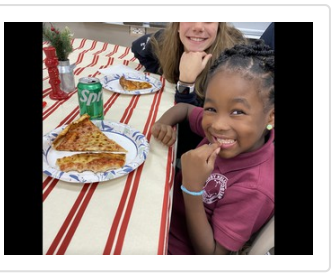
Elementary School Principal Update

Photos of the Week

All of our winners with the Worcester Police Department Volunteers

One of our third graders enjoying shopping for others!



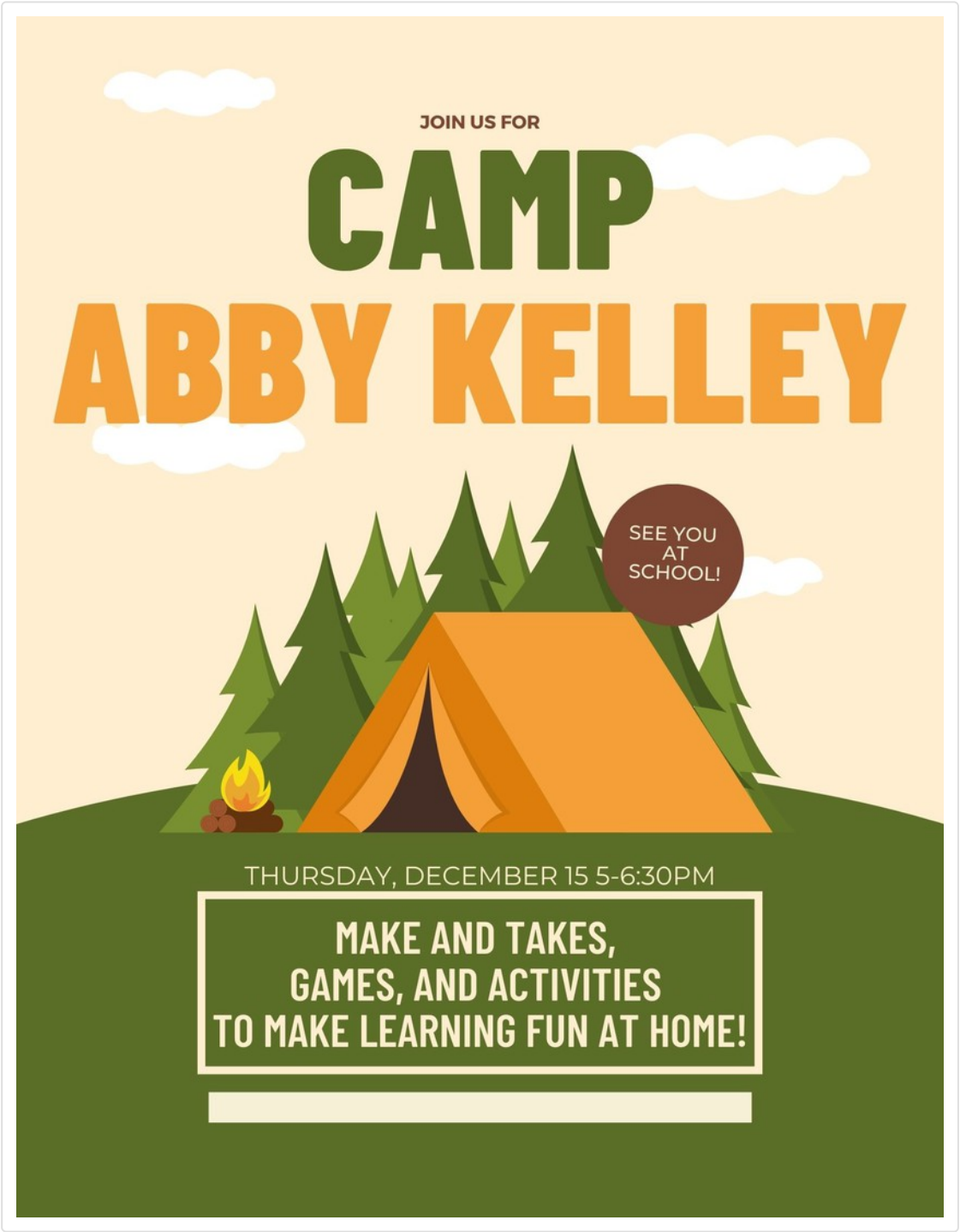
Pizza is always a treat, especially with a new friend!

Heroes and Helpers

Ten Abby Kelley Elementary students were randomly chosen to participate in the *Heroes and Helpers* event last week sponsored by Target. Target has hosted this event in stores across the country! Raffle winners received a gift card to shop for themselves and buy gifts for others. Students were driven to the store in cruisers, ate, shopped, and wrapped gifts with volunteers from the Worcester Police department. Thank you to Ms. Mezzano, Mrs. Giusto, and all of the volunteers that made the night a success!

Camp Abby Kelley is this Thursday Night!

Camp Abby Kelley is the theme for our Elementary Winter Curriculum Night on December 15th from 5-6:30p.m.! This event is open to all families, and no registration is required! There will be activities, games, and make-and-takes in ELA, Math, HSS, and STEM for students and their families! Please see the flyer below! We hope to see you there!



PTO News

The Elementary School PTO will have their last meeting of 2022 on Tuesday, December 13 @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Here is the information to join:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://akfcs-org.zoom.us/j/92284337004?pwd=em8vaFZUM1FhTjZOYzRwRDBGMmg1Zz09

Meeting ID: 922 8433 7004
Passcode: 621127

Winter Gear

We will continue to go outside for recess as much as possible, even as the weather gets colder. The students love to get outside and run, swing, and move their bodies! Please send them to school with a warm jacket, hat, and gloves each day. If students are wearing appropriate snow gear, including snow pants and boots, they will be allowed to play in the snow. All other students will still be going outside, but will play on the blacktop area or basketball court. You may choose to leave a pair of snow pants and boots at school for your student to wear at recess.

If you would like assistance with getting cold weather clothing, please contact our guidance department at kstockwell@akfcs.org or swoods@akfcs.org.

Library Books

Students are again borrowing books from our library. Along with a love of reading, we are also trying to instill a sense of responsibility. Please encourage students to take good care of their borrowed books! Also, look around for any books that your student may have previously borrowed and return them to school with your student. They will be labeled *AKFCS.* Thank you for your continued partnership!

Survey

In a effort of continuous improvement, as well as to inform initiatives such as strategic planning, we are conducting the '22-23 AKFCS Climate Survey. This is similar to the survey that was conducted last year at this time and we will be using the data between the two years to look at trends/patterns. The results of this survey focus on school culture, community, sense of belonging, and inclusion from the perspective of staff. Data gathered from the survey will guide the District's future vision and goals.

This survey is designed for families of AKFCS students and will provide the District with data on culture, community, sense of belonging, and inclusion to guide the District's future vision and goals.

The survey will close on **Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:00 PM**.

A link to the survey can be found below.

Family Survey Link
Thank you for your consideration and participation to further the mission of Abby Kelley Foster Charter School.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee

The **DEI Committee** is seeking new members including family, administration, faculty and staff representation from all three schools. Since the committee began meeting in January 2020, the DEI Committee has:

- Developed a policy statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence
- Provided opportunities for ongoing professional development for the AKFCPS community (staff, students, parents/caregivers/guardians, and community members)
- Serves as a resource/advocate for the AKFCPS community on DEI issues and challenges
- Ongoing work to develop and implement a climate survey

The DEI committee currently has representatives from the following stakeholders within the AKFCPS community;

- Board members
- Administrators
- Faculty/staff
- Parents/caregivers/guardians (representing each school)
- College/University community members
- Current high school students
- Subject matter expert

Joining the committee means members agree to the following;

- 1-year commitment
- Monthly 90-minute meetings
- Attend ongoing learning sessions about DEI
- Serve on sub-committees and complete follow up work (most of the work will be done in sub-committees)
    - examples of sub committee work entails; recruitment, hiring & retention, climate survey/school culture, and curriculum/culturally responsive teaching
- Advocate for DEI across the district

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory committee, please complete this Google Form by Friday, December 16, 2022.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact either of the DEI Advisory Committee Co-Chairs: Robert Jones or Grace Gallagher. For additional DEI information visit the DEI web page.

This Week

- Tuesday, December 13th-6:30-7:15 PTO Meeting
- Thursday, December 15th-5:00-6:30-Camp Abby Kelley Family Fun Night

Holiday Week-Next Week!

During the Week of **December 19th,** students and staff are going to have a little fun! All students are invited to dress up according to the flyer below. This is optional, and students

may still wear their uniform if they choose.
Please note that this begins on **December 19th,** and is included here to give families time to gather outfits.

Save the Date

- No School December 23rd-January 2nd
- Students return to school on January 3rd

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School
K-3rd Grade Breakfast Menu
December 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Bagel (Variety) Fresh Banana Apple Juice Choice of Milk Cream Cheese	2 Cereal (Variety) Graham Crackers Fresh Apple Choice of Milk Blended Fruit Juice
5 Strawberry Break Bar WG Apple Cinnamon Muffin Fresh Pear Apple Juice Choice of Milk	6 Bagel (Variety) Fresh Orange Grape Juice Choice of Milk Cream Cheese	7 Cereal (Variety) Graham Crackers Fresh Apple Choice of Milk	8 Bagel (Variety) Fresh Banana Blended Fruit Juice Choice of Milk Cream Cheese	9 Vanilla Yogurt Granola Mandarin Oranges Grape Juice Choice of Milk
12 Cereal (Variety) Graham Crackers Fresh Orange Grape Juice Choice of Milk	13 Bagel (Variety) Mixed Fruit Blended Fruit Juice Choice of Milk Cream Cheese	14 Strawberry Yogurt Granola Diced Peaches Orange Juice Choice of Milk	15 Bagel (Variety) Fresh Banana Grape Juice Choice of Milk Cream Cheese	16 Apple Cinnamon Break Bar Corn Muffin Fresh Orange Apple Juice Choice of Milk
19 Vanilla Yogurt Granola Diced Peaches Apple Juice Choice of Milk	20 Bagel (Variety) Applesauce Orange Juice Choice of Milk Cream Cheese	21 Cereal (Variety) Graham Crackers Grape Juice Fresh Orange Choice of Milk	22 Bagel (Variety) Fresh Banana Blended Fruit Juice Choice of Milk Cream Cheese	23 **Closed** **Winter Break**
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Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School
K-3rd Grade Hot Lunch Menu
December 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Diced Chicken Sweet & Sour Sauce Lima Beans Diced Carrots Brown Confetti Rice Fresh Orange Choice of Milk	2 Mini WG Corn Dogs Mixed Vegetables Diced Carrots Fresh Banana Choice of Milk Mustard
5 Galaxy Cheese Pizza Green Beans Diced Carrots Fresh Orange Choice of Milk	6 Turkey Hot Dog WG Hot Dog Bun Broccoli Cuts Mixed Vegetables Diced Peaches Choice of Milk Ketchup Mustard	7 Domino's Cheese Pizza Slice Zucchini Slices Baby Carrots Light Ranch Dressing Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	8 Honey Lime Chicken Black Beans Whole Kernel Corn Brown Rice WG Tortilla Chips Fresh Banana Choice of Milk Salsa	9 WG Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potatoes Baked Beans WG Dinner Roll Fresh Apple Choice of Milk BBQ Sauce Ketchup
12 Cheese Pizza Dippers Marinara Sauce Green Beans Diced Peaches Choice of Milk	13 Sloppy Joe WG Hamburger Bun French Fries Whole Kernel Corn Applesauce Choice of Milk Ketchup	14 Domino's Cheese Pizza Slice Cherry Tomatoes Broccoli Salad Light Ranch Dressing Fresh Apple Choice of Milk	15 WG Breaded Chicken Patty WG Hamburger Bun Mixed Vegetables Diced Carrots Fresh Orange Choice of Milk BBQ Sauce	16 Diced Chicken Cuban Sauce Yellow Rice Black Beans Plantains Fresh Banana Choice of Milk
19 WG Mac & Cheese Green Peas Diced Carrots Fresh Orange Choice of Milk	20 Popcorn Chicken General Tso's Sauce Brown Rice Broccoli Cuts Mixed Vegetables Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	21 Domino's Cheese Pizza Slice Marinated 3 Bean Salad Celery Sticks Light Ranch Dressing Fresh Apple Choice of Milk	22 WG Chicken Nuggets Marinara Sauce w/Parmesan Green Beans WG Breadstick Diced Peaches Choice of Milk	23 **Closed** **Winter Break**
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