

Here is important information at the Bates for the week of September 11th through September 17th.

School Site and Parent Council Elections – Wednesday September 14th

This Wednesday, will be elections for our School Site and Parent Council. This is an important opportunity for parents to be involved in key decisions at the Bates and learn more information about what is happening in classrooms. Some key topics this year include:

- **Extended Learning Time** in 2017-2018, which extends our school day to 4:10pm.
- The possibility of expanding our school to **add 6th grade**.
- Reviewing and approving the **2017-2018 Budget**
- Serving on the Personnel Subcommittee that **interviews and approves teachers for hire**
- Updates on our **Quality School Plan and Instructional Focus**

Offices available for Parent Council are Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. We also need parents to serve on the School Site Council.

Elections will take place from 5:30-7:00pm with free childcare and dinner provided. If you have questions, please contact one of our co-chairs: Heather McCormick (hlmccormick@gmail.com) or Courtney Barth (barth@rogerson.org). You can also contact our Family Engage liason, Latoya McGlothlin, at lmcglathin@bostonpublicschools.org

The first meeting headed by the new officers is on Wednesday September 28th.

Bates Attire Online Ordering

We are pleased to debut our online ordering form for official Bates attire. [this website](#) to order Bates gear, which will arrive in late September/early October. Please write you child's name in the text box above the "place order" button upon checking out so we can make sure the right student receives the attire.

Bates attire is NOT a mandatory component of the uniform, so please don't feel the need to purchase. Any khaki or navy bottom with any white, navy, or light blue top is acceptable.

Online/Social Media Presence

We are stepping up our game with our online and media presence this year!

Our new website is <https://thephineasbates.org/>. I would like to publicly thank Somy Kim and Robert Vitalli, two fabulous parents, for all of their hard work in building us beautiful new website! On the website, you can find the dates for all School Parent Council meetings as well as the dates of our new event—Coffee with the Principal.

Follow us on [Twitter](#) at @BatesSchoolBPS
“Like” our [Facebook Page](#)

One of our major goals this year is to streamline and improve our communication with parents. It is through collaboration with our community that we can make the Bates a truly amazing place to learn and grow!

Best,
Andrew