

**LEE ACADEMY
PILOT SCHOOL**
Family Newsletter

November, 2025

*I am RESPECTFUL- yes, it's true! I treat others like I want them to.
I am RESPONSIBLE - I do my best! I work hard, shine bright, rise to the test!
I am SAFE - That's the way, so we can learn and laugh each day!
I believe in myself, I believe in my school, I follow our values, I live by our rules.
Respectful, Responsible, Safe-- That's Me!
I am proud to be a Lee Academy Bee!*

Important Updates:

Please read carefully for important events and activities as well as school updates.



Upcoming Important Dates

November 6, 2025	● First Family Council meeting
November 7, 2025	● LAPS Monthly Town Hall
November 11, 2025	● Veterans Day: No School
November 17, 2025	● School Preview 8:30am and Retake Picture Day
November 26, 2025	● Early Release: 12:45pm
November 27-28, 2025	● Thanksgiving Day: No School
December 1, 2025	● Back to school after Thanksgiving break & last day to accept reading pumpkins

- Please read through this newsletter for some important updates of the upcoming year and upcoming events.

Family Council Meeting

The Purpose of The Family Council is to bring all parents in the school community together to support the school and advocate for quality education. It is the place where parents can express concerns, advocate for the school, and plan school activities and events. As the parent or guardian of a Lee Academy student, you are automatically a member of our family Council. We encourage families to attend our monthly meetings to stay connected with your school community.

Join us for our monthly meeting: Thursday November 6, 2025 at 6pm.

Where: Zoom- <https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/85434154328>



The poster features a central photograph of Lee Academy Pilot School, a large brick building with a central entrance and colorful murals on the walls. Above the photo is a blue banner with the school's name. To the left is a cartoon bee character. The bottom half of the poster is green with white and yellow text. It includes sections for 'WHAT IS FAMILY COUNCIL', 'WHAT TO EXPECT', 'MEETING DATES', 'ZOOM LINK', 'Contact Us', and 'Visit Our Website'.

Lee Academy Pilot School

Family COUNCIL

WHAT IS FAMILY COUNCIL

All schools should have a School Parent Council we call it Family Council. The Family council brings all parents in the school community together to support the school and advocate for quality education. Every parent or guardian of a BPS student is automatically a member of the School Family Council. The SPC works closely with the Governing Board to review the school's budget, recommend programs, sponsor events, solve problems, and raise funds for special school activities.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

We encourage parents to attend family council meetings. We meet on zoom every first Thursday of the month.

As a community we come together once a month to discuss important topics, such as:

- Event and activity planning
- Advocacy
- fundraising
- and much more

MEETING DATES: EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6PM.

ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://K12-BOSTONPUBLICSCHOOLS.ZOOM.US/J/85150860331](https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/85150860331)

- OCTOBER 2, 2025
- NOVEMBER 6, 2025
- DECEMBER 4, 2025
- JANUARY 8, 2026
- FEBRUARY 5, 2026
- MARCH 5, 2026
- APRIL 2, 2026
- MAY 7, 2026
- JUNE 4, 2026

Contact Us
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Visit Our Website
www.leeacademypilotschool.org

LAPS Monthly TownHall: November 7, 2025

This year The Lee Academy will be holding meetings on the last Friday of the month for the school community and parents called Town Hall Meetings. They are held in the warmer months outside in the play yard. This year the These meetings will be centered around the Lee Academy core values (School pledge). The Lee Academy Town Hall Meetings are also a time when students will be recognized for perfect and great attendance for the corresponding month. We will also feature a special performance by a grade level of students at each Town Hall Meeting. If your child is receiving an award or if your child's class will be performing at the Town Hall Meeting, you will receive a special meeting invitation from your child's teacher.

A Pumpkin Patch of Readers: Reading incentive program

Dear LAPS Families,

We are celebrating the fall season with a FUN reading incentive program called *A Pumpkin Patch of Readers*. This reading challenge is designed to promote reading practice and enjoyment. You can help your child benefit from this program by setting aside some time each day for reading. The time may be spent when your child reads alone, time when your child reads aloud to you or a loved one, time when you read to your child, or time when your child listens to a story.

At the end of every 15 minutes spent reading, have your child fill out a pumpkin and cut it out neatly. Please initial the pumpkin to verify your child's reading time and return the completed reading pumpkins to school to be used in a fall display (an evolving design that the kids will LOVE). Remember, students earn one pumpkin for every 15 minutes spent reading. So, if your child reads for 30 minutes one night, then he or she will earn 2 pumpkins. Pumpkins will be accepted everyday through Monday, 12/1.

Each grade will need to work together as a team to build the greatest pumpkin patch. Each grade will have its own patch. It helps make the program a little more challenging and a lot more exciting! Your child will contribute to their team's efforts by reading and collecting as many pumpkins as possible during the coming weeks.

To make things even more exciting, LAPS staff members are teaming up to build their own pumpkin patch. We want to motivate and excite our students to read even more! Our school has far more students than staff, so we will have our work cut out for us. But we never shy away from a good challenge!

Which team will have the highest reading time? Which team will build the fullest patch? Only time will tell!

Happy Reading!



Resources for Read Alouds

- Storyline Online - <https://storylineonline.net/>
- PBS Kids - <https://www.pbs.org/parents/read-along>
- Libby (sign up with your library card!) - libbyapp.com

Retake
Picture Day:
November 17,
2025

RETAKE DAY IS HERE!

El día de la foto llegará pronto!

Lee Academy

Your Retake Day is:

Tu día de repetición es:

11-17-25

**Remember to bring in your
original picture proof and
photos for replacement.**

*Acuérdese de traer su prueba de
imagen original y las fotos para la
sustitución.*



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studios

Students absent on original day:

If you are having your picture taken for the first time because you were absent on Picture Day, have your photo taken on Retake Day and you will receive your photo proof after the event! This proof sheet will also have information on how to order!

Students unsatisfied with their original picture:

If you received your picture package and are unsatisfied, just return your package & proof sheet to the photographers on Retake Day and have your photo retaken. We will replenish your package at no cost!

Estudiantes ausentes el día original: El día de retoma de fotos es la oportunidad para aquellos estudiantes que estuvieron ausentes el día de fotos original. Recibirá su prueba de foto después del evento. Su prueba también tendrá información sobre cómo completar su pedido.

Estudiantes insatisfechos con su foto original: Si recibe su paquete de fotos y no está satisfecho, sólo tienes que devolver su paquete y la hoja de pruebas a los fotógrafos el día de retoma y le tomamos su foto de nuevo. Repondremos su paquete sin coste alguno.

LAPS School
preview:
November 17,
2025

Let all your friends know about our school, we are open for enrollment for the upcoming school year.



We welcome you to tour our school meet the school leader and learn more about our school community.

To sign up for one of our Information Sessions, Call (617)635-8618, email our Family Liaison Ms. Govi (Gtovar@bostonpublicschools.org) or visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/schoolpreview

School Preview Dates

- **Tuesday, Nov 17th 2025 @ 8:30am**
- **Thursday, Dec 18th 2025 @ 2:00pm**
- **Virtual: Thursday, Jan 15th 2026 @ 12:00pm.**

Zoom Link: <https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/88989284336>



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Attendance
Updates

The Lee Academy Pilot School will continue our “Importance of Attendance” initiative for the year of 2025-2026. We are committed to ensuring every student at our school receives a high quality education. Consistent attendance is a crucial component to academic success so we are striving for each and every student across all grade levels to have a **94% attendance rate** or higher this year. That is the **equivalent of less than 10 absences for the year**. Attendance of our students is critical to their future academic

success. School attendance is equally as important for our youngest learners as it is when students get older. Students are not required by law to be enrolled in school in those early grades, however when you make the commitment of enrolling your student in school you are committing to abide by our attendance policy.

If your student is absent, If your student is going to absent, late or dismissed early caregivers should:

- Call the front office
- Message the classroom teacher
- Follow through with a note.

Caregivers must physically write a note including date(s), the reason for absence, a phone number where a parent or caregiver can be reached, and the parent or caregiver's signature.

We will work with families to ensure that students come to school, but if families are unresponsive or noncommittal then we are legally required to refer the case to the Supervisor of Attendance and truancy court.

Our goal is for your child to be successful in school and we appreciate your ongoing support.

THANK YOU

Wondering if it's
(the worry of missing out)
WOMO?

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

- uneasiness about overdue assignments
- forgetting secret hallway handshakes
- no longer fluent in classroom slang

Fast-acting, safe, and free relief is available. Don't delay -
SEND THEM TO SCHOOL TODAY!

SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE:

- academic excellence
- community spirit
- self-confidence
- empathy
- lasting friendships

MISSING SCHOOL means MISSING OUT

 To learn more about how to help your child be present in school every day, visit:
boston.gov/missing-school-means-missing-out

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This image features an anonymized representation of a child generated with the assistance of artificial intelligence.

Health & Wellness



As we prepare for unknowing time as the government shuts down here are some Holiday resources as well as community resources.

1. Salvation Army – Angel Tree Program

What it offers: Toys, clothing, and sometimes food for children in need.

Requirements: Apply at local Salvation Army office with ID, proof of residence, income, and child's age.

<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/angel-tree/>

2. Toys for Tots (U.S. Marine Corps Reserve)

What it offers: Free new toys for children up to age 12.

Requirements: Register through local campaign site (proof of residency and child's age often required).

<https://www.toysfortots.org/>

3. USPS Operation Santa / Be An Elf

What it offers: Children's letters to Santa are adopted by volunteers who send gifts.

Requirements: Families must mail a letter to Santa with child's wish list by the deadline.

<https://www.uspsoperationsanta.com/>

4. United Way 2-1-1 Holiday Assistance

What it offers: Referrals to local Christmas toy drives, food programs, and utility support.

Requirements: Call 211 or search online; each program referred has its own criteria.

<https://www.211.org/>

5. American Red Cross – Holiday Giving & Military Support

What it offers: Gift programs, military family support, and emergency holiday aid.

Requirements: Contact local Red Cross office; some programs need military ID.

<https://www.redcross.org/donate/holiday.html>

6. One Simple Wish

What it offers: Grants Christmas and year-round wishes (toys, clothes, experiences) for foster children.

Requirements: Wishes submitted by social workers, CASAs, or nonprofit staff on behalf of children.

<https://www.onesimplewish.org/>

7. Stockings with Care

What it offers: Provides full “Santa wish lists” (toys, clothes, essentials) anonymously delivered.

Requirements: Families must be referred by a social service agency.

<https://stockingswithcare.org/>



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

2025

The Mobile Market is open to the public. All are welcome to receive produce & shelf stable items FREE of cost! No ID or registration required. The Market will be at each site for the time listed or until food runs out. We recommend coming early for the best food options. Please bring your own bag to shop with.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 TROTTER ELEMENTARY 1:30-3PM	4 SHAW-TAYLOR SCHOOL *UPPER CAMPUS 10 AM - 11 AM BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER 1:30 PM - 3 PM	5 CARVER LODGE 10 AM - 11 AM HAYNES EARLY EDUCATION CENTER 1:30-3PM	6 ROXBURY YMCA 1:30 PM - 3 PM	7 DUDLEY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE 10 AM - 11:15 AM MATTAHUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1:30-3 PM
10 HOLLAND TECH SCHOOL 1:30-3PM	11 EAST BOSTON YMCA 10 AM - 11 AM BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER 1:30 PM - 3 PM	12 CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 10 AM - 11:15 AM HURLEY K-8 DUAL LANGUAGE SCHOOL 1:30-3PM	13 MARGARITA MUNIZ ACADEMY 10 AM-11 AM EGLESTON SQ YMCA 1:30 PM - 3 PM	14 HORACE MANN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 10 AM - 11 AM KING SCHOOL 1:30-3 PM
17 MILDRED AVENUE SCHOOL 1:30-3PM	18 SARAH ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 10 AM - 11 AM BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER 1:30 PM - 3 PM	19 CARVER LODGE 10 AM - 11 AM THE OLLIE PRESCHOOL 1:30 PM - 3 PM	20 MARIO UMANA ACADEMY 10 AM-11 AM ROXBURY YMCA 1:30 PM - 3 PM	21 DUDLEY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE 10 AM - 11:15 AM THE MATHER SCHOOL 1:30-3 PM
24	25 EAST BOSTON YMCA 10 AM - 11 AM BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER 1:30 PM - 3 PM	26 CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 10 AM - 11:15 AM	27	28



Schedule is subject to change. For updates, scan the QR code or visit ymcahoston.org/mobilemarket

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All important information from the district as well as our school will be sent via Talking Points, ParentSquared and/or email. We provide information in various languages according to the diverse cultures of our school community. It is important that you download the Talking Points application on your phone so that you can receive LAPS communication.

[Click here for Boston Public Schools District Calendar](#)

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