

A newsletter

from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

**Calendar**

- 3 November (Tuesday)**
  - School Council Meeting  
8am 2nd floor conf. room
  - 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
  - PLEASE 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
- 17 November (Tuesday)**
  - ECS Program Info. Meeting  
8:15 am library
  - PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
- 18 November (Wednesday)**
  - Early Release Movie
  - EARLY DISMISSAL  
12:30 pm Grades K-8

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**ECS Child Support**

Two weeks ago, I wrote about our Child Support Team (CST) and our team approach to helping each child reach his/her potential. Teachers bring a case to CST when there are concerns about a child's performance or academic progress.

**Don't forget to mark your calendars:** Coffee with Dawn Carney, World Language Town Coordinator at the next PTO meeting. Come hear the update on the status of the second year of the Language Program.

What about children who need additional challenge or enrichment in order to reach their potential? For these students, we also use a team approach. Teachers can consult with an Enrichment and Challenge Support (ECS) specialist, as well as content area specialists (often math), to discuss suggestions, obtain resource materials, and consider options for providing a challenging curriculum and extension opportunities. Parents may also be part of this consultation.

Who are our ECS specialists? Leslie Fagen is at Lawrence .3 FTE and works with grades K, 1, 4 & 5. Tam Johnson is at Lawrence .2 FTE as an ECS (plus another .2 as Drama teacher) and works with grades 2, 3 & 6. Among the services they provide:

- Consultation to teachers about individual students, as well as how to manage in-class groups, use extension resource materials, and differentiate instruction.
- Co-teach units on Critical and Creative Thinking Skills in all second and third grade classrooms as a way to get to know all the students.

- Provide students with direct instruction in pull-out or in-class groups.
- Provide continuity of information about individual students from year to year.
- Develop curricular extension materials and make them easily available for teachers.
- Provide information about the academic, social and emotional needs of academically advanced students.



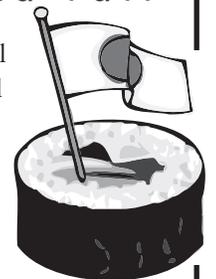
To learn more about the ECS Program at Lawrence, please join us for a parent breakfast on Tuesday, November 17 at 8:15 a.m. ECS Program Coordinator Diana Beck will be on hand to describe the program and answer questions. All parents are welcome!

As I wrote two weeks ago about the Child Support Team, we are fortunate to have many resources available in our "village," as well as a collaborative process to help children at all levels of performance continue to make progress.

*—Rick Rogers, Principal*

**Japanese Food Fair**

Don't miss it! The annual Japanese Food Fair will be held after school on November 5 in the school lobby. Parents are welcome. Students who reserved lunch-boxes will receive a receipt in their classrooms by November 4. Children taking the school bus will be allowed to pick up their lunch boxes



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at 2:15 p.m. Children going to LEDP on that day will have their lunch boxes delivered to LEDP. Please bring the receipt to the Food Fair on November 5, so that you can exchange it for the lunch boxes. Proceeds will help Lawrence PTO activities. For more information, please contact Hiroko Wakai at [ywakai@rcn.com](mailto:ywakai@rcn.com) or Yuki Seto at [seto-cvs@umin.ac.jp](mailto:seto-cvs@umin.ac.jp).

## International Night is Just Around the Corner

Come celebrate cultural diversity on Friday November 12 from 6-8:00 p.m. Enjoy delicious food from around the world, fun activities and displays, and live performances and music. Please contact Teresa Martinez at [teremar3000@aol.com](mailto:teremar3000@aol.com) or Pearl Singhakowinta at [pearl.sing@yahoo.com](mailto:pearl.sing@yahoo.com) for information or to volunteer!



## Holiday Crafts and Fun

The 25th Annual Holiday Craft Fair at the Brookline Senior Arts Center on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14 from 10:00-3:00 p.m. promises something for everyone from jewelry, handmade knit goods, baked treats, children activities, performances and more. Come get in the spirit!



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## Community Exchange

### Lupini on Expanding School Population

On Monday November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Committee Meeting Room at Town Hall, the Brookline Civic Association (BCA) will sponsor a presentation about the Town's growing public school enrollment. Superintendent of Schools William Lupini will speak about the expanding school-age population and possible ways to address the anticipated space needs of the School Community, starting with the plans for the renovation and expansion of the Runkle School.

### Not So Healthy Advertising

Brookline Education Foundation, Campaign for Commercial Free Childhood, and Henry Bear's Park present a screening of the critically-acclaimed new film *Consuming Kids*, an eye-opening account of the pervasive and pernicious effects of advertising on the health and well-being of kids. The screening will be held at the Lincoln School on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. The film is produced by the Media Education Foundation and features the CCFC staff and Steering Committee. The event is free and open to the public. Screening will be followed by a discussion featuring a speaker from the film, Dr. Susan Linn, Director of CCFC.



To find other screenings in your area or to learn how to host your own screening of this film, please visit:

<http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/events/consumingkids.html>.

## Arts & Sports

### Winter Vacation Soccer Clinic at Boston College



The Women's Soccer staff invite girls aged 6-14 to join them for a soccer clinic at BC. The program runs December 28-31 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. The focus is on fun and development. Come and join the BC players and coaches for a great soccer experience. For information on all our programs and registration please visit: [www.bceagles.com/camps](http://www.bceagles.com/camps) or call 617-552-0982 or email [soccer.clinic@bc.edu](mailto:soccer.clinic@bc.edu).

### Macbeth Kicks Off Performing Arts Season At Brookline High School

Brookline High School kicks off the performing arts season with a brand new production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. But as in Shakespeare shows past, this is the Bard with a twist. Without spoiling the surprise, imagine the brooding Scotsman on Wall Street, where, according to director Mary Mastandrea, "the corporate sharks are out for blood and the witches are MAD wo[MEN] who control advertising." For more information, contact [mary\\_mastandrea@brookline.k12.ma.us](mailto:mary_mastandrea@brookline.k12.ma.us). Showtimes are November 4, at 3:30 p.m.; November 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5 for students, \$7 for adults. Look for other performances to be presented in future PTO issues.

