

For the Week of March 19th through March 25th, 2017.

School Site Council Tuesday March 21st – 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 Tuesday, March 21st 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.

Saturday March 25 - Civic Saturday Roslindale

From Bates Parents who help organize this event:

Saturday, March 25
2:30-4:30pm
Roslindale Community Center
6 Cummins Hwy

Join us for our second Civic Saturday! We have the pleasure of having Boston Public Schools educator, Andrew Vega, give a talk entitled, "More than a Safety Pin: From Ally to Disruptor," at this second Civic Saturday.

Modeled on the Civic Saturdays in Seattle, this meeting is a civic analogue to church: a gathering of friends and strangers in a common place for a shared purpose. But it's not about religion; it's about American civic unity. We will nurture the American creed of liberty, equality, and self-government that truly unites us (even as we argue over it).

All are welcome, so please invite your families, friends, and neighbors.



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Roslindale Community Center
6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, MA

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“More than A Safety Pin: From Ally to Disruptor”

Email: bostoncivicsaturdays@gmail.com ★ Facebook: Boston Civic Saturdays

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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 or 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. 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 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/8CpCzZ4KDoiDDiN12>

Link for the Bates Specialists'
Blog: <https://sites.google.com/a/bostonpublicschools.org/bates-enrichment/>

Upcoming Dates

March 21 - Principal Search Screening Committee Elections

March 25 - Roslindale Civic Saturday

April 12 - School Site and Parent Council Meeting

April 29 - Fox Fest

June 2 - Talent Show