

**October  
2014**



# GPA Newsletter

## Governing Board and Parent Council

Elections for Parent Council (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) and Governing Board (5 board seats and 2 alternates) will take place on Wednesday October 8th from 7:45am—7:00pm at the Gardner. Nomination forms have been sent home and are due in the office by Monday, September 29th. If you have any questions regarding the roles and responsibilities for these positions please contact Elba Mendez at 617-635-8365.

### Upcoming Events

**Parent Council meeting October 8th @ 6pm  
Election - October 8th from 7:45am-7pm  
Hispanic Coffee Hour - October 8th @ 5:30pm and October 9th @ 8:30am.  
Governing Board - October 23rd @ 7:30am  
Adult Education - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30pm  
No school October 13th—  
Columbus Day  
Picture Day—October**

## Adult Ed

First of all, we are glad and excited to continue learning and studying English at GPA. We will gain more knowledge which will help us enjoy our lives in the US even more. At level 4 and 5 we will be working on grammar, especially prepositions and complex past tenses, as well as pronunciation, including rhythm and conversation. This will help us build confidence when speaking with friends, neighbors, clients, bosses and our children's teachers. We are thankful for these opportunities to study and grow. We hope the growing never ends!

## Nurses Corner

Welcome back to the start of a healthy and successful new school year! A few reminders from your school nurse:

GPA has a healthy Snack and Beverage Policy. A copy of the policy and ideas for classroom celebrations were sent home to all students the first week of school. If you plan to bring in treats for a class party or your child's birthday, please contact the classroom teacher or school nurse ahead of time. Food items brought to school that do not comply with the policy will not be served.

If you are interested in joining our health and Wellness Team, which meets once monthly on a Wednesday afternoon, please contact nurse Sarah (617-635-9562 or [skalil@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:skalil@bostonpublicschools.org)). We are looking for parent and middle school student members!

If your child requires any medications during the school day, including inhaler or Epi-pens, please contact nurse Sarah. Please remember to have your whole family get an annual flu shot!

## After School

We are excited to be starting another amazing year of GPA/YMCA After School with over 90 students enrolled to date! There are still spots open in all grades. Please pick up an application in the main office if you are interested, including one month's worth of paystubs which may qualify your family for financial assistance. Weekly fees for the program are based on family yearly income. The program is open to the whole school, K-1 through 8th grade, and we work hard to ensure exciting partnerships, project-based learning, academic support and social opportunities, as well as fun, for all students! Please contact Ms. Lauren in the main office with any questions.

*Technology Goes Home  
is now open to ALL  
grade levels. We will be  
offering a spring  
session.*



