



alighieri ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note from Principal Jess

October, 2021

Dear Alighieri Families,

Thank you so much for your true collaboration over this first month of school. From ensuring that your child follows the necessary COVID-protocols, to making sure they get a good night's sleep and are ready for a full day of learning, your partnership is an essential part of our mission to give your child a Montessori education that helps them reach their fullest potential. In an effort to keep all of our correspondence in one place, below you will find links to your a monthly newsletter for each classroom, a virtual tour of your child's classroom, monthly menus for our My Way Cafe and more. If you have suggestions for additional information that would be useful to have in this monthly update, or have other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out! In the meantime, have a joyful October!



Best,
Principal Jess

Important Dates



Curriculum Nights

Tues 10/5 -Children's House]

Thurs 10/7- School House

4:30-6:30 pm in the

Schoolyard

Indigenous People's Day [Formerly Columbus Day]

Monday, October 11,
2021

[No School!]

ESSER Funding Meeting

Thursday 10/14

5:00 pm

[[Zoom Link](#)]

ALIGHIERI + BPS updates

Alighieri Accolades for Students and Families

Alighieri Accolades go out to:

- All the families who volunteered to pick up their child or to support another family when our afternoon bus didn't have a driver!
- The many families who attended community meetings in September surrounding our plans for SY22 and our staffing changes
- The Patten Family for bringing in Speedy and Ms. Sparkles - the new class pets of Room 102 [snails!]
- The many families who donated supplies for the beginning of the school year. We are well stocked!



Monthly Newsletters by Class!

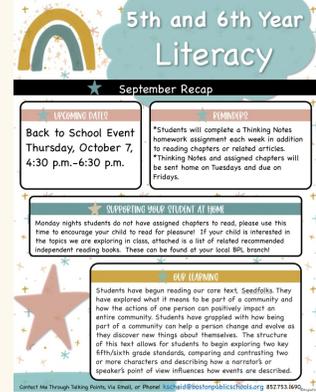
Check out this month's newsletters for:

Children's House

- [Sycamore Room \[Ms. Mary\]](#)
- [Sequoia Room \[Ms. Cassondra\]](#)
- [Specialist - Ms. Connolly](#)

School House:

- [Lower EI 204- Ms. Mary Evelyn](#)
- [Lower EI 203 -Mr. Achala](#)
- [Upper EI 201 - Ms. Quinn](#)
- [Literacy 5&6- Ms. Scheid](#)
- [Mat Specailist -Ms. Schad](#)



5th and 6th Year
Literacy

September Recap

UPCOMING DATES
Back to School Event
Thursday, October 7,
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

REMINDERS
*Students will complete a Thinking Notes homework assignment each week in addition to reading chapters or related articles.
*Thinking Notes and assigned chapters will be sent home on Tuesdays and due on Fridays.

RECOMMENDING BOOKS TO READ AT HOME
Monday nights students do not have assigned chapters to read, please use this time to encourage your child to read for pleasure! If your child is interested in the topics we are exploring in class, attached is a list of related recommended independent reading books. These can be found at your local BPS library.

OUR LEARNING
Students have begun reading our core text, *Seedfolks*. They have explored what it means to be part of a community and how the actions of one person can positively impact an entire community. Students have grappled with how being part of a community can help a person change and evolve as they discover new things about themselves. The structure of this text allows for students to begin exploring two key 8th/6th grade standards, comparing and contrasting two or more characters and describing how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described.

Contact Me Through Talking Points, Via Email, or Phone: ms.scheid@bostonpublicschools.org 827.713.1690

Good News Videos from September!



Did you miss our Good News Videos? Check Them out!

Good News Weeks of:

[September 27, 2021](#)

[September 20, 2021](#)

[September 13, 2021](#)

Nurse Patsy's Corner

Please read this [Back to School Letter](#) from Nurse Patsy!

COVID Pool Testing - Tuesdays @ 7:30am by CIC Health. Please consider opting your child into testing if you have not done so already, you can access the permission form on the BPS website [here](#) or contact Principal Jess or Mr. Chris. In the meantime, as part of our commitment to transparency, BPS is reporting all confirmed positive cases of students and staff on our website at bostonpublicschools.org/coviddashboard.

Also, BPS recently decided that we will no longer be using double swab testing. Instead, CIC Health will use one-swab pool testing and then, if a pool is positive, CIC Health will send a team to administer rapid PCR tests to determine who in the pool is positive.

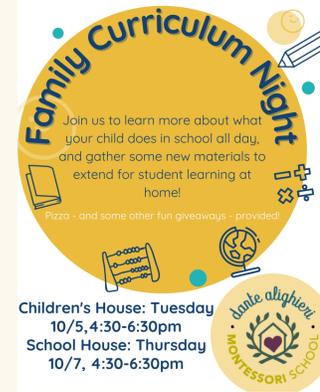


Curriculum Family Nights

This Tuesday [Children's House] and Thursday

[School House - Lower/ Upper EI] from 4:30-6:30 we will host an in-person Curriculum Night outside in the school yard.

Though we are unable to host the event in-person, Mr. Chris has created the following classroom videos so that you can tour your child's classroom prior to the event and come with questions! Here are the videos for: [Room 102 \[Ms. Cassandra\]](#), [Room 103 \[Ms. Mary\]](#), [Room 201 \[Ms. Quinn\]](#), [Room 203 \[Mr. Achala\]](#) [Room 204 \[Ms. Mary Evelyn\]](#)



From Ms. Wanny,



We kicked off this new school year with a name activity to not only learn each other's names but all that is behind our name. Upper-EI students reviewed reflection questions with their families about how they got their name and were provided with materials to share their name stories on our bulletin board with the whole school. This activity allowed students to explore their own identity and cultural background as well as their peers and build a stronger community. We welcome you to join us and share meanings of your family names to include on our bulletin board (materials provided)! Please contact Wanny directly if you are interested in participating (e-mail: wpimentel@bostonpublicschools.org).

Community Meeting - ESSER Funding Equity Round Table

Thursday 10/14/2021 @ 5pm
[\[Zoom link\]](#)

Please join us to discuss our plans for a successful SY22, including but not limited to our plans for using federal COVID relief {ESSER} funding to support student achievement.

Did you miss our Community Meeting ERT in September? [Here's the presentation!](#)



"My Way Cafe" at the Alighieri



Ms. Koskia and Ms. Yasmyris are hard at work each day in our "[My Way Cafe](#)" kitchen, making fresh breakfast and lunch for our students! Check out the [Menu for October!](#)

BPS offers Online Tutoring 24/7



Superintendent Cassellius recently announced a new 24/7 access to academic support through the online tutoring company, Paper. Students can connect with tutors online to ask any question in over 200 subjects as well as get feedback on any written assignments. This online, on-demand, secure tutoring service has no time-limits or session caps for any student and will be a key part of how BPS works with students who are in quarantine. Access will be available in nine additional languages. Paper offers live information sessions specifically for families. If you have any questions about this service, you can register for a Parent Q&A session [here](#) or reach out at parents@paper.co and speak with a member of the Paper team directly.

Recent Staff Updates in Lower El

This [letter to the school community](#) was sent via Talking Points on Monday 9/27 regarding recent staffing changes at the Alighieri following the departure of Ms. Cruz. If you did not receive this letter, please reach out to Principal Jess so that we can trouble-shoot your Talking Points account.

We are currently hiring for a Science Specialist and an ESL teacher. In the short term, we are hiring for a substitute teacher. Please let Principal Jess know if you know of a candidate who would be a good fit for our school community.



Student Council at the Alighieri

Led by Ms. Scheid, our Student Council began meeting last week and already have developed some exciting new initiatives. This past Friday we kicked off our Club program. Each Friday afternoon, students participate in a club they have selected from a menu of options that will change each term. This term, students are participating in a Games Club, a Drama Club, and Kids on the Run. Student Council is also launching a "Buddy Reader" program in our Children's House. Thank you for your leadership!



BPS Weekly Updates for Families



Stay Up to Date with BPS Programs for Families

BPS updates families with a weekly newsletter. Click [here](#) for important information about BPS specific programming.

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Today!**



