

Parents are Powerful!



Registration
Saturday, October 31, 2009
UMASS/Boston
Student Center
8:30 AM – 3:30PM



*An initiative of the
Boston Public Schools
Office of Family & Student Engagement*

The BPS Vision

“Every school welcomes every family and every student, actively engaging them as partners in student learning and school improvement.”

Our Mission

“The Office of Family and Student Engagement builds the capacity of BPS schools, staff, families, students and the community to establish partnerships that strengthen student learning and improve schools.”

What the Research Says:

When parents are involved in the education process, students achieve more, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parent’s education level. Adapted from 2002 National Center for School Engagement



Enriching - Engaging - Empowering

What is Parent University?

Parent University is a learning experience designed to help parents get a better understanding of how their children learn and develop; what their child should be learning; how to help their child get what they need to succeed in school and how to bring other parents together to work for school improvement.

Most importantly, Parent University provides opportunities for parents to build their own skills and enjoy learning new things.

What will I learn at Parent University?

Parent University learning sessions are focused on four areas that support parents in ways that empower them to leaders and advocates for student learning and school improvement.

Parents as Teachers – provides a clearer understanding of how children grow and learn and the teaching & learning approaches in BPS.

Parents as Advocates – provides the knowledge and skills parents need to advocate for their child, understand the standards and expectations for learning and support learning at home.

Parents as Leaders – provides the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to assume leadership roles in their schools and community.

Parents as Learners – provides the opportunity to build upon their own skills for personal and professional growth.

How does Parent University Work?

Parent University offers 3 full-day Saturday learning sessions filled with interesting and valuable information for families. **The first session of PARENT UNIVERSITY will be held on Saturday October 31, at UMASS Boston.** Other full-day sessions will be offered in January and May, with additional sessions offered throughout the year at schools, libraries and community centers.

As parents complete classes they will be awarded Parent University Points (PUPs). In June, there will be a Parent University graduation for parents who have earned 10 PUPs.

Parent University is free for all BPS parents.

How do I register for Parent University?

BPS Parents can register in advance for the classes offered at the full-day **PARENT UNIVERSITY** Session offered on October 31st at UMASS Boston.

Use the attached registration form to select your classes. Complete and submit your registration by the 10/20/09 deadline:

By fax: 617-635-7751

or

By mail: send your registration form to:

PARENT UNIVERSITY

445 Warren Street

Dorchester, MA 02121

For more information call 617-635-1683



PARENT UNIVERSITY

Session Overview

8:30 – 9:00	Continental Breakfast Registration Childcare Drop-off
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome – Opening Ceremony Guest Speakers
9:30 – 11:00	BLOCK 1 – CLASSES
11:00 – 11:10	BREAK
11:15 – 12:45	BLOCK 2 – CLASSES
12:45 – 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 – 3:00	BLOCK 3 – CLASSES
3:15 – 3:30	Closing Session ~ Raffles/Giveaways Evaluation/Survey Drop-off Childcare Pick-up

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~Over 30 exciting, informative classes offered ~

~ Raffles and Giveaways~

~10 classes offered in Spanish ~

~Family workshops for Parents &
students ages 12 -18~

~Childcare provided (ages 2+)~
You must pre-register for childcare

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UMASS/BOSTON

CAMPUS CENTER, 3RD FLOOR

Directions to UMASS/Boston:

- **By Subway:** Take the Red Line to JFK/UMass Station. A free shuttle bus will carry you to the campus.
 - **Bus:**
 - Kenmore Square stop (service all day): the Number 8 bus; the last one leaves campus at 1 a.m.
 - Forest Hills stop (rush hour only): the Number 16.
 - **By car from the north**
Take Interstate 93 South through Boston to exit 15 (JFK Library/South Boston/Dorchester) and follow the University of Massachusetts signs along Columbia Road and Morrissey Boulevard to the campus.
 - **By car from the south**
Take Interstate 93 North to exit 14 (JFK Library/Morrissey Boulevard) and follow Morrissey Boulevard north to the campus.
- All visitors to the Campus Center are encouraged to park in the North Lot. Pickup/drop-off is allowed at the Main entrance on the circular road in front of the building.
- **Parking fees - \$6**



DON'T DELAY – REGISTER TODAY!

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