



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

Monday, September 16th
**Before School Program and
Imagine That! (after school) Begin**

Wednesday, September 18th, 6-7pm
Friends of Mission Hill Meeting - All welcome

Thursday, September 19th, 5:30-7pm
Back to School Night (see flier for details)

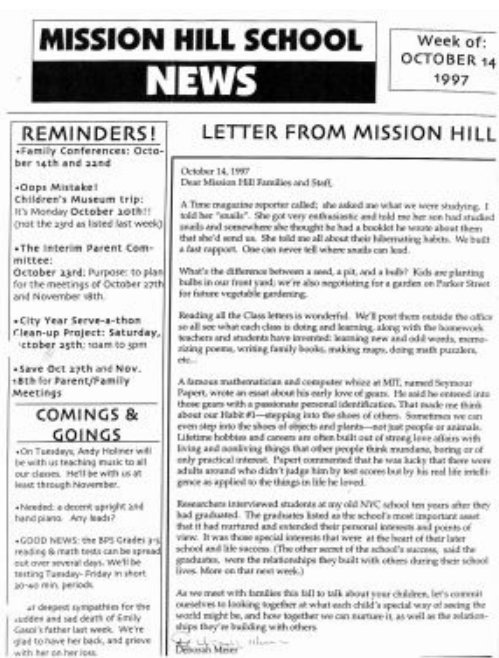
Thursday, September 26th, 5:00-7pm
Governance Board Meeting - All invited to attend

September 13, 2019

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Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Dear Mission Hill School Friends, Families, Students, and Staff,



In many ways the Mission Hill School weekly newsletter is like the heartbeat of our school. Since we opened our doors in the fall of 1997, we have sent home a newsletter at the end of each week. Reading the newsletter is one of the best ways to be engaged with school, and sharing this experience with your child is even better.

Through reading the newsletter, you will be able to watch the learning unfold in your own child's classroom and in other classrooms as well. You'll stay current about what is happening in the school and what is coming down the road. I encourage you to have conversations with your children about what you've read in the newsletter. For example, "Tell me more about when your class...?"; "What are your ideas about...?"; "How do you feel about...?" etc. These types of questions will deepen your connection to your child's experience at school, as

well as encourage language development and higher-order thinking. I am asking you to commit to reading the newsletter weekly, and I am committed to making sure our classroom columns are there for you every week.

The front page of every newsletter is a message to our entire community. Although it is often written by our school leaders and can be written by anyone: students, staff, or families. If you or your child has an idea for a front page, feel free to call me at 617-635-6384 or email me at gmclaughlin@missionhillschool.org with the word "Newsletter" in your subject line.

This is the second week we are sending home paper copies of our newsletter. Let me know if you didn't receive the newsletter we sent home last Friday. We have extra copies in the main office. Starting

Friday 9/20/19, we will be emailing the newsletter as a way to save paper. Also starting next week you will be able to read all the classroom columns. (So far this year, classrooms have been communicating directly with the families in only their own classroom.) If you prefer to continue receiving a paper copy please call the office at 617-635-6384. You can also find our current newsletter as well as archives on our website: missionhillschool.org

Thanks for reading! And please reach out with any feedback, questions or ideas.



Geralyn Bywater McLaughlin

Happy New School Year from Geralyn and Jenerra!

Schoolwide News

Dismissal Routines

Thank you to everyone as you have adjusted to our new dismissal routines. We are working to get all students home as safely and quickly as possible. If you are picking up a student in 1st-8th grade please wait in the library until 3:30pm. This allows all children to move to their bus room or pick-up room with minimal confusion. And thank you for using Stairwell A for picking up.

Book Fair

We will once again partner with Porter Square Books for our annual Book Fair. The dates are December 2nd-6th. (Please note this change in date.) We will need many volunteers during that week. Please contact Geralyn in the main office if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!

Family Council

All adults who are part of the Mission Hill School community are part of Family Council. Family Council plans, hosts and attends events that support our network of families and the school. Family Council members act as organizers, supporters, leaders, learners, teachers and collaborators in a variety of ways. Please come to the monthly events. The October meeting will be held October 16th at 5:45-7pm. Everyone's perspective matters! All families are automatically added to our Google group which includes

you in emails and our events calendar to stay on top of upcoming events. Watch for emails from our executive team and feel free to reach out at any time at familycouncil@missionhillschool.org.

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SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 21ST

6TH ANNUAL
BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

40,000 FREE BOOKS AND ACTIVITIES FOR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES!
Stop by between **1:00 and 4:00 PM** on **Saturday, September 21st, 2019**
Boston Teachers Union & Carson Beach
180 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, MA 02125
(Entrance is off of Day Boulevard, before Carson Beach)

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US SORT BOOKS ON WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 TO 20 FROM 3-7 PM. **CAN YOU HELP OUT?** ALL ARE WELCOME TO PICK IN, INCLUDING STUDENTS' FUELING COMMUNITY SERVICE. Please contact Liliana at lgutierrez@btu.org or Brenda at bbelton@btu.org if you can volunteer any day!

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UNION DE MAESTROS DE BOSTON

¡RESERVA LA FECHA!
SÁBADO 21 DE SEPTIEMBRE

6^ª FERIA
REGRESO A LA ESCUELA

¡40,000 LIBROS GRATIS Y ACTIVIDADES PARA TODAS FAMILIAS DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DE BOSTON!
Visítenos entre **1:00 y 4:00 PM** el **Sábado, 21 de Setiembre, 2019**
Boston Teachers Union y Carson Beach
180 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, MA 02125
(Entrada cerca de la Day Blvd., antes del Carson Beach)

NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS PARA AYUDARNOS A ORGANIZAR LOS LIBROS EL MIÉRCOLES HASTA VIERNES, DÍAS 18-20 DE SETIEMBRE DE LAS 3-7PM. **¿QUIERES AYUDAR?** TODOS ESTÁN INVITADOS, INCLUSO ESTUDIANTES NECESITANDO SERVICIO COMUNITARIO. ¡por favor contacta a Liliana lgutierrez@btu.org o Brenda bbelton@btu.org si puedes ayudar en cualquier día!

PARADA MAS CERCA DE LA VISTA
JFK/UMASS EN LA LINEA ROJA

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METE DAT SA SOU KOTE! 21 SEPTANM

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AKTIVITE RETOUNEN LEKOL

40,000 LIV GRATIS AK AKTIVITE POU TOUT FANMI NAN LEKOL PUBLIK BOSTON!
VINI ANT **1:00 AK 4:00 PM NAN SAMDI, 21 SEPTANM, 2019**
BOSTON TEACHERS UNION & CARSON BEACH
180 MT. VERNON ST., BOSTON, MA 02125
(ANTRE YA SE TOU PRE DAY BLVD., AVAN CARSON BEACH)

NOU AP BEZWEV VOLANTE POU EDE NOU RANJE LIV YO MEKREDI A VANDREDI 18 A 20 SEPTANM, 3-7PM. **ESKE OU KA EDE NOU?** ELEV KAPAB SEVI KOM VOLONTETE TOU!
Tangri kontakte Liliana lgutierrez@btu.org owa Brenda bbelton@btu.org si ou ka sevi kom volontè nan pou sa pou!

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A special thanks to Meg Walker, one of our art teachers, for giving our mural a much-needed touch up before the first day of school!

Geralyn Bywater McLaughlin and
Jenerra Williams, Co-Teacher Leaders
Deborah Meier, Founder
Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent

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It's Back to School Night!

Hello Mission Hill Families!



Come meet members of our staff, your child's teacher and find out more about what's in store for your child this year.

(curriculum, schedule, etc.)

This event will be a conversation between adults, please RSVP for limited childcare at 617-635-6384. This is not a potluck, light refreshments will be provided. ☺

When: Thursday, Sep. 19, 2019 **Time:** 5:30- 7:00pm

Schedule:

5:30-6:00pm K0-K2 Families meet in K-Quad

6:00-6:15-Everyone meets in downtown area

6:15-7:00- Grade 1-8 families meet on 2nd floor in classrooms

Arts will be available for drop-in



See you there!

Es la noche de la regresa a la escuela

¡Hola familias de Mission Hill!

Ven a conocer los miembros de nuestro personal, el maestro de su hijo y saber más acerca de lo que está reservado para su hijo este año.(plan de estudios, horario, etc.)



Como este evento será una conversación entre adultos, por favor RSVP para ciudad de niños al 617-635-6384. Esto no es una fiesta de traje, pero el refrigerio ligero se proporcionará. ☺

Cuando: El 19 de septiembre de 2019

Tiempo: 5:30 - 7:00pm

Horario:

5:30-6:00 familias K0-K2 se reúnen en K-Quad

6:00-6:15 Todos se reúne en el centro de la escuela

6:15-7:00- familias de grades 1-8 se reúnen en las aylas el segundo piso

*Los Artes estarán disponibles para



¡Le ver allí!