

For the Week of March 26th through April 1st, 2017.

Principal Search Update

The School Site Council held elections last week for members of the Principal Screening Committee. Congratulations and thank you to the following:

- Sarah Burke, K2 Teacher/Inclusion Specialist
- Barb Damon, 3rd/5th Grade Parent
- Alanah Haynes, K1 Parent
- Anthony Melvin, K2 Parent
- Michael Macchi, 3rd Grade Teacher
- Dom Wilkins, PE Teacher

The committee will begin their work this week when they will review resumes of candidates in the principal pool.

School Site/Parent Council - April 12th

At our next SPC/SSC meeting, we will engage in final planning for Fox Fest and get an update from the principal screening committee. The meeting will be from 5:30-7:00pm with free dinner and childcare provided.

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.

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

April 12 - School Site and Parent Council Meeting

April 29 - Fox Fest

May 19 - Talent Show Tryouts

June 2 - Talent Show

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