



Notes From the Office

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, January 10th - Early Release Day.
Monday, January 15th - MLK Day - NO SCHOOL

District & School Report Cards

We are pleased to share annual district and school-based report cards published by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The report cards contain information about school and district accountability, student achievement, and other important measures of school performance.

In addition, we provide information about our Title 1 requirements and the "right to know" for parents at the Johnson School.

We encourage you to view the district and school report cards, which are linked on our district website: natickps.org/about/reportcard



Lilja PTO



News & Events Snapshot

Keep up with all the PTO news that's fit to print. Learn about upcoming events and other happenings around the Lilja and Natick community.

[Click Here to Catch Up](#)

Lilja Auction

Dear Lilja Community,

On behalf of Mary Jacques (mom to Alex grade 4, Nate grade 2 and Jon grade K) Lara Friedman (mom to Ayla and Zach grade 2), Brian Denning (dad to Gavin grade 4 and Leah incoming), and the PTO we are reaching out for your support and participation in Lilja's premier fundraising event.

The Biennial Lilja Auction!

Your donations and participation help to support the following:

- Field Trip Subsidies for All Families: The PTO underwrites the cost of field trips to support learning outside of the classroom.
- Cultural Arts: The PTO brings in authors, artists, and curriculum-enhancing programs for all students.
- Library Support: New books for the library each year.
- Teacher/Classroom Support: The PTO financially helps teachers to enhance their classrooms and curriculum without incurring personal out of pocket expenses.
- Technology Support: The PTO funds technology upgrades so that students are able to use the latest learning tools in the classroom.

Here is where we need your help.

[you can sign up here](#)

- Solicitors: We have a list of local businesses that we need people to call on to ask them to renew their support.
- Sports Tickets: Do you have or know someone who has sports tickets to donate? (These always make a lot of money for our school!)
- Time shares, vacation homes and airline tickets: Do you or a friend/family member have a time share or a vacation home they would donate – or an abundance of airline miles – these items would be a huge hit and a big money maker for Lilja!
- Raffle items: Do you have access to Broadway in Boston tickets, electronics such as tablets or sound cancelling headphones, speakers, etc.?
- Gift cards: Check your drawer for those gift cards you'll never use? Check that they are still valid and please donate them to the Lilja auction!
- Autographs and sports memorabilia: Do you have access to sports memorabilia or a collector? If YES, please let us know.
- Family parties: A huge hit at the last auction were parties planned by our own Lilja families. Some examples include: A wine night, game night, outdoor movie nights and The Amazing Race all raised a lot of money for Lilja. Would you like to organize or host a party? [You can sign up here](#)

Any other ideas please send them our way!

We look forward to hearing from you! All volunteers will be entered into a raffle to WIN TWO

TICKETS TO THE AUCTION!

BOKS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to announce the return of BOKS, a before school physical activity program, at the Lilja

Elementary School this winter/spring. BOKS prepares children for a day of learning and is an important step in helping children appreciate the benefits of exercise and healthy choices that will last a lifetime. BOKS was inspired by Dr. John Ratey's book "Spark". Dr. Ratey, of Harvard Medical School, states that "exercise is the single most powerful tool that we have to optimize the function of our brains." Classes are filled with team-oriented games and provide plenty of opportunity for play, since the program focuses on fun!

Typical BOKS Class

- 40 minutes long
- Fun warm-up game or movement drills
- Running activity, relay races, obstacle courses and strength movements
- Fun group game(s)
- Cool Down and a BOKS Bit, a nutrition component of the program

When is BOKS?

BOKS will run every day at Lilja. You can choose the (Monday, Wednesday and Friday program) or the (Tuesday and Thursday program). It runs from 7:40am to 8:20am. The session starts the week of February 5, 2018 and ends May 11, 2018. Drop off is between 7:30am and 7:40am. Parents must walk their child or children into the building and check in with a BOKS trainer.

How do I sign up?

Registration will begin January 2, 2018. Complete the attached registration form for each child and make sure to sign the last page by Tuesday January 16, 2018. Approximately 60 children may participate per session and the participants will be chosen based on a first come first serve basis.

What is the cost for attending BOKS?

The fee is \$90 for M/W/F and \$60 for T/TH. Checks can be made out to Natick Public Schools and sent in with your registration form to the front office of Lilja Elementary. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

Is there transportation for BOKS?

Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to school. Children who attend a before school program are eligible to enroll and participate.

BOKS is designed to involve the whole community and family. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Heidi McGrath at heidib18@verizon.net or Matthew Chase at mkwjchase@gmail.com. You can also visit the BOKS website at www.bokskids.org for more program details.

We hope that you will share our enthusiasm for this program and you will, in turn, see a positive impact on your children. Please look in the virtual backpack for all registration materials or click [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

Global Child

¡Hola!

The classes emphasize listening and speaking skills with culture integrated into the language. Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks. Participants receive a Student Booklet and Audio CD for practice at home (Valued at \$25). Our classes are academic and fun! Students will participate in a Parent Visitation class on the final class of the session. Please click [here](#) for the registration form.



SPARK



Dear Natick Families,

We are writing to let you know that there is a ***NEW*** date for our annual Elementary School Parent Workshops: Hot Topics, February 13th at 6:30PM. This program is being rescheduled from Nov. 7 (no program will take place on that date). Please mark your calendars -- we hope to see you then!

Elementary School Parent Workshops: Hot Topics

Tuesday, February 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Wilson Middle School

For parents and caregivers (preschool and elementary school).

Elementary educators and administrators will conduct workshops sharing some of their personal expertise and tips on hot topics on navigating the elementary years. (Childcare will be provided.)

Thank you!

The SPARK Kindness Team

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