

## **For the Week of December 4th through December 11th, 2016.**

A very special thank you to Linda Lea and Paul Wells, Jocelyn and Travis Marshall, Kristen Bonstein and Ryan Dowd, Courtney Barth, Barb Damon, Nora and Will Vincent, Heather Cochran, and Heather Baer for volunteering at Saturday's school showcase! We had a tremendous parent presence and many families let me know we were their top choice!

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

### **NEW DATE: School Site and Parent Council: December 21st**

Due to a conflict and many family events this upcoming week, we have moved the School Site and Parent Council meeting to Wednesday December 21st. This meeting will include a preview of our budget for the 2016-2017 School Year! Mark your calendars for the next meeting!

### **Shop Local, Help Local - Tuesday December 6th!**

On Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 Birth St. House & Garden and Dandelions will be [donating a portion of sales](#) to the Phineas Bates Elementary School. We thank these two, local Roslindale businesses for their support. Just mention "The Bates" when shopping for us to receive a portion of the sale. Shop Local, Help Local!

### **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 - THIS FRIDAY!**

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**

Coffee with Principal is THIS Friday December 9th! Mr. Vega will be in Room 204 from 7:45am-9:00am.

## **Special Bates Gear Ordering Window - Closes December 9th**

This week only, you can order Bates Elementary gear online for delivery before Winter Break! Click [here](#) to order before December 9th! You will also be able to order in person at movie night on Friday.

## **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. There are two weeks left in this month-long fundraiser you can donate [here](#).

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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

December 6 - [Shop Local, Help Local!](#)

December 6-8 - Book Fair

December 9 - Coffee with the Principal & Family Movie Night

December 21 - School Site/Parent Council

December 23-January 2 - NO SCHOOL

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