

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Mason Pilot Elementary School

Carolyn Allston, Principal

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Greetings Mason Pilot Elementary Families & Community Members!

I hope you all had a restful weekend. Below, you will find some updates on what's going on around the Mason, as well as details on what to expect over the next week.

School-Wide Updates:

- **MAP Assessment:** This week, students in grades K2-5 begin taking the MAP assessment. The MAP is an assessment that we will use to provide all students with the targeted instruction they need, and to support reading progress schoolwide. Please make sure your Mason student is rested so they can show us what they know so we can meet their individual needs.
- **Home Reading:** Starting this week, the Mason Pilot Elementary will participate in a school-wide home reading challenge! Attached to this newsletter is the weekly home reading log. Please complete the reading log with your Mason student, and have your child submit it to their teacher. **Students who complete their reading will be acknowledged and rewarded!**
- **Homework:** All students at the Mason Pilot Elementary School receive at least 3 nights-worth of homework each week. Homework may be in the form of a weekly packet. This homework is an extension of the learning happening in the classroom so this is an opportunity for students to continue developing their skills. If this is not happening, please let us know.
- **Tech Goes Home:** This year, we will be hosting Tech Goes Home (virtually). Due to the pandemic, the \$50 fee for devices has been waived for the year. Check out the Tech Goes Home website for more information: <https://www.techgoeshome.org> , and the upcoming newsletters for information on how to sign up!
- **Lunch & My Way Cafe:** At the Mason, we have My Way Cafe. Students have food choices during their breakfast and lunch . The menu for the rest of September is attached, as well as information on My Way Cafe.

Reminders

- **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.
- **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:** Everyday from 2:30pm to 5:30pm at the Mason Pilot Elementary School, the WINNING Afterschool hosts an after school program for students in grades K2-5. Please see the attached flyer

Mason Weekly Family Updates

for more information.

- **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.
- **EARLY DISMISSAL:** Similar to last school year, if you are picking up your Mason student early, please give us a call so that we can get them ready for your arrival. Also, if your child is usually a bus student, and you are picking them up, give us a call by 2 pm so that we can remove them from the bus-list and ensure they are not put on their bus in the afternoon.
- **OPEN HOUSE:** Open House will take place on Thursday, October 7th, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Due to COVID- 19, Open House will be virtual this year. Open House is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see your child's work on display and to learn about their curriculum for the year. We hope to see you there!

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