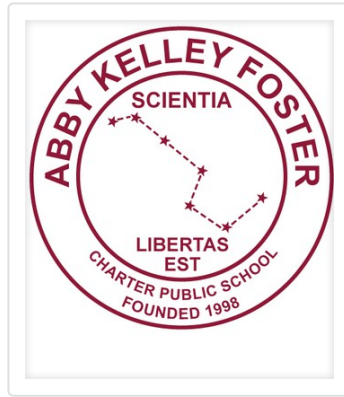


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Schedule for the week of January 16, 2023

Abby Kelley will be closed on **Monday, January 16, 2023** as we honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Regular classes will resume on **Tuesday, January 17, 2023** for our Elementary and Middle Schools, while the High School begins their Midterm Exams. Specific details for families with students in the High School were sent from Mr. Kursonis.

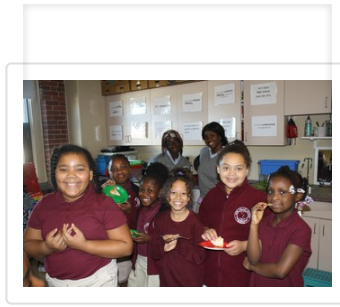
We will have an Early Dismissal on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023** for the entire District to allow for our faculty and staff to participate in Professional Development. Your student's Principal will share information specific for each school's dismissal.



Academic Excellence

It is our Seniors last year at Abby Kelley! These Seniors each earned a H.A.C.E. Scholarship from Quinsigamond Community College to support their future education plans.

Standing L-R: Joseph Negron '23, Alexander Ortiz '23
Seated L-R: Jada Abreu '23, Jamile Calderon Palacios '23



Character Formation

The Elementary School's after school clubs for Third Graders have started for the second half of the school year. Students from our High School continue to serve as mentors for our students in these clubs as well.



Musical Competence

Students from the Middle School regularly participate in small group instruction with our Middle School Music teachers.

Enrollment Open House - Thursday, January 19

As a Public Charter School Abby Kelley's enrollment is done annually through an Enrollment Lottery, which you participated in to enroll your Abby Kelley student. We are currently accepting Lottery Applications through Tuesday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. Ahead of that deadline Abby Kelley will host an Open House on Thursday, January 19 for families with children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in the Fall of 2023. To be eligible for enrollment at Abby Kelley students must be five years old by August 31 for Kindergarten.

During the Open House families will hear about our educational programs and philosophies which support the whole child with a liberal arts education which emphasizes student's character formation and encourages musical competency. A representative from the Enrollment Office will be available to answer enrollment lottery questions for families.

If you know of a family who is interested in Abby Kelley please encourage them to join us for the Open House and to consider entering our Enrollment Lottery.

[Open House Details](#)

[In-Person with tours](#)

Thursday, January 19

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Abby Kelley Elementary School (10 New Bond St. Worcester)

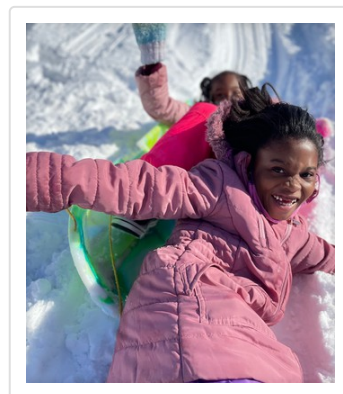
Online Presentation

Thursday, January 19

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

[Zoom Link](#)

Guests are encouraged to [register](#) for one of the Open Houses to allow us to better support our families with translations, handouts and tours.



Third Grade Outdoor Club

Students participating in the Elementary School's Outdoor Club did some experimenting with colored water and how it passed through the snow.

Outdoor Recess

Students in the Elementary School, with the appropriate winter gear, have outdoor recess, even with a snow covered playground!

Physical Education Outdoors

With the support of our Abby Kelley community, our Elementary School students have winter gear to allow them to have their gym classes outside, even when the playground is covered in snow!

Preparing for Winter Weather When It Happens....

We anticipate the inevitable situations when weather or other circumstances prevent us from opening school or operating buses safely. In those cases, a delay and/or no school could be deemed necessary.

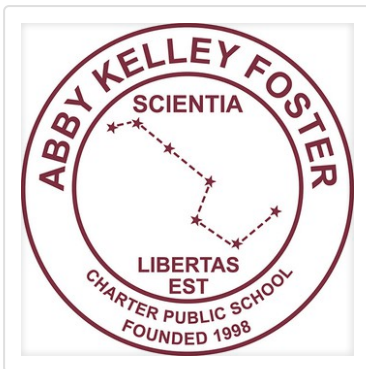
- **A delay to starting school (could be 1 or 2 hours)** in the morning is usually called when conditions are scheduled to improve quickly or if the road crews need additional time to salt, sand, plow.
- An **unscheduled early release** day if the weather is going to deteriorate in the afternoon before buses are able to drop off students safely.

- **No School** days will be days off due to extreme or unsafe weather conditions and/or other factors that impact the safety of staff and students.

**A delay or an early release will count toward our required 180 school days. Five (5) no school/snow days are built into our '22-23 academic calendar.*

The decision to delay or not open school will be made as early as possible if we have definitive information from forecasters. Decisions that are made early in the morning will be shared typically between 5:00-5:30 a.m. We will use all available methods of sharing these notifications, including:

- Text messages
- Phone calls
- Emails (will send from mail@notify.onecallnow.com)
- Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)
- [AKF website](#)
- Local media outlets; Channels 4, 5, 7, NECN and Boston25.



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