

# Perkins Pride News

“The Home of Outstanding World Learners”

## Give the Gift of Attendance this Season!

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

**WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?**

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

November attendance dipped to 93%, but working together, we can reach our goal of 95% in December!

This holiday season, the best gift you can give your child is a good education. And the best place to get that education is in school. Every day. On time. Set an attendance goal with your child for December. Students who are chronically absent or tardy fall behind academically and struggle to catch up. As we approach the winter holidays, teachers will be teaching every day. Children who are absent will miss out on instruction if they do not show up. Homework packets cannot take the place of classroom learning and interaction. So please make sure your scholar attends school every day before and after the holiday break, and please reach out if your family needs assistance. We are here to support your scholar’s attendance!

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**PRIORITY #1**

Data-Driven Instruction:  
Using student data to individualize instruction

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**PRIORITY #2**

Coaching & Feedback:  
Teachers will work with instructional coaches to meet students’ needs.

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**PRIORITY #3**

Social Emotional Learning: Equipping students with life skills for longterm success



**Access**

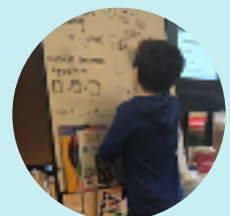
Our scholars now have access to IXL for differentiated learning!



**Opportunity**

Playworks Junior Coaches lead the way at recess!

**Excellence**



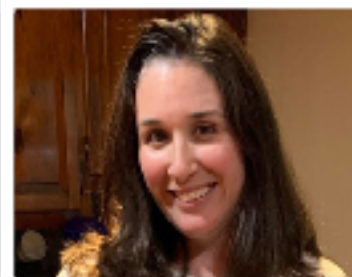
Equitable access to learning opportunities ensures excellent outcomes for all!

## Staffing Changes

MJP welcomes new staff and bids a fond farewell to departing staff.

**Ms. Manion will be retiring at the end of this year on Dec. 31st.** She has worked as a Lunch Monitor at the Perkins School for 20+ years. She has also supported our school in numerous other capacities, from office coverage to bus duty. We are eternally grateful to Ms. Manion for more than two decades of dedicated service to the Michael J. Perkins School community, and we wish her well in her upcoming retirement!

**MJP welcomes new visual arts teacher, Ms. Shawne Hart,** who will begin her first day at MJP on Wednesday, Dec. 4th! She joins MJP after fulfilling a long term substitute position as an art teacher at the Robert Frost School in Lawrence, MA and as a full-time art teacher in Everett, MA before that. Ms. Hart has a Masters in Education of Visual Arts Teaching with initial license for Pre K-8 from Lesley University. She also serves as a psychiatric counselor and mental health specialist in Melrose, MA.



## Celebrations!

**Shout out to Ms. Korodi's 4th graders** for having the highest attendance in the month of November at **98.66%**! Keep up the great work!

**HATS OFF to Ms. Correa** for winning a grant for our school! Thanks to her hard work, the Perkins School was selected as a winner for Elkay's Fountains for Youth, and we will receive an ezH2O Bottle Filling Station!

**Hats off to our whole MJP school community with special thanks to our 5th grade student tour guides, Genesis and Mekhi,** for a wildly successful visit with our Superintendent, Dr. Brenda Casselius!



## DECEMBER DATES

- 12/2-12/20 - MAP Testing (Please arrive at school on time!)
- 12/12 - Make-Up Pictures (Retakes/absent students)
- 12/13 - School Preview Day 10 -11 a.m. in the library (Rm 202)
- 12/14 - BPS Citywide School Showcase-Boston Latin Academy 9am-1pm
- 12/17 - School Site Council Meeting 7:30-8:15 in the FCRC (Rm 103)
- 12/20 - Community Day of Scholars (Families are invited!)
- 12/23/19-1/3/20 - December Break (No School)

