

GPA Newsletter



Leadership Update

Over the last few years Gardner Pilot Academy has been working very hard to convert our building from an elementary school to a K-8 school. The superintendent announced her facilities plan outlining the use of Boston Public Schools buildings. Among one of her announcements was the official release to convert Gardner Pilot Academy starting in the

fall of 2012 with a sixth grade. At the school we are working very hard to plan the roll out of our sixth grade for all of our current grade 5 students. We are seeking parents to support with this planning process so we can assure our middle school model meets the needs of families. If you are interested in serving on this team please see Elba Mendez. To read the full district

facilities proposal please visit <http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/facilities2012>.

Our leadership team wants to remind all parents and guardians of the importance of school attendance each and every day. This year we are very closely monitoring attendance and following up with families as needed. Please remember that if your

child misses more than 3 unexcused absences in a term they will not receive credit on their report card. More than 12 unexcused absences in a year requires a child to be retained in their current grade according to the superintendent policy. If you have any attendance questions please see your child's teacher. Please remember to send in a note every time your child is absent.

Technology Goes Home (4th and 5th graders)



This year two of our 2nd grade teachers Sarah Howard and Hanh Truong will be

offering a FREE weekly class for 4th and 5th grade parents and their child to learn how to use a computer and the internet. This is only a 6 week course. The class will be Mondays from 5:30-8:00pm

starting November 7th. At the end of the course you will have the option of purchasing a BRAND NEW portable Netbook computer for only 50.00. Please contact the school if you are interested in

enrolling at 617-635-8365.

Parent Election Results

Below are the results for our election for Parent Council and Governing Board. The winners were.

Parent Council

Chairperson -Amanda Barber

Treasurer-Soraya Beato

Secretary (take notes in English) - Rosalyn Susana

Secretary (take notes in French) - Lemerck Jean-Baptiste

Secretary (take note in Spanish) -Yohana de Martinez

Governing Board

Amanda Barber

Yohana de Martinez

Alvin Christian

Soraya Beato (1st alternate)

Marleny Zaldivar (2nd alternate)



UNIFORMS

Please send your child in uniform every day.

Uniforms can be ordered:

- Online:
www.FrenchToast.com
- Phone: 1-800-373-6248
- FAX: 1-888-296-4966
- Mail: Fill out order form (forms available in the main office) and send to:

3003 Scarlett Street, Suite
25 Brunswick GA 31520

The school code is QS44VN

Please note that when you purchase from the school catalog or online the school receives 5% cash back on all purchases plus technology rewards at certain sales levels. If you need help with ordering please call Elba Mendez at 617-635-8365.

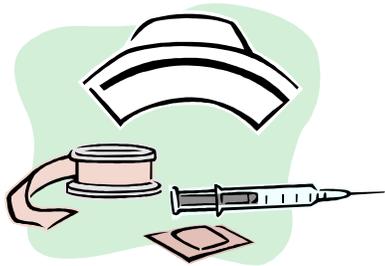
Please note that students can continue to wear the former GPA uniform shirt.

Afterschool



GPA, in collaboration with Harvard Achievement Support Initiative, will be hosting a Celebration of Arts and Culture in December. The date and time is TBD; however we are looking for any interested families to present a cultural dance for our students and families. If you are interested please contact Lauren Fogarty or Elba Mendez at (617) 635-8365 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Updates from the Health Room



The Boston Public Health Commission is holding a FREE flu clinic for all BPS families. It will take place on Wednesday October 26th from 2-7 p.m. at the Boston Public Health Commission, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

The BPHC is one block from South Bay Shopping Plaza and is accessible from the MBTA bus lines #8 and 10. Parking is free after 4pm. For information on other flu clinics, visit www.bphc.org or call 617-534-5050.

If your child is new to The Gardner this year, please provide me with a copy of their most recent physical exam as well as their immunization records. Records from other schools can take months to reach me, and it is important that I know about the health status of students in the building.

Parents of k1 and k2 students, please remember to provide documentation of updated immunizations and physicals if you received a letter from me in September.

Everyone have a wonderful month!!!

Nurse Dana

Adult Education

What a wonderful start to the Adult Learning Centre! The students have settled into their classes and many exciting lessons are being experienced. A new addition to the course this year, is the introduction of weekly computer classes. These are taught by the teachers to assist the students with new or “forgotten” skills. They will learn how to “surf the net” for information, family and friends, interests and eventually jobs. Programs like Microsoft Word will be introduced so students will be able to write their own resumes and letters for job applications in the near future. Many students have opened a Gmail account and are eager to learn more. In the Low Intermediate class we are learning how to type more professionally, swap e-mail addresses and practice our English on websites like www.starfall.com and www.freerice.com. Here’s another fun one: www.jigsaw.com. Why don’t you have a look at these sites at home? They are free and lots of fun!

Afterschool Transportation



As many of you know there is no transportation for the Afterschool Program. One of our parents has looked into a transportation service that provides transportation to Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury. The driver is willing to give to negotiate his fee for Gardner Families depending on the number of families that sign up. If you are interested in afterschool transportation to any of these areas please contact Fabienne Eliacin @ feliacin@gmail.com



Box Tops for Education

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Fabienne Eliacin and I'm the volunteer Box Tops coordinator at Gardner Pilot Academy.

Box Tops is all about the difference 1 can make. This year, our goal is to raise \$200.00 for Art Supplies. Here are three easy, everyday ways you can help:

Clip — Clip the Box Top from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Shop online — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace® (boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Up to 15 eBoxTops™ per \$10 spent on qualifying purchases is automatically donated to our school, at no additional cost to you. Plus, you'll get exclusive Box Tops deals and discounts!

Read — Buy books online through the Reading Room, a partnership between Box Tops and Barnes and Noble. Our school receives up to 6 eBoxTops per \$10 spent on qualifying purchases.

Sign up — It's easy and free. Sign up to support our school at boxtops4education.com, where you can:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops and other prizes
- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands
- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

You can also sign up for Box Tops email newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters with Box Tops members-only deals and discounts.

To learn more, visit boxtops4education.com—and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Sincerely,

Fabienne Eliacin

Box Tops Coordinator at Gardner Pilot Academy

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>8:30am School wide assembly</i> <i>3:00pm Wellness Team</i>	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Site Visit to Excel</i>	9 <i>School Pictures</i> 	10 <i>7:30am Governing Board</i>	11 HOLIDAY	12
13	14	15	16 <i>8am FCO team</i>	17	18	19
20	21 <i>3pm K-8 Task Force</i>	22 <i>Smart smiles</i>	23 <i>Smart smiles</i> <i>Early dismissal @ 12:45pm</i>	24 HOLIDAY	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 <i>Smart Smiles</i>	29 <i>Smart Smiles</i> <i>Site Visit to Roosevelt School</i>	30 <i>5:30pm Parent Council</i> <i>6:00pm Parent Council</i>			