



Happy
Thanksgiving!

"A great place to start!"

The Squantum Report

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Upcoming Events:

- **Reminder to send in Box Tops**
- **Picture re-take December 2nd**
- **Save the Date: "White" Christmas Holiday House Tour December 5th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
- **Quincy Symphony December 8th (details below)**
- **Winter Concert December 18th @ 9:00 a.m. in the Gym.**
- **12/23 is a full day of school**

Special Thanks to Sheriff Bellotti and Arbella Insurance for making generous donations to the "Adopt a Locker" Project

5th Grade Student Alex Cox playing the "Star Spangled Banner"



Squantum Students Honor Veterans

Mayor Thomas Koch joined Squantum Elementary School students and staff recently to honor some special guests with strong ties to the school as part of the school's annual tradition of honoring Veterans.

The program was extra special this year as many students recognized the special guests as not only Veterans but as friends or relatives of their families or familiar faces from the neighborhood. Distinguished guests included Mr. Marco DeFelice and Mr. Daniel Sampson, each have children at the school as well as Mr. Philip Painter, Mr. Adam Briere, Mr. Chris Baker, and Mr. Glen Buscher all of which have

strong ties to the Squantum community.

Some highlights of the assembly included Lieutenant Commander Glen Buscher from the Nickerson Post addressing students about the importance of remembering and saying thank you to our veterans. The Squantum School 5th grade chorus and band also played and sang some patriotic selections which included a solo saxophone performance of the "Star Spangled Banner" by 5th grade student Alex Cox.

The assembly was just a part of the school's activities to recognize and honor Veterans

this year. Squantum teacher Michelle Painter organized many of the activities around the Veteran's Day holiday which also included a can and goods drive where donations will be sent to troops overseas later this month.



Mayor Koch with Mr. Daniel Sampson and his son Nicholas

Squantum School's Polar Express Night!

Squantum School's Drama Program is proud to present Polar Express Night on **Friday, December 18th from 6:00 to 7:30** in the gymnasium. We hope you can join us for some fun games,



crafts, singing, and of course, Hot Chocolate!

The cost of the night is \$10 per family. Thank you in advance to Ms. Salas, The Squantum School Players and the many parent volunteers assisting us on the trip.

Tis the Season.. Symphony & Song

Come celebrate the sounds of the season with the Quincy Symphony Orchestra and Quincy Public Schools Combined High School Choral Group on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Festivities in the lobby begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Boston Marriot Quincy. Tickets are \$25 and available in the main office at Squantum School.

Great Achievement in Reading Counts

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievement in Reading Counts. These students have been voluntarily reading extra books and have passed tests administered by parent volunteers. They have read 10 books and each has earned a certificate for an ice cream cone at Baskin Robins. Congratulations: **Fiona Smith, Mary Loney**

"White" Christmas Holiday House Tour

Please join the Squantum Community in a Holiday House Tour to benefit the **Patrick White Foundation on December 5th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.** The starting point and tickets will be available at the Squantum School Gym on this date. The event also includes a Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets.

Monster Mash was Scary Fun!

The Halloween Monster Mash was scary fun as students and parents enjoyed some unbelievable treats and danced to some spooky tunes during **Squantum's Annual Halloween Dance**. The event was sponsored and organized by our **PTO**. The night also included an exciting raffle that provided both students and parents with chances to win some exciting prizes which were donated by parents, businesses and local officials in the community.

Special thanks to parents **John & Andrea Coughlin** for donating their time and energy to decorating and coordinating the dance

as well as securing the D.J. who provided some great music which set the tone for a great night.

Special thanks to the following families for making donations to the raffle: **The Ayers family, The Geary Family, The Ollmann Family, The Mastrorilli Family, Sheriff Bellotti, The Kelly Family.**

We also want to thank everyone that brought special treats and snacks that helped make this a fun and exciting night for students.

Lost & Found Alert:
Please remember to put your child's name in jackets and on lunch boxes as the pile starts to grow near the main office



Mr. Sylvia is proud to recognize the following students for **strong character and citizenship** this month:

Kyle Ollmann
(3rd Grade)

Eoin Varden
(3rd Grade)

Isabella Enbar Salo
(2nd Grade)

Anastasia Luong
(2nd Grade)

Thank You
Kathy Brink and
the PTO for a
great Book Fair!



Community Service Learning

Squantum students continue to make us proud by participating in a variety of programs that impact the community and the world around us.

5th Grade Students, under the direction of Ms. Bloom, recently took part in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and collected \$780 dollars for this great cause. Other upcoming community service programs will include a toy drive as well as a sock and underwear drive in support of needy families. Thanks to all Squantum Students for their kindness and generosity.

Squantum Students Connect with Legos!

Thanks to some generous donations from the LEGO store in Braintree, Squantum Students have turned out in big numbers to take part in our new after school LEGO activity. 5th grade teacher Mr. Regan is coordinating this program with some help from parent volunteers



and the feedback and enthusiasm for LEGOS has been overwhelming. The LEGO store has been unbelievable in supporting this program and was also very supportive of our annual "Yard Sale" event. We hope to continue this program for all grade levels with hopes of giving all students the chance to participate.



Math Word of the week October Winners!

Congratulations!
Atinsley Walsh,
Maria Theodore,

Grace Kelliher, Sally Cai,
Alison Keener, Isabella Collins,
Adora Faber, Yi Wu, Fiona Smith, Antonia Alvarado,
Katherine Li, Roshan Jaroll, Mari Salmanowich, Zenab Atzubaidy.

Show Your Squantum School Pride!

You can show your school pride by purchasing a customized Squantum School hat. If you wish to purchase before the holidays, orders need to be in by November 30th. The hats are on display outside the main office and ordering information is posted on the website at www.quincypublicschools.com (just follow the links to the Squantum's page)

Docent Art is Back!

Docent Art is up and running this year thanks to many parent volunteers, including **Catharina Enbar** who is coordinating the program again this year. The purpose of this citywide program is to enrich students with understanding and appreciation of art. Parent volunteers will be visiting classrooms once a month.



The Cookie Dough fundraiser was a big success—Thank You! The Dough will be delivered in 2 weeks, in plenty of time for the holidays. Special thanks to parents Maureen Geary, Jen Bergin, Abby Kelliher and Katie Ollmann for organizing this delicious effort! We will send a notice home prior to confirm the delivery date.