

For the Week of April 9th through April 15th, 2017.

A huge thank you to 3rd and 5th grade families! 3rd graders had perfect attendance all 3 days of the MCAS and 5th grades had perfect attendance 2 out of the 3 days.

A reminder that there is no school this Friday, April 14th for Good Friday. There is also no school next week, April 17-21, for Patriot's Day and April Vacation. Have a safe break!

The next family newsletter will be on April 23.

Grade 4 Families: MCAS Starts This Week!

Grade 4 will take the MCAS April 10-12. All testing will begin at 10:00am and students may not enter the testing rooms if they arrive after that. Late students will have to take the MCAS at a later time separate from their class. You will find the full schedule for ELA testing below. Math testing will take place in May and we will share those dates at a later time. Students who are absent will take the assessment during planned makeup times.

Please reach out with questions and thank you for making sure students are present and on time during MCAS testing.

Grade 4

Session 1: April 10, 2017

Session 2: April 11, 2017

Session 3: April 12, 2017

Spring 2017 Grades 3–8 MCAS ELA Tests				
Gr.	Session 1 recommended testing time	Session 2 recommended testing time	Session 3 recommended testing time	Total recommended testing time

3	60	60	45	165
4	60	60	45	165
5	60	75	45	180

Principal Search Update

The principal screening committee is continuing interviews of candidates this week.

School Site/Parent Council - April 12th

At our next SPC/SSC this Wednesday, 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.

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 Grant

VOTE for the Bates Garden!

Click on www.seedsofchangegrant.com/GalleryDetail.aspx?id=3874 or go to seedsofchangegrant.com and search for **Bates** to vote for our school's chance to win a \$10,000 garden grant.

Please vote **daily** until April 19. We are a small school so we need everyone voting every day in order to make it out of the voting phase into the judging phase. If we pass through to the judging phase, we have an excellent chance of being chosen, so spread the word and get out the vote!

Upcoming Dates

April 4 - BuildBPS Joint Site Council Meeting - Irving Middle School - 6:00-7:30pm

April 12 - School Site and Parent Council Meeting

April 14 - NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

April 17-21 - APRIL VACATION

April 29 - Fox Fest

May 19 - Talent Show Tryouts

June 2 - Talent Show

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