



October

Up and Coming Events

October 12th – October 16th



Oct. 12th- Indigenous People's Day !

(Formerly known as Columbus Day)

Recognizes the survival of the Indigenous peoples (Native People) of the Western Hemisphere. In 2019, Washington, D.C. passed a resolution to change the holiday to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

"This change allows the opportunity to bring more awareness to the unique, rich history of this land that is inextricably tied to the first peoples of this country and predates the voyage of Christopher Columbus," the National Congress of American Indians said in a statement. "It also acknowledges American Indians and Alaska Natives as thriving, contemporary sovereign nations who hold their rightful place among the American family of governments."

To learn more about Indigenous People's Day please visit:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-american-indian/2020/10/07/indigenous-peoples-day-2020/>

Oct. 16th- Boss's Day

Celebrate Bosses Everywhere!



Hale School Councils

Oct. 20th -Parent Council/ School Site Council Elections @ 5:30pm

All interested parties must be present on the day of the elections in order to be considered for a position. (Zoom link will be sent prior to meeting)

Homework Help

Boston Public Library locations offer free after-school homework help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students.

Come And Let Your Voices Be Heard!

On Tuesday October 6, 2020 an informational meeting was held between the School Parent and School Site Councils to discuss the election process for the 20-21 school year.

Although, every parent is a member of the School Parent Council, we encourage all of our families to come out and participate in and on both of our councils.

Everyone has a significant role to play in ensuring the academic and social success of our students.

You will find additional information about the leadership roles and the overall functions of the councils on page two of this week's newsletter.

We hope that you will take the time to review the information and consider running for one of the offices.

In an effort to have our students be able to engage in independent and collaborative learning that is grounded in grade-level standards, culturally responsive practices, and that includes necessary accommodations needed to meet their individual academic and social-emotional needs, we need all of you.

UPDATES

- Boston Public Schools is delaying the next phase of in-person learning due to recent changes in public health data. This means that students who expected to return to school the week of October 15th will be delayed as part of the city's strategy to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.
- In-person learning for our K1 and K2 students has been delayed until the week of October 22, 2020.
- There are still a significant number of families who have not picked up their student materials kits or the gift cards for grades 3-6 from the school. Please stop by if you have not already done so.
- **No School Monday October 12, 2020**

School Parent Council Executive Committee

What do the Co-chairs do?

- Provide leadership and direction
- Act as spokespersons for the School Parent Council
- Co-chairs also sign off on important documents on behalf of the SPC with input from the other members, help decide what should be on the meeting agenda
- Communicate regularly with principal or headmaster

What do the School Site Council Representatives do?

- Review and approve school policy
- Fully participate in the meetings, representing the School Parent Council and reporting back to the School Parent Council executive committee

What does the Secretary of the School Parent Council Executive Committee do?

- Takes notes during all general and executive committee meetings
- prepares minutes and distributes minutes at meetings

What does the Treasurer of the School Parent Council Executive Committee do?

- Keeps record of all funds raised by, or allocated to the School Parent Council
- Prepare written reports regarding School Parent Council financials and distribute to School Parent Council members

School Parent Council: Additional elected roles

What does the Citywide Parent Council Representative do?

- Represent the parent body on the City-Wide Parent Council
- Attend regularly scheduled meetings and develop strategies to address these citywide issues and concerns.
- Share information gained at City-Wide Parent Council meetings with School Parent Council members.

What does the Boston Parent Advisory Council Title 1 Representative do?

- Represent the parent body on the Boston Parent Advisory Council
- Attend regularly scheduled meetings
- Learn more about distribution of Title 1 funds and share the information gained at the Boston Parent Advisory Council meetings with School Parent Council members.