



BCAP News November, 2017

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This year BCAP will again celebrate Dia de Los Muertos. Roberta will lead the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in the celebration which will take place on Friday, November 3rd from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Dia de Los Muertos is a holiday of festive remembrance, widely celebrated in Mexico, Guatemala and the American Southwest. Generally, families gather in cemeteries to tend and decorate the graves of their departed loved ones, remembering them by telling stories, eating their favorite foods and dancing and singing in their honor. At home, families build Memory Tables, decorated with photos and mementos of the deceased, as well as marigold flowers, candles and food particularly special sugar skulls and Pan de Muerto, a bread made just at that time of year. A reflective but also festive and social occasion, the holiday welcomes the return of those who have died and recognizes the human cycle of life and death. Those who are gone are still a part of our lives. It is similar to the ancient Egyptian beliefs which also honor the dead. Death was not considered final, but a portal to another world where the deceased still need food, tools and other articles of daily living to manage their afterlives. To participate in this special day, students will be asked if they would like to bring in photos or drawings of loved ones who have passed away, including family, friends of the family and even pets. We'll gather in small groups to share and create our own Memory Table. During Activity Time, students will play games and make a variety of crafts associated with the holiday.

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Thanksgiving Closing
BCAP will OPEN at noon and close at 2:00pm on Wednesday, November 22nd. Make sure to send your child in with LUNCH.

New BCAP Teachers and Assistants

BCAP welcomes Mike Browne, Lourdes Paez and Sarah Kitch to our program. Michael is a graduate of Lesley University's Threshold Program. He will be leading some activities and assisting the teachers in the K-3rd programs. He is a native of New Jersey.

Lourdes Paez (yes, Nahir's sister!) already knows many BCAP children. Lourdes has worked in Auburndale at the Newton Parks and Recreation Camp. She attends UMASS, Boston. Lourdes will also be leading and assisting with activities primarily in the younger grades.

Sarah Kinch is a graduate of Loyola University and has worked at the South Boston Neighborhood House. Sarah will eventually be leading activities throughout most of the program.

WELCOME TO BCAP!!!

Dates to Remember...

Thursday, Nov. 2nd
NPS Early release
No school lunch

Friday, November 3
Day of the Dead

Tuesday, Nov 7th
1-5th grade field trip
returning at **5:30pm**
NO CAF...VOTING

Friday, Nov 10th
BCAP CLOSED
Veteran's Day Observed

Thursday/Friday
November 23 and 24th
Thanksgiving Break
BCAP CLOSED



NO SCHOOL LUNCHES
There is no lunch program at Burr on TUESDAYS and early release WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS. Remember to send your child in with a lunch.



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Mon


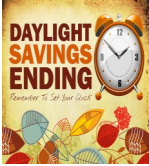




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Wed

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				NPS early release NO School LUNCHES	Dia de Los Muertos  celebration	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		1st-5th grade field trip to John Smith's Sports Center. 5:30pm return 			BCAP closed	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			BCAP opens at noon closes at 2pm. 			
26	27	28	29	30		