

For the Week of October 23rd through October 29th, 2016.

Do you have a national or religious holiday we can acknowledge in the newsletter? Let Mr. Vega know!

Election Day Bake Sale

The Bates School Parent Council (SPC) will be holding a Bake Sale during the elections on November 8th. This has the potential to be a big money maker for the school! We really need your time and donations to make it happen! The money raised will go towards school activities for your child throughout the year, such as:

- Field Trips
- Enrichment programs
- Field Day

We are looking for parents who can help with set-up, sales, and clean-up on November 8th. Sign up [at this page](#).

Baked goods are also in high demand. If you can bake (or purchase) something for us to sell at the bake sale, please make sure baked goods are...

- Individually wrapped (for easy resale).
- Labeled (only one label necessary) with the type of baked good and whether it contains nuts.
- Delivered to the school in the morning by a parent or child.

Extended Learning Time Planning Team

Next year, our school will implement Schedule A Expanded Learning Time (ELT), a joint initiative between BPS, BTU, and the Mayor of Boston, to increase the length of the school day. This will provide children with more time for high-quality instruction and give teachers the time they need to collaborate as professionals. We know that this change will take significant planning, and – in partnership with Education Resource Strategies (ERS) – the district has developed a hybrid model of whole group professional learning sessions and school-based workshops to support us through the process.

Ideally, we ask that any volunteer be able to attend all sessions.

- November 3 -November 9: School-based Workshop #1 with Bates Team
 - 7:30am-11:00am OR 12:30pm-4:30pm
 - Final date TBD

- November 10th, 8:00-3:30: Whole Group Session #1
- November 16th, 8:00-3:30 : Whole Group Session #2
- November 17 – December 7: School-based Workshop #2 with Bates Team
 - 7:30am-11:00am OR 12:30pm-4:30pm
 - Final Date TBD
- December 8: Whole Group Session #3

Please let Mr. Vega know if you are interested in serving on this team as a family representative.

School on the Move Prize

The Bates is the winner of the 2016 School on the Move Prize! You can read more about the prize and our win on the Boston Public Schools [news page](#), at the [EdVestors](#) page (they sponsor and award the prize), and [Wicked Local](#) for West Roxbury.

We will be in touch with how parents can offer ideas for how to utilize the \$100,000 prize.

Playground Locked During School Hours

To maximize the safety of our campus, we will begin locking all gates to the playground between the hours of 10am and 3pm. If you need to enter the building between 10am and 3pm, please use the front entrance.

Classroom Directory Update

We have shared the initial classroom directories with classroom parents. You should expect to hear from another parent in your classroom soon! If you would like to add your e-mail to share with other families and the classroom parent, please submit an online survey [here](#).

We are still looking for classroom parents for Ms. Reardon (107), Mrs. Solomon (202), Mrs. Arnold (203), Mrs. Milton (205), and Ms. Withrow (207). E-mail batesclassroomparents@gmail.com if you are interested.

DonorsChoose Projects

We currently have two teams with open DonorsChoose Projects: The 2- grade team is fundraising for technology. You can donate [here](#). The K2 team is fundraising for a new kitchen set. You can donate [here](#). Please donor or share these pages with our networks to support Bates students!

Upcoming Dates

October 31 – Crazy Hat Day (still a UNIFORM day)
November 8 – Coffee with the Principal

November 16 – School Site and Parent Council Meeting

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