

November 2021 Family Newsletter



Early Education Curriculum

Infants and Toddlers will focus on physical and language objectives.

The Red Sox classroom will continue their Reduce, Reuse and Recycle study.

Maple, Celtics, Patriots and Bruins classrooms will continue Family Unit 1 and will begin Friend Unit 2 in mid-November.

Follow our UPK curriculum



Important Reminders

- Ellis will be <u>closed</u> on Thursday, November11th for Professional Development
- Ellis will close at 3pm on Wednesday, November 24th
- Ellis will be <u>closed</u> Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th
- Birthday Celebrations: Due to allergies and health and safety, no outside foods (cakes, etc.) are permitted. Please speak to Ellis staff about birthday celebrations.
- Smiling Dentist will return on **November 9**. If you would like your child to participate, please contact <u>Kimberly</u> for more details. We will confirm the dates and time for an Ellis-JP visit soon.

Help Make a Difference in Our Community

We are collecting non-perishable foods, canned goods and dry goods, basic health and beauty products, and gift cards to Stop & Shop and Target to help families in our community. We will collect items during drop-off each morning through November 13th in designated bins. Every donation helps, and together we hope to make a real difference.

And, please consider helping an Ellis mom in the hospital.

November Celebrations



11/1- Maleia
11/2- Kairi, Jamir
11/2- Ms. Mavis 1 year anniversary
11/4- Nylah, Dylan
11/5 Mr. Tom's 20 year anniversary
11/8 Wallace, Lilly & Gerard, Ms. Yina
11/8 Ms. Tiffany's 16 year anniversary
11/9 Noah
11/11 Ms. Natalie's 1 year anniversary
11/14- Andrew
11/16- Cassandra
11/17- Bowen

11/18- Malakai, Ms. Jendriana
11/18 Ms. Rachel's 2 year anniversary
11/20- Rae'Niece, Antonio
11/22- Egypt
11/23- Ms. Fabiene
11/24- Alyssa
11/25- Steven
11/26- Maxwell, Ms. Mavis
11/27- Henry L., Montauk, Ms. Lupe
and Ms. Kiani
11/29- Isaac, Ms. Patti
11/30- Henry L.



Family Engagement

Caregivers Circle

On November 11th at 8:15pm, our Social Worker, Melanie Sullivan, and our Family Navigator, Kimberly Skelton, will host a monthly 60-90 minute video chat session called Caregivers Circle. We hope to use this time to collaboratively celebrate your successes, troubleshoot your challenges, and explore all aspects of the parenting experience in a non-judgmental space. Zoom link will be shared in the ProCare calendar.

Monthly Circle Time Zoom

We welcome you to join your child's classroom for a virtual Circle Time on Friday, November 19th. Toddlers will meet at 10am and Preschoolers at 10:45 am. Zoom links will be shared in the ProCare calendar.

Flat Stanley Activity

This month, we will send home a Flat Stanley for your child(ren) to decorate and bring along to each of your family adventures, holidays, and celebrations. We hope that you will share photos each month showing where Stanley has been with your family, who they've met, and the fun activities you've shared.

Family Resources

- The Roxbury YMCA is providing Thanksgiving meal kits and gift cards for families who register.
- UpTogether's Trust + Invest Collaborative: Residents of Boston and Cambridge are invited to participate in the Trust + Invest Collaborative (TIC). The purpose of the TIC is to understand how access to community, capital and choice make a meaningful difference in people's lives. TIC will help provide evidence to change social service systems and create better policies to support families. Families can apply to participate in this 18-month, paid research study. By participating, they will help provide evidence that can improve public systems for all families in Massachusetts. Families who are accepted will earn a minimum of \$760 and may be eligible if they live in Boston or Cambridge, have a dependent under 18, and are income eligible for SNAP. Apply in English or in Spanish. The application is open until all slots are filled. Email TIC@UpTogether.org with questions.

Countdown to Kindergarten

Virtual School Tours for 2022-2023 School Year

- Before registering a student for a BPS school, we encourage you to research your student's school choice options, learn more about our schools, and attend school information sessions. For more information on how and when to register, please visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/register.
- Please fill out the form to select the schools for which you are interested in attending a virtual school information session. The school will reach out to you with more information and send the online link to the event. (Note: the form will let you select up to 5 schools. If you are interested in more than 5 schools, please complete the form as many times as necessary.)
- For the 2022-2023 school year: January 5-January 28 is the priority registration period for students entering grades K0, K1, 6, 7, and 9. The priority registration period for students entering K2 and all other grades begins on February 7.

Discover BPS

• A search engine that helps parents understand which schools their child is eligible to attend and is also a great resource for information about all BPS schools. Please email welcomeservices@bostonpublicschools.org with questions.

