5 and 6 Students:  
It's Math League time! The first meeting is Monday, November 2, at 2:30p.m. in Room 317.

Math League is a math club devoted to problem solving and preparing for competitions with other Brookline schools later in the winter. Math League problems fall into five categories: Problem-Solving, Operations, Bases, Geometry & Measurement, and Patterns. Teamwork and individual skills are both very important.

The club will meet in Room 317 three times a week: on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:20 to 7:50 a.m.

*Dmitry Brumberg* will be coaching the Lawrence Math League again this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at [DBrumberg@verizon.net](mailto:DBrumberg@verizon.net).



## Are you a New International Family?

**T**he English Language Learners of the Brookline Public Schools is sponsoring a series of 5 workshops to help you transition to life in Brookline. The first session is October 27, 2009 from 10:00-11:30, at the Brookline Main Library, entitled, "Managing the Transition." 4 other meetings will be held this fall on November 10, 24 and December 8, 22nd. For more information contact *Liliana Busconi* at [lbusconi@hotmail.com](mailto:lbusconi@hotmail.com) or *Andy Miser* at [almiser@elysianenterprises.net](mailto:almiser@elysianenterprises.net). These workshops are free and children are welcome.

## Come Learn More The Growth Model

**M**assachusetts is in the process of developing an important new metric scheduled for use beginning in fall 2009. The growth model is a statistically valid way to measure the change in individual student performance over time. A growth model complements the MCAS year-by-year test scores, since it reports change over time rather than a student's performance level in any one year.

Over the next several weeks you will be hearing a lot about this concept, so we have scheduled this meeting to present and explain the process by which the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education calculates growth data. We will also share with you the data and results for Brookline.

Please join *Jennifer Fischer-Mueller*, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning and *Oscar Loureiro*, Director of Data Management at the Lincoln School Auditorium (19 Kennard Road) from 7-8:30 pm on Thursday, October 29 for a discussion of this new model.

## Art & Sports

### • Art Barn Presents *Beauty and the Beast*

Step into the magical world of *Beauty and the Beast*, based on the 1991 Academy Award winning animated feature. Meet brainy and beautiful Belle, who yearns to escape her dull provincial life, but gets more adventure than she bargained for when she becomes captive in the Beast's enchanted castle.

The musical will be performed by the Art Barn Community Theater's Barncats Ensemble (students in grades 4,5, and 6) at the Maliotis Center (at Hellenic College) 50 Goddard Avenue, in Brookline. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 2 performances on Saturday, November 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 8 at 4:30p.m.

### • Give Lacrosse a Try!

Come checkout the fastest growing sport in America.

Brookline Youth Lacrosse is holding its annual Fall Youth Lacrosse Clinics on Sundays at Downes Field in Brookline on November 8 and November 15. All new and returning players are welcome!

Just show up and we will provide equipment for the day. One-hour clinic times are as follows:

- Boys and Girls (separately) Grades 1-4 1:00p.m.
- Boys Grades 5-6 2:00 p.m.,
- Boys Grades 7-8 3:00 pm,
- Girls Grades 5-8 2:00 p.m.

For questions or more information, please see our web site ([www.brooklineyouthlacrosse.org](http://www.brooklineyouthlacrosse.org)) or contact co-director *Scott Hillman* (617-734-8795, [scottrunnr@yahoo.com](mailto:scottrunnr@yahoo.com)).

### • Hockey is Coming!

BYH's Instructional Hockey League is scheduled to begin on Saturday, December 5, 2009. This program, designed for children in grades K-4, meets twice a week (Saturdays & Sundays) at Larz Anderson skating rink.

Parent volunteers are welcome. For registration and more details, visit the program's website: [www.brooklineyouthhockey.org](http://www.brooklineyouthhockey.org).

