

SPC Meeting and Chinese New Year Celebration
Thursday, Feb 7th, 2019
6:00PM - 8:00PM

6:00pm - 6:45pm Potluck family feast & Lunar New Year celebration in the cafeteria, some students will also be performing the lion dance!

6:45 - 8pm Childcare and gross motor activity in the gym with Mr. Levett! Arts and crafts will also be available.

7pm - 8pm Parents gather in the cafeteria for SPC meeting and school updates.

Speakers: Principal Soo Hoo - School Updates,
Debbie and Vivian Ortiz - Safe Routes to School
Webster Pilcher of JQSA - Announcing 172 Anniversary Banquet
Jen Roy of SPC, Internet Safety and Immigration Project Volunteers Needed
Rowena Tuttle JQES Community Field Coordinator - Upcoming Events

Principal Soo Hoo - School Updates

1) International Baccalaureate:

- School met with District's Academics department in supporting our Curriculum Development (Standards alignment, resources, flexibility to receive Science kits when needed; ways to have more cross-grade level and cross content/specialists meeting as well as Professional development)
- The Upper school will hold a Middle Years Programme IB night next Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 at 900 Washington Street
- Our next IB Community information night will be Thursday, March 7th from 5-6pm (The district will have their BPS Budget meeting in the auditorium from 6-10pm)

2) Budget:

- Submitted a balanced budget
- Had to close one of our Early Childhood Center Based Classrooms due to low enrollment
- Continue to prioritize full-time paraprofessional in all Kindergartens and smaller class sizes in grades 1 and 2
- Inclusion is rolling up to grade 5

3) Others:

- The Wellness Committee has drafted a letter to the BuildBPS team requesting that the findings in the BuildBPS Josiah Quincy Elementary School Facility Evaluation Report be part of the BUildBPS plan including which include the Roof Membrane and windows. In addition requests for the entire Envelope of the school and rug removal be completed.
- The school site council will create a strategic plan document to ensure our priorities and initiatives are well planned and align to our school's Vision

Debbie and Vivian Ortiz - Safe Routes to School

Parents will:

1. **Understand what SRTS Boston is, why it exists and what we do**
2. **Learn what they can do to help make walking to school safe, fun, and popular.**
 - **Walk** (or bike) to school with your child. Follow the preferred walk routes and teach them to your children. Model safe walking/biking strategies and help your child learn to get to school safely.

(Please take copies of the preferred walking route map and safe walking tips in English and Chinese)

- **Attend your school's Wellness Council meetings.** Ask about efforts to implement Safe Routes to School and how you can help.

(I will include this or leave it out, depending on your preference)

- **Walk to School Days** - Review the history the Quincy has with Walk to School Days and how they help encourage children to value active transportation.

(I am not sure if you want parents to be involved in helping to organize WTSD - I will show the planning toolkit)

- **Advocate for Safer Streets:** Identify and document concerns and communicate them to the city using the BOS:311 app, and/or Vision Zero Safety Concerns Map.
 - **Plan a Safety Walk:** Organize a group of parents and community members to walk to school following the Preferred Walking Route together. Identify and document concerns and make a plan to communicate them to the city using the BOS:311 app, and/or Vision Zero Safety Concerns Map. Resources available to assist.

(I will share the attached 311/Vision Zero sheet - in both English and Chinese. If parents are interested in doing a safety walk i can discuss further (along with Vivian) in a follow up meeting)

- **Consider organizing a Walking School Bus, Park and Walk, or Bicycle Train.** Walking or biking to school is more fun for kids (and parents) when they are together. Utilize the preferred walking route map to identify meet up spots and times so you can walk as a group.

(This would also be a good follow up opportunity if parents indicate an interest)

- **Share your experience through social media.** Use #saferoutesboston or on walk to school day: #bpswalktoschoolday

3. **Determine a plan for next steps** - walk audit, walking school bus, etc. Invite parents

to sign up to be a part of a safe routes committee.

Webster Pilcher of JQSA - Announcing 172 Anniversary Banquet

- Celebrating the 172nd JQES anniversary celebration banquet on Wednesday, May 15th at Empire Garden in Chinatown
 - Annual fundraiser, aiming to raise \$100,000 for student programs including technology, athletics, field trips, and school services
 - Everyone can help by buying tickets, making donations for the silent/live auction, making tax deductible donations, or becoming major donors and honored guests
 - Fundraising help is always appreciated! Please let me, Rhonda, or Cynthia know if you'd like to help raise money for the JQSA
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Internet Safety

The Parent Council is looking at sponsoring a workshop on Kid's online usage and safety. Technology has both made our lives much easier and are posing challenges that are new and no parent before us have confronted before.

- How many of your kids play on the computer/ipad/phone ?
- How many of you have a hard time getting your kids off the computer/ipad/phone
- How many of you wonder/worry about how much time kids should be on electronic media each day?
- What are kids learning from using electronics? What are they being exposed to?
- How many of you have put in parental controls on the devices your children are using? Are they fool proof?

If you answered "yes" to at least two of these questions, join us for a workshop on "Kids and Screentime" to share your experience, to share resources and strategies that work and to hear about the current research in this area. The workshop date is TBD

Immigration Project

The fourth grade team is implementing a new IB Unit on Immigration. The central idea for the unit is People Migrate for Many Reasons. The fourth Grade team is requesting a group of parents to participate in a panel where they can share their own personal experiences. Some questions that may be asked:

- Why did you immigrate?
- Who came with you when you immigrated?
- How long did the visa process take for you?
- Where and with whom did you stay?
- Were you separated from your families in order to come here?

- Did you attend school in the United States?

This panel discussion may also be open to questions from students. If you are interested in participating, it will take place the week after vacation. The fourth grade team is open to coordinating a time that works well for parents that are interested.

If you are interested in being a part of this project, please contact Ms. Moreira at jmoreira.jqs@gmail.com

Rowena Tuttle JQES Community Field Coordinator - Upcoming Events

Please take a copy of the "How to Stay Connected With JQES" Flyer

2/8 - Dim sum Outing for Parents at 9:30am at China Pearl (RSVP to RTuttle@bostonpublicschools.org by Weds.)

2/12 - JQUS IB Info Night from 530-630pm at **JQUS Cafeteria *Targeted towards grades 5-8**

2/15 - Lunar New Year Celebration at Tufts - Some JQES Students to perform in atrium from 12-1pm

2/18-22 - February Recess NO School

3/29- Disco Dance (6pm)

4/3- SPC Executive Meeting

4/15-19 - April Break NO SCHOOL

4/25 - Parent Council Meeting/ Movie Night

5/10 - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 8am

5/15 - JQES 172nd Annual Banquet Fundraiser hosted by JQSA at Empire Garden