

D.L Beckwith Middle School Daily Announcements
Friday, February 12, 2021

Dates to Remember:

Feb.15-19 – No School
 Winter Recess

Feb. 23 School Committee 6:30pm

March 1 – Related Arts Cluster 5 Starts

March 9 – Cohort A Spring Pictures

March 10 – Remote Spring Pictures

March 11 – Cohort B Spring Pictures

March 17 – Early Release at 11:30

The Beckwith Top 10

1. Term 2 Report Cards are available in the Parent Portal.

2. **FEBRUARY VACATION GRAB N' GO**

All grab & go meals include milk, breakfast and lunch

Friday 2/12/21 - 4 Meals to cover Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday

Tuesday 2/16/21 - 3 Meals to cover Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Friday 2/19/21 - 3 Meals to cover Friday, Saturday & Sunday

3. Students and staff are asked to **stay home from school if** they have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- ***Shortness of breath**
- ***Sore throat or persistent cough**
- ***Temperature higher than 100 degrees**
- ***Headache**
- ***Body aches or muscle aches**
- ***Fatigue**
- ***Congestion or runny nose**
- ***Vomiting or diarrhea;**
- ***New loss of taste or smell**

Students should also stay home from school **if they are experiencing other illness symptoms** such as severe or long-lasting abdominal pain, rash with fever, strep throat, head lice before first treatment, or any other illness that prevents a student from participating comfortably in school activities.

Parents of students, as well as staff, are encouraged to notify school officials of any COVID-19 symptoms, positive tests for COVID-19, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case. Staff and students who are sick or who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home.

4. This morning we are including our [February Lunch Menu](#). Breakfast and Lunch are both free for our students this school year.

5. Beckwith's [ACE program](#) has begun! Please note that the entire program is **Virtual** this year and for this year only **we are waiving the user fee**. Please only send your ACE Program submissions to bmsace@drregional.org by today

February 12 . **These are the codes students will need to participate.** These codes are only good for sessions 1 and 2. The Club advisor will give students their official code to use for the duration of the Club meetings.

Instrumental club:	franceseACE
Babysitting Club :	babysitter
Beckwith Believers Unified:	BB2021
Chess Club 6-8:	brideauchess
Science Experiments:	Cool2021
Community Service:	ParellaA1
Improv:	BecklImprov
Chess Club Grade 5:	bmschess

6. We are working on our **2021 yearbook** and would like to see every child included in it. If your child has not been photographed yet by Lifetouch, an email has been sent to you with a link to download the Balfour Yearbook app called EZPIX which will allow you to take a photo of your child and upload it directly into the Balfour program. The photos need to be uploaded in the Balfour Yearbook EZPIX app no later than February 17.

7. Today we are including a link to the website HandholdMA.org. This website has been created to help Massachusetts families **determine whether their child is just having a bad day** or if the child is struggling with something bigger and what steps they can take to help. A 30-minute [recorded webinar](#) is also available and shows key features and how to use the website to locate mental health resources for children in Massachusetts.

8. If your child is interested in participating in the [D-R esports program](#), please email Coach Jade at falconfrenzy@drregional.org. You can join them on Discord discord.gg/ezqABC9wAE

9. **From the Health Office:** The following state-mandated vaccines need to be received PRIOR to your child ENTERING 7th grade for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year: Tdap booster (Tetanus vaccine with pertussis/ whooping cough), 2nd Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, and Meningitis vaccine, an updated physical exam done within the year prior to entering 7th grade also must be provided to the school nurse. Your child may not start 7th grade without proper documentation of the above from your child's pediatrician. If the proper documents are not received prior to your child starting 7th grade, your child will be subject to exclusion from school per the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Regulations.

10. **If you need to contact Beckwith**, feel free to email svincelette@drregional.org, krebello@drregional.org, rshea@drregional.org or aabrams@drregional.org and we will do our best to assist you as soon as we are able. The teachers and all staff can also be emailed at any time and will reply as soon as they are able.

Additional Announcements:

Please be sure to visit the Beckwith website for updates.

Please be sure to **check the Aspen parent portal** periodically for your child's most current academic status. Report cards can be viewed and printed through the parent portal once term grades have been posted. Your child's log-in and password should be on the inside cover or cover page of the agenda.

A recent email from Dr. Azar mentioned in part that our school district will be implementing a new school committee policy regarding camera use during remote learning for students in grades 5 through 12. **This policy went into effect February 1, 2021.** This morning we are attaching a pdf with [helpful information concerning this new policy.](#)

Spring Picture Day has been scheduled for March 9 for Cohort A. It is scheduled for March 11 for Cohort B. Picture Day for our remote students is scheduled for March 10.

Photo Retakes: If you ordered and received your child's December photos from Lifetouch and were not happy with them, your child can give the photo package directly to the photographer on Spring Picture Day and it will be treated as a "picture make up."

This morning we are sharing this link with you in the event you have questions or need resources <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>