

SHAW FAMILY NEWS

P.A. Shaw Family Newsletter: Month of April

Dates for the End of the Year

Friday June 3rd: P.A. Shaw Performing and Visual Arts Showcase; Time To Be Determined

- Students will demonstrate what they have learned this year through their visual and performing arts classes! We will have drumming, music, dance performances and more! Please stay tuned for the details!

Thursday June 23rd: End of the Year Celebration; Time to Be Determined

- Last year we had awards, games and a cook-out! Who knows what's in store for this year! If you are interested in being part of the planning for this celebration, please contact Krystal Dowe:
kdowe@bostonpublicschools.org
OR message her through ClassDojo!

Get ahead of the Game! Before and After School Survey

If you haven't done so yet, please make sure to complete the interest survey on Before and After School needs for next year!

We will be hosting a pre-registration day for Before and After School Care, so please keep an eye out for details!

<http://goo.gl/forms/G15qPhaFbC>

Breakfast Reminder

Breakfast ends at **9:30 am!** Students that arrive at or after 9:30 am, will not be able to get breakfast! Please plan accordingly!

Getting Ready for Next Year!

Dear Families,

As this school year begins to come to a close, we are already thinking and planning about how we can prepare for the upcoming school year! With this in mind, we will be offering some key parent meetings and information sessions regarding what to expect for next year. Please mark your calendars and hold these **VERY** important dates and times:

May 17th, Rising K1 and K2 Families Night (4:45 pm - 6:30 pm)

May 31st, Rising 1st and 2nd Grade Families Night (4:45 pm - 6:30 pm)

- Please make sure to attend! You will learn about grade level standards, expectations for next year and what you can do over the summer to prevent summer learning loss!

School Site and Parent Site Council: Next Meeting — Monday April 11th!

Please come to our next School Site and Parent Site Council Meeting on Monday April 11th! At this meeting, we will be discussing school and family expectations— What does it mean to be a student, staff member and parent at the Shaw? What actions can families expect from the Shaw? What actions can the Shaw expect from families?

Please be a part of this conversation as we develop our Home-School Compact for the next school year!

School Site Council: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Parent Site Council: 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm



Transportation

I want to take this opportunity to clearly communicate to families the procedures that occur at the Shaw around Transportation and Dismissal.

- **3:00 pm:** At 3:00 pm, I review the Bus Routes. Any changes to dismissal procedures and attendance is addressed at this time. This is why it's important for families to notify us no later than 3:00 pm of dismissal changes. We distribute these lists to staff members for attendance purposes.
- **3:30 pm:** Early Dismissal Ends! Families will need to wait until 4:10 pm to dismiss
- **4:00 pm - 4:10 pm:** Classroom teachers prepare for dismissal. By **4:10 pm**, students are either: a) in their bus rooms or b) waiting with the classroom teacher outside or in the cafeteria to be picked up
- **4:10 pm - 4:20 pm:** Busses arrive at the Shaw and students are loaded onto the bus. Ideally, all school busses leave the Shaw by **4:20 pm**.

I understand that transportation can be frustrating at times. Even at dismissal, we at the school, are not notified if a bus is running late— we are actively calling transportation by **4:15 pm** to inquire about buses that have yet to arrive. Sometimes busses leave the Shaw on time, and during the route they get stuck in traffic or other issues arise that cause them to be late.

Please make sure to do the following:

- Use the “Where’s My Bus?” App to track and monitor your child’s bus. This app DOES NOT work if it’s a covering bus, unfortunately.
- Check ClassDojo! I will notify families via ClassDojo when late busses arrive at the Shaw and when they leave
- **Call Transportations at: 617-635-9520** if you are unable to track the bus or any other issues!

Shaw Community Gardening Event!!

Bring your family and friends to this wonderful P.A. Shaw School Event! On **Saturday April 30th from 10 am - 2 pm**, we will be gardening outside and beautifying our school grounds!

We have a grant on DonorChoose, asking for donations to support us in obtaining the materials by the time our Gardening Event occurs on the 30th. Please share this link with your family, friends, co-workers etc. so we can make this event a reality!

Go to:

- donorschoose.org
- Search: “Planting Party” by Ms. J
- You can also search by School: Pauline A Shaw Elementary School and find the project listed there.

Once you go to the Project Page, you will be able to share this link and request with others through Email, Facebook or Twitter.

P.A. Shaw Family Climate Survey

By now, you should have received the Climate Survey! This survey was sent home with your child in an envelope! Please make sure to complete this survey, place it back in the envelope and **send it in the mail!**

Each and every day, we do our best to provide a quality educational experience for your child. Our goal is to make sure we have the best school in the Mattapan/Dorchester neighborhoods and we can not do that without your feedback! Completing this survey will allow us to reflect as a school about what we are doing well and areas for improvement.

Please take the time to complete this survey and have it in the mail **no later than Monday April 25th**.

You can also complete the survey online if you wish!

www.bostonpublicschools.org/climatesurvey