PTO MESSAGE: Wed: Runkle School Council Mtg @ 7:00 am & School Council Elections begin; Fri: 2nd Gr Drop-In @ 8:00 am & International Night @ 5:30 pm

PTO ANNUAL FUND UPDATE:

We are very close to reaching the Matching Gift Challenge goal with only $135 remaining!! Every donation by NEW donors to this year's Annual Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar. If we can raise $135 by end of Friday, May 29th, we will receive the full matching offer of $2,500 and have reached our financial goal of $60,000.

Thank you to all the families that have supported the work of the PTO in bringing academic and community enrichment opportunities to the students and teachers at Runkle.

Your participation can make an even greater difference if you donate today.

Sincerely,

Your PTO Annual Fund Co-Chairs
Jen Reed and Kirsten Lockwood
http://www.runkle.org/ptoannualfund/

From the PTO

Dear Runkle Community,

Thank you to Spring Salvin for coordinating the Music and Art Festival and Gallery Night again this year. See more below.

Thank you to Amy Bacon, Dyan Bhatia, Lynne Chuang, Valerie Godhwani, Shalini Kasida, Renae Puppo, Spring Salvin, and Karla Schallies, who helped welcome incoming Kindergarten parents last week while their children participated in screening with Runkle’s Kindergarten teachers and guidance counselors.

This Week’s Events

No School - Memorial Day
Mon May 25

School Council Election Voting
Begins: Wed May 27, 8:00 am
Closes: Thur May 28, 5:00 pm

School Council Meeting
Wed May 27
7:00 - 8:30 am
Thank you to Dr. Beauchaine for the grade-level feedback sessions over the last four weeks and for the interesting conversation about homework at Runkle during the last PTO information session of the year. This year we have discussed Physical Education, the Elementary World Language program, the Music curriculum across all grades, the use of Technology in our school, and Homework. If there are topics you are interested in for next year's sessions, please let us know.

We are looking forward to International Night this Friday. Please join us for an evening of food and music to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our Runkle community. Please remember to bring one dish to share at the potluck. See details below.

We'd like to thank the Brookline Education Foundation for sponsoring the author, Eric Velasquez, to speak to our 1st and 2nd grade classes this Wednesday.

By now you should have received information about the two candidates for the Runkle School Council as well as information about how to vote. More details are below. Those who would like a paper ballot will find one in the Main Office.

Have a great week.

Trish Blais, 617-232-2502, trishblais@comcast.net
Catherine Burke, 617-738-8844, cfburke@rcn.com
Runkle PTO co-chairs

Thank you to all the "behind the scenes" volunteers who worked together to make Gallery Night and the Music and Arts Festival such a success!

Our fabulous art teacher Ms. Ortiz.

Student volunteers: Zeynep A. Elena G., Hanalei H., Danielle K. Yasha K., Tamar L., Zoe L., Katherine P., Claire S., Isabel S., Madison S., Maya V.

Parent volunteers: Lynne Chuang, Sandy Costello, Khadija Khan, Renae Puppo, Emily Speicher, Katja Vinha, Susan Zhang. A special thanks to Katherine Cohen for her generous contribution of flowers and cookies!

Library

Author Visit Grades 1 & 2
Thur May 28

Second Grade Drop-In
Fri May 29
8:00 - 8:20 am

International Night
Fri May 29
5:30 - 7:45 pm

Author Visit:
Eric Velasquez
Wed May 27
6:30 -7:30 pm
Pierce School Cafeteria

Thanks to the Brookline Education Foundation's Todd Saker Fund, award-winning author and illustrator Eric Velasquez in coming to Brookline.

Mr. Velasquez has illustrated hundreds of books for children and young adults, including Grandma's Records and Grandma's Gift.

This event is open to all Brookline families and is free of charge.

Mr. Velasquez Visits
Runkle Grades 1&2

Mr. Velasquez will also be presenting to Runkle's first and second grade classes on Thursday, May 28th.
Musicians and Meet the Instruments: John, Lynne, and Olivia Chuang and Zoe Love, Mark Druskin, piano; Quinn Kennedy, recorder, Guillermo Ortiz, guitar; Claire Salvin, recorder; Isabel Salvin, flute; Gracie Yang, recorder; Iris Yang, piano; and William Yoon, piano.

And of course our custodians Rich Goodman and Fran McGreal.

Spring Salvin

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Wed, May 27, 8:00 am - Thurs, May 28, 5:00 pm

We have 2 candidates, Alessandra Di Credico and Spring Salvin that are running for 2 positions on the Runkle School Council.

The Council is composed of six Runkle parents/guardians, six school staff members, and one community member. The Runkle parent community elects parents to these positions through a confidential ballot vote, administered by the Runkle PTO. Per the School Council bylaws, the election will begin Wednesday, May 27 at 8:00 am and close Thursday, May 28 at 5:00 pm.

The Runkle School Council

- assists in the identification of the educational needs of the students;
- makes recommendations to the Principal for the development, implementation, and assessment of the curriculum accommodation plan required by state guidelines; and
- assists in the formulation of a School Improvement Plan (SIP).

International Night

Friday, May 29th
5:30 to 7:45 pm
Runkle School

Runkle Extended Day Annual Picnic Fundraiser
Fri June 16 @ 5:30 pm

Please join us for RED’s 5th Annual Picnic Fundraiser! Sandwiches are provided by Cosi and ALL proceeds benefit RED's Tuition Assistance Fund.

Order forms can be found in the main office, or online at www.RunkeExtendedDay.com.

Orders due by June 11th.

We are trying to move to an online ordering process to make distribution easier at the end of the year.

You can now pre-order your yearbook by visiting www.runkle.org, and clicking on the widget that says "Order a yearbook" on the right hand side of the page. This will re-direct you to the Jostens Website where you can place your order.

Pre-ordered books will cost $25,
Come learn fun facts at a record number of country tables (24) as you answer the scavenger hunt questions in your passport. The night also features Runkle students, parents and teachers in music, dance and martial arts.

And of course there will be food! Since the event is a POTLUCK, please bring a dish, that serves about 10 people, to share. It can be homemade or store-bought, an appetizer, a main dish, a side, a dessert -- anything from your own cultural cuisine (Italian, Chinese, Japanese...) or one that you enjoy. Please bring food to the cafeteria when you arrive.

5:30-7:00pm Pick up a passport from the main or lower level lobbies. Roam around the hallways, visit the country tables, interact with performers, and take part in various activities.

Don't forget to stop by the cafeteria before 6:45pm to enjoy the potluck.

7:00-7:45pm Grand Finale Show in the Multipurpose Room with music, dance, and martial arts.

Optional: Dress up in a national costume or come ready for your favorite sport or game.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate, set up, organize food in the cafeteria, and clean up. Morning, afternoon, and evenings times are available. If you can help, please click here to volunteer.

Please contact Katja Vinha or Renae Puppo with questions.

From the Principal

Memorial Day Remembrances...
As we celebrate this Memorial Day, I would like to take a moment to remind us all that this Monday, May 25, 2015, there will be a National Moment of Remembrance when all Americans are encouraged to pause at 3:00 p.m. in a minute of silence to honor those who died while in service to our country. For the many relatives we have known who have served as well as our ancestors, it is a way to remember and honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

Music and Arts Festival 2015!
Special thanks to Ms. Ortiz and Ms. Hall, our art teachers, for their fine work in putting together this year’s Gallery Night last Monday! Many thanks also to Ms. Spring Salvin and her corps of parent volunteers who transformed the corridors into a gallery that continued to brighten our school all week long! while those purchased in June at school will cost $30.

Let's Be Honest:
Communication in Families that Keeps Kids Healthy

May 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Baker School Auditorium
Register for free here.

Our kids have questions about their bodies, puberty, relationships and sexual decision-making, and research shows that they want to get answers from their parents. No matter how well the schools educate our kids, they still need to hear about values and sexuality from us to support making healthy, safe and well-informed choices.

Planned Parenthood’s acclaimed program Let’s Be Honest is a free, interactive workshop and community conversation designed to help middle school parents/caregivers create an environment of trust and comfort in talking with their children about sex and sexuality.

By providing parents with useful strategies, information, and resources, this lively, refreshingly direct program empowers parents to feel comfortable and competent as their children’s primary sexuality educators. Talking points range from understanding puberty and promoting healthy relationships to...
Our artists used a variety of media and styles to bring their artful expressions to life, each providing a unique glimpse into the artist’s personality.

Thank you also to our **Fourth Grade musicians** for an outstanding concert last week! Ms. Gardner and Mr. Xhoja, our Grade 4 General Music teachers and Mr. Frazee and Mr. Stone, our Grade 4 Band teachers, as well as Ms. Stewart, our Grade 4 Strings teacher created a program that showcased the various types of musical experiences that our fourth graders have been engaged in.

**Welcoming the class of 2028!**
I would like to take a moment to thank the parents who have assisted with the Kindergarten Screening process! As Ms. Vulcano and the Kindergarten team were busy with the incoming Kindergarteners, the future graduating class of 2028, parent volunteers met with incoming Kindergarten parents to welcome them, share some information about Runkle and answer questions. Thank you for making time to reach out to incoming parents in these small, intimate gatherings. It is so much more comfortable than a large meeting for incoming parents and will surely go a long way to make our new families feel welcomed. Thank you!

**Runkle Sports...**
The Runkle Griffins finished their regular soccer season **UNDEFEATED** with a record of 7-0-0! On Tuesday, the playoffs will begin! R-U-N-K-L-E! GO RUNKLE!

**8th Grade Physics Class in Motion!**
Mr. Pelton's 8th grade student physicists have been hard at work to create a new amusement park attraction in the form of a roller coaster. Students use their knowledge of potential and kinetic energy to provide a "ride" for a marble on a rollercoaster, earning points for the number of "thrills" such as loops as well as the length of the ride. All of the roller coasters began at a height of one meter and students calculated the potential and kinetic energy at various points of the ride. In addition, students had to work in teams to develop not only the design and the rollercoaster itself, but also a pitch to potential investors. This Thursday, May 28th, the students will showcase their creations in the cafeteria and celebrate their hard work with their families.

Sincerely,

Vanessa C. Beauchaine, Ed.D.
Principal

**From the Classroom**

**Last Week's Math Problem:**
**AD and BD**

What is the sum of the distances AD and BD in the figure shown?

![Diagram](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.png)

**Solution**

27. By the Pythagorean theorem, BD = 10. Let E be a point on AB with $\angle DEA = 90^\circ$. Then DE = 8, and AE = 21 - 6 = 15. By the Pythagorean theorem, AD = 17. Hence, 10 + 17 = 27.

![Diagram](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.png)

There is no problem this week due to the Monday holiday.

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**From the Community**

**Brookline High School Urgently Seeks Volunteers**

The Brookline High School After the Prom Party (ATPP) is still looking for all kinds of volunteers! The ATPP is the super fun, safe, town sponsored all-night party for our graduating high school seniors! Since the first ATPP in 1991, no Brookline student has been injured or killed in an accident on prom night. We need help from the community to keep this going, so this safe alternative is available for your children when they get to the High School. Please consider giving some time to help set-up, break-down or chaperone part of the event. Many hands make light work. Monetary donations are also appreciated -[http://www.bhs-pto.org/atpp.html](http://www.bhs-pto.org/atpp.html). To volunteer, please contact ATPP chair Suzanne Elovecky at suzanne.elovecky@gmail.com

**Artbarn Community Theater Presents: OLIVER!**

*Saturday, May 30th @ 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM*

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**May 29.**

If you would like to donate additional items, they are also collecting backpacks, flip flops, rulers, pocket dictionaries, and calculators - graphing or regular. Please email Runkle alumna Noa Schwartz at schwartz.noalee@gmail.com for more information about what will be collected.

**Host Family Wanted** for a Chinese student who will be attending BHS for the fall semester (Sept-January). Please contact Liz Percy lannie904@gmail.com for more information.

**Looking for a 2+ or 3+ Bedroom Apartment/House for July**

A Runkle family, is looking for either a 2+ (with office) or 3+ bedroom in Brookline for July. Please contact us if you have any leads. We can be reached at sonia.feau@gmail.com or filippo.petralia@gmail.com

**Tutoring**

Matthew Higgins is a writer, media researcher, and veteran test prep instructor who specializes in working with students to develop their verbal and writing capacity. He has several years of experience working with gifted students and non-traditional learners as a counselor at John's Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth summer programs and is available for tutoring this summer. Email: higginsmt@gmail.com.

**Spanish tutor available**

I am a Spanish native speaker, pursuing a M.Ed at Simmons College and am available
Based upon the novel by Charles Dickens, Oliver! follows the life of young orphan Oliver Twist as he navigates the seedy underworld of Victorian era London searching for a home, a family and - most importantly - for love. Presented by The Barncats Ensemble (5th & 6th grades) and suitable for audiences of all ages.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more info, visit our website at www.artbarn.org, or email us at info@artbarn.org

Artbarn Community Theater AUDITIONS:
Fear of Failure: A Message to Mistakes
Seeks Rising 4th to 6th Grade Actors
Auditions Held on Tue. June 2
3:00pm - 7:00pm
Out of the Box Productions, Artbarn's only audition-based program, is a community service performance troupe that brings socially relevant theatre into the Brookline Public Schools. Each year two casts of 4th-6th grade actors travel an original show to all eight Brookline elementary schools, reaching nearly every K-6 student in Brookline. Previous shows include:
The Popularity Pandemic, Express Yourself, Follow The Leader, Gettin' Down In The Dump & Tech Message.

This year's show, DEAR FAILURE: A Message To Mistakes, explores that most devastating of feelings - the feeling of failure. How do we react when we believe we have failed? How do we overcome the fear that prevents us from taking risks and trying new things? And how do we respond to that little voice in our heads that says "I'm not good enough"? In this high-achieving, perfection-driven society it is easy to view every mistake as a complete failure. But what if we could re-think how we process these moments? What if we could make peace with our mistakes? What if we could grow to fear imperfection less, to learn from our errors, and even make friends with failure?

Out of the Box Productions rehearses weekday mornings, August 24 - September 2 and Thursday and Friday afternoons in September and tours to the Brookline Elementary Schools on Thursday and Friday mornings in October. Email matthew@artbarn.org to sign up for a 20 minute audition slot.

Brookline Teen Center
Martial Arts 101
For 7th & 8th graders
Monday 6/1, 6/8 and 6/15 from 3:30pm - 4:15pm

to help your child improve all and any of their Spanish language skills, all levels welcome. Please contact Daniella Garcia at daniellagarcia2009@hotmail.com or 857-251-5376.

Runkle family looking for 1 or 2 bedroom apartment in Runkle district for a family member. Move-in date flexible. Please contact Elizabeth at (415) 699-2262 or ebitmapontgomery2@gmail.com

Looking for a 3+ Bedroom Apartment
A former Runkle family, with dog, is looking for a 3+ bedroom in Brookline. Please contact us if you have any leads. We can be reached at siben89@gmail.com. Thank you very much. Sibel Benmayor

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To subscribe, please go to www.runkle.org and look for the SUBSCRIBE icon.

To unsubscribe, please hit "Safeunsubscribe" at the bottom of your email.
This 3-week workshop teaches the beginnings of martial arts basics. Learn both defensive and offensive stances, forms and more. For more information, click here.

**Brookline Teen Center**  
**Parkour Class**  
Parkour Generations comes to the Brookline Teen Center every Friday at 6:15pm and this class is now open to 7th & 8th graders. To learn more, click here.

**HomeBASE: Brookline Afterschool Enrichment**  
*Launching for Fall 2015.*  
2:30-6:00 pm Mon-Thurs, 1:40-5:45 pm Fri  
Temple Ohabei Shalom, 1187 Beacon St  
Children can attend two to five days per week. Transportation from Runkle available for a fee. Early release days included and vacation coverage available. Children in grades K-3 (with planned expansion through grade 6 in future years) will have the opportunity to play with friends and get homework out of the way before your family sits down to dinner. Programs are organized by grade level. Contact Sam Gragg at sgragg@ohabei.org or visit www.ohabei.org/homebase for rates and information.

**The Sunday School for Jewish Studies Open Enrollment**  
*Once a Week Hebrew School for Grades 1 - 7*  
*Once a Month Pre-K / Kindergarten Class and Free Family Toddler program*  
*Located at the Oak Hill Middle School in Newton*  
The Sunday School for Jewish Studies is now accepting registrations for the 2015-16 school year. We are an independent school offering a once-a-week program for children in the greater Boston area for over 40 years. Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation is available but not required, and students may enter in any grade. Interfaith and nontraditional families are welcome. For additional information, please visit our website at www.SundaySchoolforJewishStudies.org or call 617.264.8855

**SUMMER CAMPS**

**Brookline SmartSummers**  
**Brookline Basketball**  
With coaches Joel Klein and Luke Day, is open for registration. Brookline SmartSummers has offered this basketball program to girls and boys of all backgrounds for many rewarding years. Daily practice, technique, drills,
and games hone your knowledge of the game, and a lunchtime swim will cool you down. This morning program can be paired with Outdoor Afternoon Adventures for a full day of active fun. For ages 7-13, 8:30am-1:30pm. Visit www.brooklineadulted.org/smartprograms for more information. Or call 617-730-2700.

Brookline SmartSummers
Action Science & Engineering
...Doesn't it sound like a great way to spend your summer days? Join Jed Miller and his team of concoction experts for days of experiments and design challenges at Brookline SmartSummers. This program at Brookline High School, for children ages 7-12, meets from 8:30am-4:00pm. Visit www.brooklineadulted.org/smartprograms. Or call 617-730-2700.

BHS Summer School
BHS Summer School offers many review and enrichment courses that are available to rising 6th-9th graders. There are review classes in reading, writing, math, and science. Two levels of an ELL course are also offered. All students have the opportunity to take elective courses. Elective offerings for the summer of 2015 are Life-Time Activities, World of Money, World Cuisine, Digital Arts/Computer Design, Photography, Ceramics, Drawing, and Art Studio. Incoming 9th graders have the opportunity to take elective classes toward their graduation requirements (excluding Life-Time Sports). Many of the elective classes are very popular and have wait-lists throughout the school year. Taking them during the summer is a perfect opportunity! Courses are two hours (9am-11am and 11am-1pm) and run from June 30th to August 7th. Tuitions vary by class due to materials fees for some electives. Courses are offered to all Brookline students and non residents. Take a class with a friend from another school! For additional details and registration information: http://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/summer-school.html

2nd Annual Brookline Warriors Summer Basketball
Applications are now being accepted. The Clinic will run June 29-July 2 (Monday-Thursday) from 9:00-3:00 in Schluntz Gymnasium at the high school. Boys ages 8-14 are eligible. Brookline HS head coach Luke Day is the Clinic director, and the staff includes BHS JV coach Dave Ford and Freshman coach Darren Martinez. The Brookline Warriors Summer Basketball Clinic is committed to delivering high quality instruction on individual and team basketball skills. Campers will not only improve on a day-to-day basis, but will take away from the camp specific knowledge about how they can keep improving. We are just as importantly committed to every camper having fun and developing a lifelong passion for the game of basketball. Go to www.brooklinehoops.net to find out more information and download an application. Any questions can directed to Coach Luke Day at jlday6@gmail.com
Brookline Warriors Basketball Clinic 8/17 - 8/21
For Girls Currently in Grades 3 - 8
Led by head coach Alyson Toney, and the rest of the Brookline Girls Varsity basketball coaching staff, we are very excited to offer our 2nd annual Brookline Warriors Basketball Clinic for girls currently in grades 3-8. The clinic will be held in the BHS Schluntz Gym on August 17th to the 21st from 9 - 2pm. The BHS Warriors Clinic will focus on skill development and will provide instruction for drills and workouts that each individual player can do on their own throughout the offseason to help further their development for the upcoming winter season. The Warriors Clinic will be assisted by current and former BHS players. Clinic attendees will learn from coaches and BHS players about the basics of basketball fundamentals - from dribbling and passing to proper shooting. While at the clinic girls will also learn about proper training techniques and nutrition from experts in these fields. In this way we hope to impart on our girls a good understanding of what it means to be both a successful basketball player and a healthy, strong, young woman.
Contact mark_wheeler@brookline.k12.ma.us to sign up.

Boston-Based Writing and Adventure Day Camp
5th-10th graders - Enrollment Now Open
Summer Ink campers participate in arts and adventure activities, take field trips around the city, play sports - and write about their experiences. Trained writing instructors guide students to focus and add vibrancy to their writing and develop their unique voice in a diverse, supportive environment. Two-week sessions in July. Scholarships available - apply early. For more information and to register, visit www.summerink.org or call 617-714-0263.

Steve & Kate's Camp is coming to Brookline
Steve & Kate's has been operating on the West Coast for over 35 years. Building on a successful 2014 summer in Belmont, they will be running their special brand of camp at the Heath School and Mt. Alvernia Academy this summer. Each camp site includes six art and technology studios: Dance, Music, Breadmaking, Style, Stop Motion Animation and Coding. There is also lots of outdoor play, sports, and weekly special themes and events. Steve & Kate's operates on a day pass system, which offers extreme flexibility - you can purchase as many days as you'd like and use them whenever you want. All food is provided! Morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Check out the full list here: here and sign up to be notified at: http://steveandkatescamp.com/email/.
Laurel's contact info is chestnuthill@steveandkate.com, or brookline@steveandkate.com or 617.379.0436×159.
MEDIAGIRLS® gives middle-school girls (ages 11 to 14) a fun, nurturing space to explore how girls and women are portrayed in pop culture. We critique videos, discuss magazine ads, and talk about changes we would make to media. Participants learn to write empowering blog posts for the MEDIAGIRLS blog, which we then blast out to the world using our social media. Classes run from July 13th to July 17th, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Brookline Interactive Group. Space is limited to 12 girls. Visit www.mediagirls.org to learn more, read testimonials, check out our blog and register.

Boston Patio Playhouse
Now registering for its summer programs!

- Backyard Opera Summer Program is open to students ages 12-18 who love opera, operetta, and classic musical theater. July 6-17 (Mon-Fri), 9:00 am-4:00 pm

- Front Porch Players Musical Theater Summer Program is for students ages 12-16 who love classic and contemporary musical theater. August 3-14 (Mon-Fri), 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

In each two-week program students will receive training in voice, dance, drama, and backstage skills, while working on either an Opera Gala or a Broadway Musical Revue performance! No auditions necessary, and each student will be cast as a soloist. Both programs are located in Coolidge Corner, Brookline. Visit www.bostonpatioplayhouse.com for more information and to register today!

Tutoring With A Twist
Enrichment Opportunity for K-2 students
A fun, child-centered approach to integrate art, math, literacy, science, and social studies learning while exploring our local community! Curriculum created by Tanya Paris (Runkle) & Lauren Kelly (Pierce), certified Brookline teachers. Student to teacher ratio of 3:1. Carefully planned learning opportunities cater to K-2 students. One hour of direct literacy instruction per day via phonics and guided week. reading instruction. Art, Science, Math, and Social Studies connections provided through exciting local field trips: The Coolidge Corner Theatre, Boston Common, Arnold Arboretum, and more! Want to know more? Visit us at http://tutoringwithatwist.weebly.com. Space is limited. Sign up today!

BU Basketball Clinic
Boys 7-18
Girls 12-14
This summer Coach Jones and the BU basketball staff welcome boys ages 7-18 and girls 12-14 to the fourth annual Coach Jones Basketball
Clinic. Campers will receive coaching from our highly qualified coaching staff and former players and be divided by age and skill to ensure that each camper has a meaningful and fun experience. The clinic will be held June 29-July 2 at the Case Gymnasium. Cost $250. For more information and to register please visit www.coachjonesbasketballclinics.com. Contact Doug Goon at douggoon@bu.edu with any questions.

Kesher Newton Jewish After School Program
Grades K-5
Enrolling for this Fall
Kesher is a pluralistic Jewish after school program for grades K-5. Kesher emphasizes joyful, hands-on Jewish learning which includes modern Hebrew, Judaic studies, and fun-filled electives. Located in Chestnut Hill, Kesher is an independent pluralistic community that is welcoming to all. For more information, visit keshernewton.org, or call Ilana 617-244-5390, or email ilana@keshernewton.org