

For the Week of November 6th through November 12th, 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](#). **If you can volunteer any amount of time, we would greatly appreciate it (even if it is not an entire two-hour block). At this time, we only have one shift with enough volunteers.**

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 4: School-based Workshop #1 with Bates Team
 - 1-3pm at the Bates
- 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 Site and Parent Council: November 16th

This month's topic will be the Quality School Plan and Instructional Focus for 2016-2017.

You will also be able to provide feedback and hear updates about:

- Extended Learning time in 2017-2018
- How we should spend our \$100,000 School on the Move Prize money
- The Roslindale K-8 Pathway

The meeting will begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:00pm, with free childcare and pizza provided.

Coffee with the Principal

Join Mr. Vega on Tuesday November 15th (we moved the date due to the election) for Coffee with the Principal. At 7:45am, Mr. Vega will be at school to talk to parents over coffee. This month's focus: communicating academic performance. You'll have a chance to discuss how we provide information to you about your student's academic growth.

DonorsChoose Projects

We currently have two teams with open DonorsChoose Projects:

The 2nd 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!

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 11 - NO SCHOOL (Veteran's Day)

November 15 - Coffee with the Principal (NEW DATE)

November 16 - School Site and Parent Council Meeting

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

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