



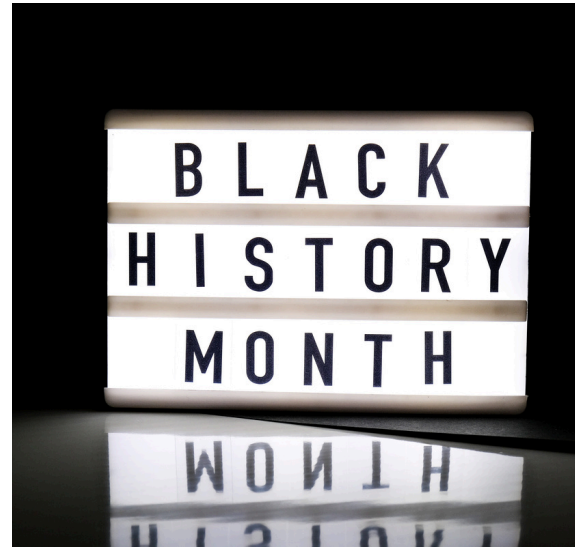
# Leaf!

**BGA's Student & Family Magazine**

**Vol. 61**


## *The Future* **AND BEYOND**

- Feb 15-23 No School - February Break
- Feb 18-23 BGA Acceleration Academy
- Feb 22 Family Roller Skating Event (Saturday)
- Feb 25 SPEDPAC Meeting (morning)
- Feb 25 School Family Council Meeting (evening)
- Feb 28 BGA Enrollment Application Deadline
- Mar 5 BGA Admissions Lottery
- Mar 14 3/14 Pi Day!
- Mar 19 BGA Career Fair
- Mar 20 BGA National Honor Society Induction Ceremony



BOSTON GREEN ACADEMY  
**SCHOOL FAMILY  
COUNCIL  
(SFC)**

**6PM SFC ZOOM MEETINGS  
ONCE A MONTH**

[Click Here to Join](#) 

- December 17, 2024
- January 21, 2025
- February 25, 2025
- March 18, 2025
- April 15, 2025
- May 20, 2025
- June 17, 2025



**ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**1**

These meetings provide a chance to interact with fellow BGA parents, board members, and staff. We encourage you to ask questions and invite other BGA parents to help foster a stronger community.



**2**

**STAY INFORMED**

We will share a calendar of events that highlights important happenings at our school, designed to benefit all families.

Click here: [BGA Calendar of Events](#)

**3**

**BUILD CONFIDENCE**

Participation in our meetings helps build confidence. You are not alone; we are here to support one another in creating an environment where our children can thrive.

**4**

**RESOURCE ACCESS**

We will provide easy access to valuable resources to support you and your family.

Click here: [ParentSquare](#)



**5**

**ADVOCACY AND VOICE**

Your voice matters! Get involved in discussions that shape our school community and advocate for the needs of our families. questions can be sent to: [parentcouncil@bostongreenacademy.org](mailto:parentcouncil@bostongreenacademy.org)



BOSTON GREEN ACADEMY  
and the SCHOOL FAMILY COUNCIL  
INVITES YOU

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## FAMILY ROLLER SKATING

Please join us in celebrating  
Black History Month on the rink!

Saturday  
Feb 22, 2025  
12pm-3pm  
All ages

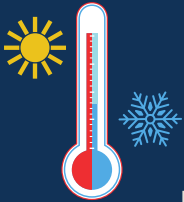
[REGISTER HERE](#)

\$6 per person  
includes  
skate rental and  
pizza



Chez-Vous  
11 Rhoades St. Dorchester, MA  
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# B-COOL



## PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN A BETTER CITY, THE BOSTON FOUNDATION, BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND CITY OF BOSTON SHARES RESULTS FROM TEMPERATURE SENSOR PILOT MEASURING THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF EXTREME HEAT IN BOSTON'S HOTSPOT COMMUNITIES

*B-COOL INITIATIVE INSTALLED SENSORS THROUGHOUT BOSTON TO HELP CLOSE DATA GAPS IN MEASURING TEMPERATURE DATA ACROSS BOSTON'S NEIGHBORHOODS, PROVIDE MORE ACCURATE INDICATORS FOR HEAT WAVES AND OFFICIAL HEAT EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS, AND TO GUIDE DATA-INFORMED RESOURCE ALLOCATION*



Sensor Installation at BGA with BGA students



The pilot project team is grateful for the partnership of A Better City member and partner organizations: Arnold Arboretum (Harvard University), Bay Cove Human Services, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, **Boston Green Academy**, Boston Medical Center, Charles River Community Health, City of Boston's Urban Forestry Division, Franklin Park Zoo, Greenway Conservancy, Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition, Museum of Science, and UMass Boston. A Better City members were interested in participating in the heat sensor pilot to better understand how to protect their workers, patients, students, vulnerable communities, businesses, and critical infrastructure from the increasing impacts of extreme heat.



### Dave Kramer, Director of Green Programs & Partnerships, Boston Green Academy



Boston Green Academy is proud to be part of this pioneering effort. Having a sensor on our small front lawn, at the intersection of two main streets in Brighton, where our students play during recess and pass by on their way to and from school, is an amazing privilege. As a green school, we are on a mission to serve as leaders in involving young people in the civic life of our city as active participants and to understand, firsthand, what it means to deal with the impacts of climate change proactively, analytically, and without despair. With so many of our students commuting from the neighborhoods most impacted by the urban heat island effect, this literally connects their lived experience and educational journey, linking home and school in authentic ways. We can't wait to learn more and connect with the various participants in this innovative project, putting our students and learning community at the center of this effort.



STAY TUNED

# SHOWCASE COMING SOON



[Agenda](#) [Speakers](#) [FAQs](#) [Resources](#) [Contact Us](#)

Solution Showcase:

April 29, 2025

67  
days

12  
hours

41  
minutes

seconds

A stylized graphic of the Boston skyline in shades of green and blue, with a bridge on the left and a body of water at the bottom.

**BOSTON**

**MS.RH AND MR. KRAMER ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH EIGHT AMAZING KIDDOS AS COACHES ON A TEAM WHICH WILL PRESENT SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THE TOUGHEST CHALLENGES FACING OUR CITY!**

**CHECK OUT INFO ABOUT IT [HERE](#).**

**BGA STUDIOS PRESENTS**



**CLICK ON THE EPISODE YOU WISH TO VIEW**

**[EPISODE 1](#)**

**[EPISODE 4](#)**

**[EPISODE 2](#)**

**[EPISODE 5](#)**

**[EPISODE 3](#)**

**[BONUS EPISODE](#)**

35:05

55:05



*Attention*  
**BGA ATHLETES**



**Simmons Nursing Program**

**Free Sports Physicals for  
BGA Student Athletes!**

**DATE: MARCH 11, 2024**

**TIME: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**LOCATION: AUDITORIUM**





**SIGN UP NOW!**

# SPRING SPORTS

**REGISTER ON ASPEN NOW**

## **BOSTON UNITED**

- GIRLS & BOYS OUTDOOR TRACK (GRADES 7-12)
- BOYS VOLLEYBALL (GRADES 7-12)
- BHS BOYS BASEBALL (GRADES 9-12)
- BHS GIRLS SOFTBALL (GRADES 7-12)



**-VALID PHYSICAL  
-GOOD GRADES & CONDUCT  
-PARENT CONSENT FORMS**



# ATHLETICS @ BGA!

As we near the end of the winter sports season, our athletes continue to shine!

The indoor track season has officially come to an end, and we couldn't be prouder of the team! The girls' team went undefeated and secured the South Divisional Championship, also earning 2nd place in the City Tournament.

The girls' basketball team wrapped up their regular season and competed in the City League quarterfinals against Snowden. They are now preparing for a state tournament run.

The boys' basketball team has also finished their season and is gearing up for the state tournament.

Congratulations to all our winter athletes! We appreciate your hard work and dedication.



# MEET THE TEAMS!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL!



**Our middle school basketball teams are in full swing, actively practicing and preparing for the season! Games are set to begin in early March. A big thank you to Coach Gangi for leading the girls' team and to Coaches Langston and Zapata for leading the boys. Stay tuned for more updates!**



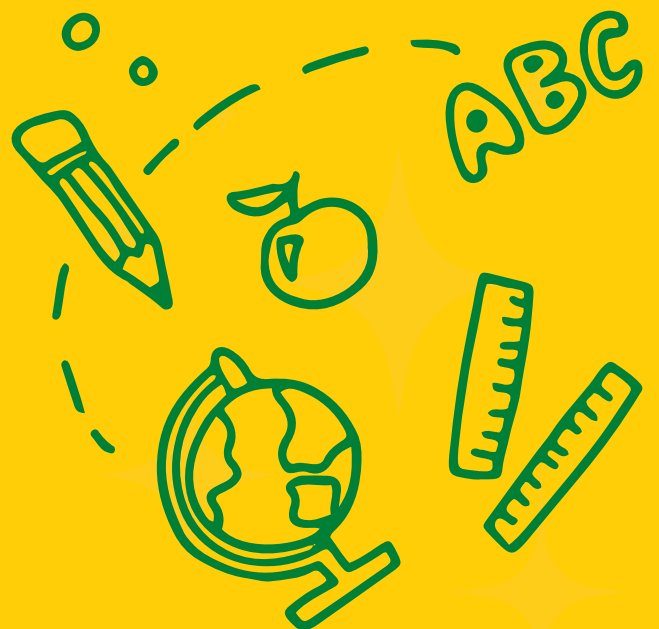
# BGA BACHATA & BAND

Thank you to the BGA Band and Bachata Team for their fantastic halftime performances at the boys' and girls' basketball games this season!  
We truly appreciate you all!



# ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

At BGA, we prioritize being STUDENT-athletes. To participate in athletic events, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. Additionally, students who are failing or at risk of failing their last-period classes will not be dismissed for athletic events.




## Updated Attendance Policy SY 24/25

### Multi-Tiered System of Support for Attendance

<b>Tier 1</b> Teachers/Advisors	<b>Tier 2</b> Teachers/ Advisors + SST	<b>Tier 3</b> SST + Student Re-Engagement Coordinator
<p>When a student misses <b>3 days</b>, it is important for the advisor and/or teachers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Check In:</b> Reach out to the student to ensure everything is okay and address any concerns they might have.</li> <li>● <b>Offer Support:</b> Provide any necessary support or resources to help the student get back on track.</li> <li>● <b>Remind of Attendance Policy:</b> Remind students of the school's attendance policy and the importance of regular attendance.</li> <li>● <b>Notify appropriate school counselor</b> for attendance monitoring purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>When a student accumulates <b>4 unexcused absences</b>:</p> <p><b>Attendance Team Communication:</b> The Attendance Team will notify the advisor / teacher of the students.</p> <p><b>Advisor Action:</b> The advisor should call home using the provided script [<a href="#">LINK HERE</a>] to discuss the absences and <u>provide support</u>.</p> <p><b>Subsequent Absences:</b> For each additional unexcused absence beyond the initial 4, another call home and/or email should be made. This communication should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inform parents of the continued absences.</li> <li>● Remind families of the BGA attendance policy.</li> <li>● Inquire if the student or family needs any additional support or resources.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lower House:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6 Absences: An in-person family meeting is required.</li> <li>● 8 Absences: An attendance plan will be created in Panorama. ACRA filing will be initiated for students under the age of 16 (Re-Engagement Coordinator).</li> </ul> <p><b>Upper House:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8 Absences: An in-person family meeting is required.</li> <li>● 10 Absences: An attendance plan will be created in Panorama.</li> <li>● Students under the age of 16 will also have a CRA filing.</li> <li>● Saturday school will be assigned.</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Attendance Monitoring:</b> Students will be monitored for 2 weeks following Saturday school.</li> <li>● <b>1 or 2 Unexcused Absences:</b> The student may attend Homework Club to make up for the absences.</li> <li>● <b>More than 2 Unexcused Absences:</b> The student will return to Saturday School for additional support.</li> </ul>





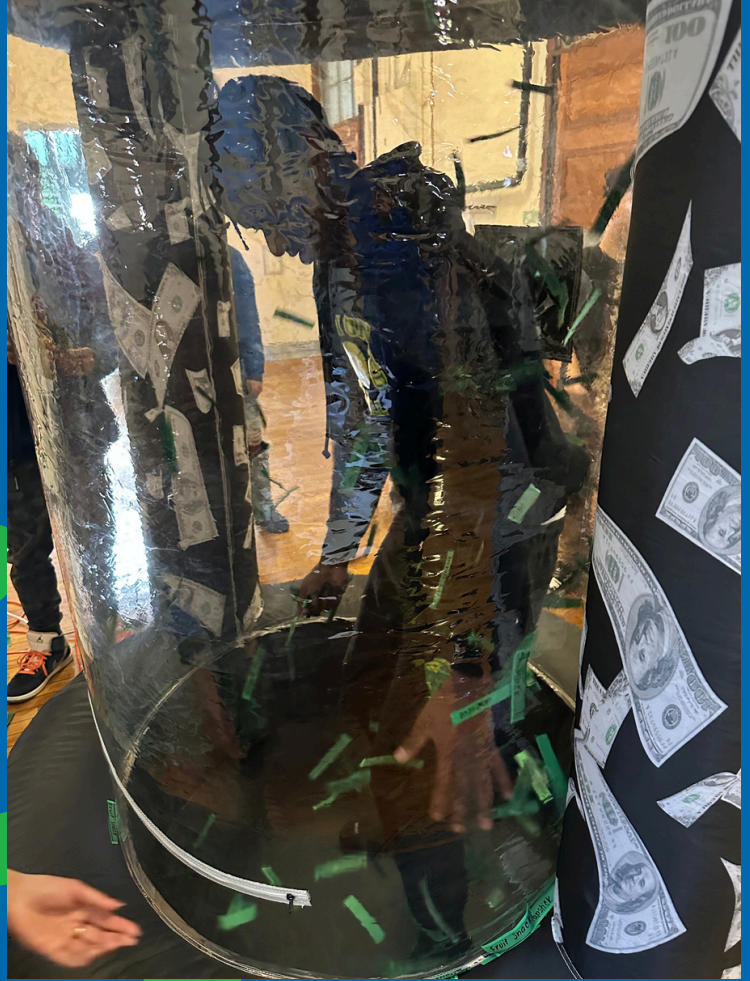
# BGA'S ATTENDANCE MONEY GRAB



GET INSIDE THE "MONEY" GRABBING MACHINE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO EARN SNACKS, GIFT CARDS, LUNCH AND OTHER PRIZES.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE 90% OR HIGHER ATTENDANCE WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM. GOOD LUCK!

For More Information see your school counselors



# Boston Public Schools Respiratory Virus Illness Protocols

THIS GUIDANCE OUTLINES THE ISOLATION AND EXPOSURE PROTOCOLS FOR MANAGING RESPIRATORY VIRUSES, INCLUDING COVID-19, INFLUENZA (FLU), RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV), AND OTHER COMMON RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS. IT PROVIDES CLEAR, ACTIONABLE STEPS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THESE ILLNESSES AND ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES.

## ISOLATION PROTOCOL

### **INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ABLE TO MASK:**

ISOLATE UNTIL THERE IS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALL SYMPTOMS AND YOU ARE FEVER FREE WITHOUT THE USE OF FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.

RETURN TO SCHOOL **24 HOURS AFTER THE CRITERIA ABOVE ARE MET** AND CONSISTENTLY WEAR A WELL-FITTING DISPOSABLE MASK AROUND OTHERS FOR THE NEXT 5 DAYS.

### **INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNABLE TO MASK:**

ISOLATE UNTIL ALL SYMPTOMS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED, AND YOU ARE FEVER FREE WITHOUT THE USE OF FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.

RETURN TO SCHOOL **24 HOURS AFTER THE CRITERIA ABOVE ARE MET.**

## EXPOSURE PROTOCOL

NO QUARANTINE IS NECESSARY.  
IT IS RECOMMENDED TO WEAR CONSISTENTLY WEAR A WELL-FITTING DISPOSABLE FOR 5 DAYS  
MONITOR CLOSELY FOR SYMPTOMS AND STAY HOME IF SYMPTOMS DEVELOP.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
OR TRANSLATION IN  
OTHER LANGUAGES,  
[CLICK HERE](#)**

**Don't forget to always wash your  
hands with soap**



# Need Help With Your HOMEWORK?

**VISIT A NEIGHBORHOOD  
LIBRARY AND GET HOMEWORK  
HELP FROM A BOSTON TEACHER!**  
4:00 - 6:00 PM \*EXCEPT AS NOTED



LIBRARY	ADDRESS	NIGHT(S) OPEN
ADAMS STREET	690 Adams Street	Wednesday
BRIGHTON	40 Academy Hill Road	Thursday
CENTRAL LIBRARY – COPLEY SQUARE	700 Boylston Street	Monday through Thursday
CHARLESTOWN	179 Main Street	Monday & Thursday
CHINATOWN	2 Boylston Street	Monday
CODMAN SQUARE	690 Washington Street	Monday
CONNOLLY	433 Centre Street	Monday
EAST BOSTON	365 Bremen Street	Thursday
EGLESTON SQUARE	2044 Columbus Avenue	Wednesday
FANEUIL	419 Faneuil Street	(closed for renovations)
FIELDS CORNER	1520 Dorchester Avenue	Tuesday
GROVE HALL	41 Geneva Avenue	Thursday
HONAN – ALLSTON	300 North Harvard Street	Wednesday
HYDE PARK	35 Harvard Street	Thursday
JAMAICA PLAIN	30 South Street	Thursday
LOWER MILLS	27 Richmond Street	Monday & Thursday (*3:00-5:00 pm)
MATTAPAN	1350 Blue Hills Avenue	Tuesday & Thursday (*3:00-5:00 pm)
NORTH END	25 Parmenter Street	Wednesday
PARKER HILL	1497 Tremont Street	Thursday
ROSLINDALE	4266 Washington Street	Thursday
ROXBURY	149 Dudley Street	Monday
SOUTH BOSTON	646 East Broadway	Monday & Thursday (*3:00-5:00 pm)
SOUTH END	555 Tremont Street	(closed for renovations)
UPHAMS CORNER	500 Columbia Road	Thursday
WEST END	151 Cambridge Street	Thursday
WEST ROXBURY	1961 Centre Street	Monday

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**FREE** Academic Enrichment Program for  
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- || **Easily accessible** by MBTA Green and Orange Lines
- || Safe, welcoming, **tight-knit community** of students who love to learn
- | One-on-one mentoring from **supportive, expert faculty**  
**Extracurricular activities** and fun field trips  
SSAT prep and admissions guidance, **opening doors** to Boston's best private high schools and beyond

[COMMSCHOOL.ORG/DIVEIN](https://COMMSCHOOL.ORG/DIVEIN)



# WE ARE HIRING

## PEER LEADERS

Youth, Purpose, and Partnership  
(YPP) Program

- Participate in multimedia storytelling, including podcasting and digital storytelling, and engage in open dialogue between youth and community leaders.
- Engage in volunteer opportunities, community-based projects, and collaborate with other youth programs in Boston.
- High school students ages 14-18

## APPLY TODAY!

Learn More & Apply At:  
[www.csrox.org](http://www.csrox.org)



Children's Services of Roxbury  
Strengthening Families across Massachusetts  
Roxbury - Tewksbury - Worcester - Northampton

[Children's Services of Roxbury is Hiring Peer Leaders](#)

Join Hyde Square Task Force's School Year Program

# JÓVENES EN ACCIÓN

WHERE ARTS, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER.

In Jóvenes en Acción, teens learn Afro-Latin arts (dance, music, or theatre) and participate in education and civic engagement workshops.

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 8 - 12



## APPLY TODAY

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Visit: [Hydesquare.org/join-jovenes-en-accion](https://Hydesquare.org/join-jovenes-en-accion)  
or scan the QR with your phone.

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- Referrals and follow up care provided



# CLIMATE RESILIENT SCHOOLS

COALITION

## ARE YOU A STUDENT INTERESTED IN:

**Fighting climate change**

**Joining a team of students, educators,  
and local climate leaders to campaign  
for climate action at your school**

**Developing leadership and  
teambuilding skills for climate action**

**JOIN OUR YOUTH COHORT!  
PAID OPPORTUNITY**



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# Believe. Grow. Achieve.

"The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return."

- Eden Ahbez, "Nature Boy"

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Need more info?**



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