

For the Week of November 20th through November 27th, 2016.

We wish all of those who are celebrating this week a very safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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

City Wide School Showcase – Saturday December 3rd, 2016 – Volunteers Needed!!!

On Saturday December 3rd, 2016, all Boston Public Schools will be open from 9am to 1pm to welcome potential families as they begin the process of enrolling their children. This process is essential to the longevity of the Bates, as a strong showing from our current school community will inspire prospective parents to list us high on their choices. Please sign up for one or both shifts to meet families, talk about your experience of the Bates, and support the event. As a majority of prospective parents are looking for Kindergarten seats, we are hoping for a strong showing from Kindergarten families. You can sign up to volunteer [here](#).

Extended Learning Time Planning

You can read the [minutes from the last SSC/SPC](#) meeting for the latest update on Extended Learning Time, including our priorities for how we will use the time.

School Site and Parent Council: December 7th

Mark your calendars for the next meeting! Details and topics coming soon!

Book Fair – December 6th through 8th

Mark your calendars for the Winter Book Fair! The book fair will take place in the auditorium from December 6th through December 8th. Each class will visit two times. There will also be open hours for all students to visit. Be on the lookout for information from teachers about the day your child's class will visit.

Pajama Day and Family Movie Night

On Friday December 9th, we will have a school wide pajama day. All students are welcome to wear pajamas to school that day. Then, that evening, we will have a Family Movie Night hosted by our Family Engagement Committee. Doors will open at 5:00pm and movies will begin at 5:30pm. The cost is \$1 per person. The evening concludes at 8:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Coffee with the Principal

Thank you to everyone who joined Mr. Vega this past week. The next Coffee with the Principal is Friday December 9th.

Fundraising Projects

We currently have multiple online fundraising campaigns going:

The **Bates School Garden** has another crowdsourcing fundraiser about to begin. Instead of votes, Seed Money operates much like Donors Choose. People can donate any amount \$5 or more towards our goal. If we do not reach our goal, we still get to keep what we raise. We can also continue to raise money over our goal. The month-long fundraiser begins on November 15 and you can donate [here](#) once it starts.

The first 75 projects that reach \$600 will get a \$400 grant from Seed Money. Another 50 will receive a \$400 merit grant. Please reach out to your networks to help us reach our goal.

The **2nd grade team** is fundraising for technology on DonorsChoose. You can donate [here](#).

The **K2 team** is fundraising for a new kitchen set on DonorsChoose. You can donate [here](#).

Please donate or share these pages with our networks to support Bates students!

Weather and Outdoor Play

As the weather begins to become cold, parents have questions about when we make the decision to go outside. You can refer to [this graph](#) that we use to inform the decision. That being said, please make sure your child comes to school with warm clothing and outerwear. There is no need to call the office to remind us about individual students; teachers are very diligent in making sure all students are dressed appropriately.

Upcoming Dates

November 23 – Early Dismissal – 1:30pm

November 24-30 – No School

November 30 – Roslindale Pathway Meeting: 6:00pm at the Irving Middle School

December 3 – Citywide School Showcase (9am-1pm)

December 6-8 – Book Fair

December 7 – School Site/Parent Council

December 9 – Coffee with the Principal & Family Movie Night

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