

**For the Week of March 12th through March 18th, 2017.**

**School Site Council Wednesday March 15 – Principal Screening Committee Elections**

The School Site Council chose to postpone electing members of the principal screening committee due to the lack of a diverse representation of parents last week. As a result, the SSC will meet again this Wednesday, March 15 to elect the screening committee. The meeting will begin at 5:30 and should not last longer than an hour. We are working on securing child care and dinner with an update later this week.

**Coffee with the Principal – March 14th**

This Tuesday, March 14th, Mr. Vega will be in Room 204 from 7:45am to 9:00am to meet with parents. The focus of this time is the principal search and the Extended Learning Time Plan. Come join Mr. Vega for Coffee!

**YMCA Before/After School Care Openings**

The YMCA of Greater Boston is the largest provider of state licensed child care in Massachusetts. Programs are held during before school hours, after school hours, school vacations, on certain holidays and teacher professional development days. The Bates Out-of-School-Time (OST) program is currently accepting new applications for our Before School (programming from 7:30AM-9:15AM) and After School (programming from 3:30PM-6:00PM), Monday through Friday. All of our programs focus on character development and reinforce the four core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. In addition, the curriculum promotes self-confidence, respect for one another, community building skills and homework support. For more information please contact Bryan Lamoreau, the Parkway Community YMCA Program Administrator at [617-981-2351](tel:6179812351) or [blamoreau@ymcaboston.org](mailto:blamoreau@ymcaboston.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2017**

We are in the early stages of planning for our annual Fox Fest. For families new to the Bates, Fox Fest is our annual fundraising event held in the spring. If you are interested in helping solicit donations for our silent and live auctions, please contact Travis Marshall, K2 Parent and Fox Fest Chair, at [travis.marshall@gmail.com](mailto:travis.marshall@gmail.com). Last year we raised over \$5,000 dollars in one night and hope to do even better this year!

**School Garden Update**

Planting season will soon be upon us! Mrs. Roberts Keddy is looking for volunteers willing to support garden planting and maintenance. Gardening experience or expertise is a plus but by no means necessary. Please email Mrs. Roberts Keddy at [jroberts@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:jroberts@bostonpublicschools.org) with your contact

information and availability or click and fill out the [Spring Planting Survey and Volunteer Sign-Up](#) form.

Don't forget to check the [Bates Specialists' Blog](#) for garden updates in addition to updates on all of your child's specialist classes.

Link for the Spring Planting Survey and Volunteer Sign-Up: <https://goo.gl/forms/8CpCzZ4KD0iDDiN12>

Link for the Bates Specialists'

Blog: <https://sites.google.com/a/bostonpublicschools.org/bates-enrichment/>