

**“I have decided to stick with love.
Hate is too great a burden to bear.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Mayor Thomas P. Koch
Cordially Invites You To The**

**MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
BREAKFAST**

**Monday, January 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Quincy High School Cafeteria**

Special Guest Speaker

**Ian C. Cain
City Council President**





QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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January 2, 2024

Welcome to Quincy Public Schools! Children who will be **5 years of age on or before August 31, 2024** are eligible to attend Kindergarten beginning in September 2024.

Kindergarten registration is a two-step process:

- **Beginning January 3**, families fill out the online Pre-Registration form: <https://fs30.formsite.com/lauraowens/iafajagloo/index>
- **Beginning February 5**, families will be contacted to schedule an appointment to complete the registration process. This appointment may be at the school site or the Central Registration office for families needing interpretation services.
- Appointments will be scheduled during school hours through the end of the school year in June. Kindergarten Registration forms are available on the Quincy Public Schools website (quincypublicschools.com) under the Family & Community tab/ Student Registration.

If you are not sure of your neighborhood district school, the Quincy Public Schools Street Directory is available on the QPS website Student Registration page.

If your child attends a Quincy Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten program at the Amelio Della Chiesa Early Childhood Center, Point Webster, or Snug Harbor **it is *not* necessary to register your child for Kindergarten.**

If you have questions about Kindergarten registration, please call the Superintendent's Office at 617-984-8701. We look forward to having your child enter our Kindergarten program in the fall!

Sincerely,

Kevin W. Mulvey, J.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Dear Families,

We are writing to invite you to join your school, your district, and the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in a campaign to improve student attendance.

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted a lot of routines, including the habit of going to school every day. We know that there are often valid reasons for students to be absent, but, to a troubling extent, students are missing more school now than they did previously. Before the pandemic, 13 percent of students were chronically absent, meaning they had missed 10 percent or more of the school year. **Last year, 22 percent of students – close to 1 in 4 statewide – were chronically absent.**

Missing that much school – 18 days or more from a typical school year – can cause a child to fall behind in their learning and miss opportunities to build positive relationships with other students and with school staff. These losses may result in increased anxiety and interrupted social and emotional development.

Chronic absenteeism appears in every type of district – urban, suburban, rural, regional, traditional public schools, career technical schools, charter schools, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools.

Many research studies have concluded that regardless of family income or background, students whose parents are involved in their schooling are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school. We want all our students to have the opportunity to achieve all of these things.

The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is committed to supporting your district as it works to ensure that every school is safe, welcoming, and supportive, with engaging and creative instruction and joyful classrooms. Your district and schools are committed to partnering with you to find ways to remove any barriers that may be hindering any child from coming to school every day. We are asking you to commit to making daily school attendance part of your family's routine again. As a leader of your family, you are the best and most important influencer of your child. When you make a point of getting them to school every day, they will understand that it is important for their success.

None of us can change chronic absenteeism by ourselves, but we believe that by working together to bring students to school and offering engaging, supportive environments, our students will learn, grow, and thrive.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Riley, Commissioner
Massachusetts Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education

Kevin W. Mulvey, Superintendent
Quincy Public Schools



Thomas Crane Public Library

40 Washington St Quincy, MA | thomascranelibrary.org



NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL

SOLO & ENSEMBLE CLASS PERFORMANCE

Piano • Violin • Voice

Classical, Musical Theater, and Popular Styles

**Works of Schubert, Beethoven,
Chopin, Grieg, Ibert, Schönberg,
Wildhorn and others**

JANUARY 17, 2024

RICHARDSON BUILDING | 6:15-7:15 PM



ATHERTON HOUGH PTO'S ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE!

FREEZIN' FOR A REASON!

ARE YOU COLD ENOUGH?

**SATURDAY
JAN 20**

QUINCY YACHT CLUB

9:30am REGISTRATION • 11am PLUNGE

Online registration available:

<https://bit.ly/ahpolarplunge>



**\$25 per plunger / baked goods, hot chocolate
and prizes for sale. Cash & Venmo accepted.**

Proceeds to benefit our school community!

Winter Comfort, No Drafts,
All Savings with Mass Save!



Thomas Crane Public Library
Sunday, January 14th, 2:00-3:30pm
40 Washington Street Quincy, MA
(Community Meeting Room, Ground floor)

HOME ENERGY SAVING & HEAT PUMP WORKSHOP

****On-site appointment-making for no-cost home energy assessment****

- Boost your heating's efficiency with expert energy-saving tips
- Reduce your monthly heating bills by up to 20%
- Maximize Mass Save's perks for weatherization and heating upgrades.
- Discover the power of heat pumps for energy-efficiency
- Unlock 0% Loans: Heat Pump Financing Strategies



Also available on Zoom
Scan to register now



*Refreshments will
be provided!*



www.qarius.org/environmental-initiatives



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HeatSmart
Alliance

Eastern Bank



REFERRAL THROUGH ELIGIBILITY

Our Rights as Caregivers & the District's Obligations

This Event is FREE and Open to ALL Quincy Families

**Quincy SEPAC's next virtual presentation
on Thursday, January 25th, 2024, 7pm**

Why is my child struggling in school? What can I do?

How does a child become eligible for special education services?

What is my role as the caregiver?

Email to RSVP for this event at quincy.qpac@gmail.com

Please let us know if you will need an interpreter by 1/15/24



Check out our website!

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PRESS RELEASE

January 2024

Contact: Ellyn Moller – 617-771-2378

QArts Gallery and Quincy Art Association start the new year off with a bang. Two phenomenal art exhibits, and a dozen classes.

The exhibits at the QArts Gallery are a must see. Opalescence, a solo show of oils by Dorchester artist Vincent Crotty, immerses you into his world of light and shadow, harmoniously sharing thirty-six canvases with brilliant and moody colors and textures. Vincent chooses land and seascapes of both serene and bustling locations. Vincent has been exhibiting his work for over 35 years, with gallery shows in Ireland and throughout the US. His paintings have been recognized with awards from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the John Stobart Foundation, Plein Air Magazine, and plein air competitions internationally.

Running parallel with Vincent Crotty is Deb Putnam of South Boston. Deb Putnam's work is showcased in the gallery's very first Member of the Month exhibit. Her paintings depict the ordinary of family life in an extraordinarily sensitive use of her brush and palette. Her Boston-scapes reflect the soul of a changing city. Deb's oil paintings can be found in local art exhibitions and in private collections. She is a member of the Quincy Arts Association and the Portrait Society of America.

A reception at the QArts Gallery is planned for Sunday, January 28, 3-5 p.m. Public is cordially invited. Free event, light refreshments served. Many works will be available for sale. Both exhibitions run through February 10.

At QAA studios located at 26 High School Ave., we are offering classes for children, teens, and adults taught by our talented and accomplished member faculty. You'll certainly find something that scratches your creative itch. Details and easy online registration is now open. Visit quincyartma.org/classes.

QAA's talented vendor members offer original works and matted prints, hand-made jewelry, stunning ceramics, note cards, and other locally made items, offered for purchase in the QArts Gallery Gift Shop.

Gallery Hours: Sat. & Sun. Noon-5PM. Pop-up hours may occur Thursday and Friday, 2-5 PM depending on volunteer availability. The QArts Gallery is managed and operated by volunteer members of the Quincy Art Association.

Thank you to The City of Quincy, Mass Cultural Council, The Janet Burke Mann Foundation, Granite City Electric Supply Company/WAC Lighting, Quirk Auto Dealerships, Dream Realty, Foxrock Properties, Eastern Bank, Northeast Community Bank, Colonial Federal Savings Bank, Altrusa, and Wollaston Wine & Spirits, for their support of the QAA.

The QArts Gallery, 1229 Hancock St., Quincy, MA 02169 (across from Quincy College). Email: info@quincyartma.org. For more information about the gallery, classes, events, and other news, please visit www.quincyartma.org

YOGA VAN GOGH

FOR AGES 5+

PICASSO POLLOCK FUSION!

INSTRUCTOR: NICOLE OLIVER IS THE ART TEACHER AT MERRYMOUNT AND BERNAZZANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS!

ART YOGA FUSION FOR CREATIVE KIDS WHO LOVE TO MOVE!

IN THIS PICASSO POLLOCK FUSION, ARTISTS WILL CREATE COLLAGES AND SPLATTER PAINTINGS TO MAKE A UNIQUE ART SHIRT! YOUNG ARTISTS WILL RECYCLE AND REUSE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND EXPRESS THAT EVERY SMALL STEP COUNTS!

MINDFUL FOCUS: LETTING GO OF JUDGMENT AND FREEDOM IN THE RELEASE

AFFIRMATION: **I AM FREE.**

*BRING AN OLD TEE SHIRT TO DESIGN, SUNGLASSES, WATER, AND A YOGA MAT!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM



LIVFITNESS & EAGLE EYE YOGA
218 SEA STREET, QUINCY MA



SOUTH SHORE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

QUINCY | HANOVER | SHARON | BRIDGEWATER

NEW SINGERS WELCOME IN JANUARY!!

Rehearsals begin the last week of January for new singers to join us in grades K-12 at our four convenient locations. All programs are **audition-free** and tuition assistance is available for those who apply.



LEARN MORE & SIGN UP
www.sscchorus.org



January 8 - March 18, 2024

Winter Programs

...on the Farm

and February Vacation!



Morning Programs



Animal Care, Story & Walk

Daily Mondays - Thursdays 9:00 - 10:30 am
 Ages 3-5 drop off or **Ages 3 & under with caregiver**
 Advance registration required

Children will help our farm educators feed, brush, and make our animals comfortable during these wintry mornings. Just the children's presence will warm up the animals' days. Every day will be a different story connected to the farm, winter, or the surrounding ecosystems. After listening to the story, our educators will lead the children on an exploration connected to the story they read.

One-Day Session

Mondays - Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Ages 3-5 drop off
 Advance registration required.

Perfect if you're looking to attend our 9-week winter sessions, but you have some conflicting days. Or, if you'd just like to join us for a day or a few days!

9-Week Sessions

Sessions meet once per week
 Mondays-Fridays 9:00 am-12:00 pm



Explorations, activities, and experiences may include: exploring snowflakes and ice, building nests, finding animal signs, maple sugaring, caring for the farming animals, experimenting with compost, planting in hoop houses, explore the seasons, and create, play and experiment! Sign up for one 9-week session or many! If you can't start January 8 and would like to join, sign up and we'll prorate your fee based on the date you start!

Afternoon Programs



Animal Care Hour

Daily Mondays - Thursdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm
 Ages 5-12 drop off
 Advance registration required

Children will help our farm educators feed, brush, and make our animals comfortable during these wintry afternoons. Just the children's presence will warm up the animals' days.

Farm Building Hour

Daily Mondays - Thursdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm
 Ages 9-12
 Advance registration required

Children will learn how to use various tools to build projects around the farm, including new garden boxes, fences, and a new greenhouse.

9-Week Sessions

Sessions meet once per week
 Mondays-Fridays 4:00 - 6:00 pm



Healthy Cooking
 Mondays, Ages 8-12

Winter STEAM
 Thursdays, Ages 5-8

Outdoor Exploration & Creation
 Tuesdays, Ages 5-7 or Wednesdays, Ages 8-12



Visit our website
 or scan here
 for details &
 registration!



hollyhillfarm.org/winter-sessions

February 19 - 23, 2024

February Vacation Programs

Tiered pricing available. Members receive a discount.
Sign up for all five days and save over 10%!

Farm Animals

Feb. 19, Ages 6-8
Feb. 23, ages 3-5
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Winter in the Woods

Feb. 20, Ages 3-5
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Compost Creatures

Feb. 21, Ages 3-5
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Magical Creatures

Feb. 21, Ages 6-8
Feb. 22, Ages 3-5
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cooking, Syrups & Teas

Feb. 19, Ages 3-5
Feb. 20, Ages 6-8
9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Art in Winter

Feb. 19, Ages 9-13
9:00 am - 12:00 pm



BioBlitz

Feb. 19, Ages 9-13
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Farm STEAM - Chain Reactions

Feb. 21, Ages 9-13
9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Adventures in Winter - Scavenger Hunt

Feb. 22, Ages 6-8
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Healthy Winter Cooking

Feb. 22 & Feb. 23, Ages 9-13
9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Adventures in Winter - Shelters

Feb. 23, Ages 6-8
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Farm Education Engineering and Design

Feb. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, Ages 9-13
12:30-3:30 pm



Visit our website or scan here
for details & registration!

hollyhillfarm.org/february-vacation



Friends of
Holly Hill Farm
A Farm for Teaching & Learning

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
“Y” or “Yes”
to 67587**

i Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



Padres y Tutores

Ustedes pueden aprovechar nuestro Servicio de Mensajes de Texto

Nuestra escuela utiliza el sistema de SchoolMessenger para entregar mensajes de texto, directamente a su teléfono móvil con información importante sobre eventos, cierres de escuelas, alertas de seguridad y mucho más.

Usted puede participar en este servicio gratis* con sólo enviar un mensaje de texto de "Y" o "Yes" al número de código corto de nuestra escuela, **67587**.

También puede optar por no recibir estos mensajes en cualquier momento simplemente respondiendo a uno de nuestros mensajes con "Stop".

SchoolMessenger es compatible con el **Student Privacy Pledge™** (Compromiso Con La Privacidad de Los Estudiantes). Puede estar seguro que su información es segura y nunca será entregada o vendida a nadie.



Opte por recibir mensajes de texto en su teléfono móvil ahora!



Sólo tiene que enviar "Y" o "Yes" a 67587

i Información sobre los mensajes de texto SMS y códigos cortos:

SMS significa "servicio de mensajes cortos" y comúnmente se conoce como un "mensaje de texto". La mayoría de los teléfonos celulares son compatibles con este tipo de mensajes de texto. Nuestro proveedor de notificación, SchoolMessenger, utiliza un cierto protocolo SMS desarrollado por la industria de las telecomunicaciones específicamente para enviar mensajes de texto en masa, referido como mensajes de texto "código corto." Este método es rápido, seguro y muy confiable, y está estrictamente regulado por los proveedores de servicios inalámbricos y sólo permite el acceso a los proveedores aprobados. Si alguna vez ha enviado un voto de texto para un programa de televisión a un número como 46999, usted ha usado los mensajes de texto de código corto.

* Términos y Condiciones -las frecuencias de los mensajes pueden variar. mensajes y datos estándar pueden aplicar. Responda HELP para obtener ayuda. Texto STOP para cancelar. Los operadores móviles no son responsables por los mensajes retrasados o los que no se entregan.. Mire schoolmessenger.com/txt para mas información.