

# BIS Buzz

## The Weekly Brownstone Newsletter

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Update from Mrs. Hine:

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**Dear Brownstone Families,**

**Our first week of remote learning for the entire school concluded today. I have had the opportunity to visit many of the Google Meets to observe the lessons and the students working. I want to share with you how impressed I have been with the high quality of the lessons and the hard work of our students during the Meets. While remote learning is not ideal for many reasons, I can tell you with confidence that our students are engaged and learning every day, and our teachers are modeling tremendous problem solving and flexibility as they create an effective learning environment for your children.**

**Below I have pasted pictures to show you what the Meets look like. Sometimes there is a full call learning together, and sometimes the class is broken into smaller groups. I included examples of both.**





If there is anything that we can do to support your child during this time of remote learning, please reach out to me or to Mrs. McDonough. We will work to connect you with the best supports.

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

**Allison Hine**

Please reach out to me with any questions. I can be reached at [ahine@portlandct.us](mailto:ahine@portlandct.us) or at (860)342-6765.

**Band Lesson schedule for next Week:**

**[5th Grade Band Lessons](#)**

**[6th Grade Band Lessons](#)**

## **PTO:**

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### **Attachments:**

Great Opportunity for Holiday Photos!

### **[Pictures with Santa](#)**

**If you would like to have your photo retaken, please bring in the old photos. For those who missed out in getting their photos taken back in September, now is the time to do so. You can order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) (Picture Day ID: EVTH4KT4R) or get an order form in the BIS main office. Please remember to bring in the order form and payment if having your photo taken for the first time and not ordering online.**

### **[Re-Takes for School Photos \(December 15th\)](#)**

### **[COVID Screening Tool](#)**

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### **Dates to Remember:**

**Monday, December 14th - BIS PTO (virtual) - 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 15th - Picture Retake Day (9:00 -10:30 a.m.)**

**Wednesday, December 16th - Late Opening - 2 Hr Delay**

**Wednesday, December 23rd - Friday, January 1st - Holidays/Winter Break**



### **News From Nurse Palma:**

**All 6th Graders: Need to have a mandatory physical completed this year per the State of CT. Letters went home to families who need to provide a physical for their child. Around 60% of 6th graders need a physical turned in to the school. Thank you for those who turned in or called regarding their child's physical. The last mandated physical was Kindergarten, so don't be surprised by the year of your child's last physical on file. Accepted physicals must be completed after January 1 of your child's Fifth grade year. Please call me if your child has an upcoming appointment. Physical forms can be found online at the link listed below. I also included one in the mailing. Physicals can be handed in at school, mailed, faxed to 860-342-6766, or emailed to [jpalma@portlandct.us](mailto:jpalma@portlandct.us) [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/School-Nursing/Forms/HAR3\\_2018.pdf?la=en](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/School-Nursing/Forms/HAR3_2018.pdf?la=en)**