

## **BIS Buzz**

### **The Weekly Brownstone Newsletter 5/14/2021**

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Update from Mrs. Hine:

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Dear Brownstone Families,

Today we enjoyed a fun morning of transitions. Students had an opportunity to visit teachers who they will be learning with next year and see their new classrooms. Last night, the Middle School hosted an Open House for incoming 6th grade students. If you were unable to make it, please check out the links to the recorded presentation below.

Please note that all library books should be returned to the BIS Library by May 28th. The last day to check books out will be May 21st. Ms. Kamis will send out reminders for any missing books after the 28th.

If you drop off or pick up your child, you may have noticed some new signs in the school driveway. The intention of these signs is to stop cars from cutting through our parking lot during school hours when students and staff may be crossing to the field or the playground. Parents can still enter the parking lot and park in order to get kids at the end of the day or drop things off in the school office.

Attached below you will find a sunscreen permission form. With Field Day and a kickball tournament coming up, you may want your child to be allowed to apply their own sunscreen. Please complete the attached form and send it back to school at your earliest convenience.

With the nice weather, many students are riding their bikes to school. Please remind your student that bike helmets are required by law for anyone ages 16 and under. If your child rides to school and does not have a helmet, I will call to ask you to pick them up at the end of the day or will have them walk home. If you need help in getting your child a helmet, please let me know.

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend and I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday.

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.

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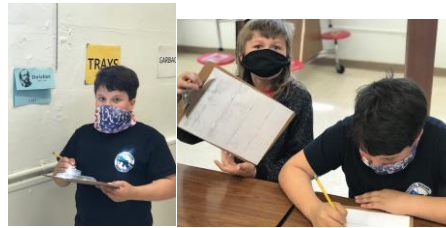
**Attachments:**

[Sunscreen Application Permission](#)

[Portland Equity and Inclusion Newsletter](#)

**Math in 5th Grade:**

Mrs. Distin and Mrs. Peer organized a fun math scavenger hunt for their students this week.



**News from Mrs. McDonough:**

As wonderful as summer vacation can be - when the kids are out of school, things can get expensive very quickly! Following are some links to websites with ideas for free or low cost things to do in Connecticut. Please make sure to check before you go to any of these places, just to be sure that there haven't been any changes to hours or operating procedures due to Covid.

<https://mommypoppins.com/connecticut-kids/free-activities/50-free-things-to-do-indoors-in-ct-0>

[https://www.connecticutmag.com/bests-tops/free-for-all-the-best-30-free-things-to-do-in-connecticut/article\\_15c2e746-0a7f-11e7-aacb-7f44a4a65e78.html](https://www.connecticutmag.com/bests-tops/free-for-all-the-best-30-free-things-to-do-in-connecticut/article_15c2e746-0a7f-11e7-aacb-7f44a4a65e78.html)

<https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g28928-Activities-zft11309-Connecticut.html>

If you or your child is having difficulty coping with the challenges of living in these changing times, and need some extra support, please feel free to reach out to me at [smcdonough@portlandct.us](mailto:smcdonough@portlandct.us) or 860-342-6765, ext. 1615.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Monday, May 24th - BIS PTO - 6:30 p.m. (virtual)**

**Wednesday, May 26th - 2 Hour Delayed Opening for All Schools - No Breakfast**

**Monday, May 31st - Memorial Day - No School**

**Thursday, June 3 - BIS Open House (5:30-8:00 p.m.)**

### **Middle School Transition Evening:**

Last night, Mr. Hershon hosted incoming 6th grade families at the Portland Middle School. For those who were unable to make it, we have linked a recording of the presentation as well as the slides for you to view. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Mr. Hershon at

[chershon@portlandct.us](mailto:chershon@portlandct.us)

### **[Google Slides Presentation](#)**

[Recorded Video of the 5/13 Open House Presentation](#)



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

**Health and Wellness:** On Friday May 21 the CT State mandated postural screening will be done on the female students in the 5th grade. Screening will be performed by myself and Nurse Renee from the Middle School. The purpose of the screening is to detect a possible curvature of the spine at its earliest stage so that the need for further treatment can be determined by the student's health care provider. Letters will go home with the 5th grade girls on Monday May 17th with more detail on Scoliosis screening. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. PVLA students are welcome to make an appointment for screening.

**Friday Joke:** Why did the dog do so well in school? Answer: Because it was the teacher's pet!!!

**COVID-19 Screening Tool:** Attached you will find the Health Screening Tool document. We ask that you utilize this tool with your child each day before school. Remember it is best to keep your child home if they are not feeling well. COVID-19 can be hard to spot. Especially in kids, it often shows up as very mild (or no) symptoms. In other words, there is a chance that your child's runny nose is a clue they have the virus. You'll need to take extra precautions right now. We are in this together to keep our community safe. Contact your child's pediatrician with any concerns or you can also call CCMC's 24-hour Pediatric COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-226-2362 to speak to one of their clinicians. They're available to help, any day, any time.

[COVID SCREENING TOOL](#)