

## **For the Week of January 2nd through January 7th, 2017.**

We hope the entire Bates Community had a restful break and, for those of you celebrating, a joyous holiday season.

### **School Site Council: January 4th - Budget Meeting**

**The School Site Council will formally vote on the budget at a special meeting on Wednesday, January 4th, from 6pm-7pm.** This is an open meeting and all members of the Bates Community are invited to attend. Only elected members of the School Site Council, however, will vote.

### **School Site and Parent Council: January 11th, 2017**

The regular meeting for the School Site and Parent Council will be on Wednesday January 11th from 5:30-7:00pm with free dinner and childcare provided. At this meeting, the school community will have the opportunity to preview a rough draft schedule for the 2017-2018 school year, which extends the school day.

### **Extended Learning Time - 2017-2018**

Before the break, Superintendent Chang informed Boston Public Schools staff that the City of Boston and Mayor Walsh will support Extended Learning Time next year with an investment of \$14 million. Extended Learning Time will happen for all Schedule A schools, which includes the Bates. At this time, there are no immediate plans to change start times, which means **for the 2017-2018 school year the Bates's school day will be 9:30am-4:10pm.** I know there are many concerns about this change and I encourage all parents to reach out to me and I am happy to connect you with district-level staff who will hear your concerns.

### **Fundraising Projects**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our fundraising project for [2nd Grade!](#) The project was fully funded. We currently multiple one classroom fundraising campaign going:

The **K2 team** is fundraising for a new kitchen set on DonorsChoose. **We only have 15 days left to fund this project!** 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.

### **Fox Fund**

We are pleased to announce our annual giving fund, which we are calling the Fox Fund. These funds will support annual programs for students to alleviate some of the school budget resources. Our goal is to raise \$100 for every student. Click [here](#) to donate and share the link with your networks. We will also be sending home donation fliers.

### **Upcoming Dates**

January 4 - School Site Council Final Budget Meeting and Vote

January 11 - School Site and Parent Council Meeting

January 20 - Coffee with the Principal

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