

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Mason Pilot Elementary School

Carolyn Allston, Principal

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Greetings Mason Pilot Elementary Families & Community Members!

Welcome back from the long weekend! Last week, we had our first Open House of the school year and it was a major success! Thank you for joining us if you were able to. If you were not able to join, please check ClassDojo for the link to sign up for a conference with the teacher of your Mason student. Please see below for important updates and information.

School-Wide Updates:

- **District Calendar:** Attached to this update, you will find the district calendar with information about the school holidays, half days, progress report schedule and report card schedule. Please review these attachments at your leisure
- **Progress Reports:** At this time, Mason teachers are in the process of completing progress reports for students who are experiencing academic, behavioral or social emotional difficulties at this time. Progress reports will be sent home to families on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021. If you do not receive a progress report and you are interested in learning more about your child's progress, feel free to contact the main office at 617-635-8405 or contact your child's teacher.
- **Homework:** All students at the Mason are expected to receive at least 3 nights worth of homework each week, whether in the form of a weekly packet or nightly assigned tasks. The purpose of homework is to provide students with additional content practice and skills. If your Mason student is not receiving at least 3 nights worth of homework, give us a call at 617-635-8405.
- **Free Book Giveaway:** This year, we are prioritizing reading so that we can make sure all of our students are able to practice and improve reading abilities. On **Friday, October 15th, 2021** we will be giving away free books to all students during arrival and dismissal. Please look out for additional upcoming book giveaways.

Reminders

- **School Parent Council:** We are looking for parents who are interested in being involved in the school community! Please express your interest by connecting with Ms. West, Ms. Pontes or by signing up during Open House!

Mason Weekly Family Updates

- **Early Pick Up:** If you are planning to pick up your child early, please give us a call at 617-635-8405. Please see the attached notice detailing our updated policy (notice was sent home last week).
- **ClassDojo:** We are a school that uses ClassDojo in all classrooms. ClassDojo is used to provide families with schoolwide updates, pictures of students learning, and two-way communication between teacher and families. If you are not yet connected to your student's classroom, please take a moment to complete the attached classdojo form so that we can get you connected.
- **Home Reading Logs:** Please return your complete home reading log from last week! Ask your child what they earned for being avid readers! Attached to this newsletter is the weekly home reading log. Please complete this and have your child submit it to their teacher. Students who complete their reading will be acknowledged and rewarded!
- **Winter Coats:** As you know, the weather is changing. If your child is in need of a winter coat, please let us know or tell them to check in at the Mason Main office. We will make sure they are sent home with a warm coat for winter.
- **EMERGENCY CARDS:** Please send completed emergency cards back to school with your child. These emergency cards provide us with important information in the case of an emergency.
- **ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL:** Arrival time to school is 8:20am. Dismissal time is 2:30pm. Students will not be permitted into the school building before or after these times, unless they are enrolled in after school.

Please look out for this newsletter weekly, and feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

Carolyn Allston,
Principal