

December 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			
December 3, 2025	Next School Committee meeting in person at the boiling building		
December 4, 2025	Family Council meeting		
December 5, 2025	• Fall Term Ends		
December 13, 2025	School Showcase at the boiling building		
December 18, 2025	School Preview 2PM		
December 19, 2025	School Movie Night		
December 22, 2025 - January 5, 2026	Winter Break: All school buildings will be closed		

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

School Committee meeting 12/3/2025

The Boston School committee is the governing body of the Boston Public Schools. The Committee is responsible for:

- Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools;
- Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget;
- Hiring, managing, and evaluating the Superintendent; and
- Setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The agenda, zoom link, and public comment sign-up will be posted here 48 hours before the meeting.

<u>December 5th</u> Fall term ends

Fall Term ends on December 5th, winter Term begins on Dec 8, 2025

Report cards will be available and/or distributed on .

BPS Showcase of Schools December 13, 2025

Save the Date for our Citywide School Showcase! This event gives families the opportunity to meet school leaders, ask questions, and find out what makes each school unique - all in one place! This year's Showcase will be held at the Bruce Bolling Building (2300 Washington Street, 02119) on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. No advance registration is required to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!!

BPS will provide FREE Shuttle Bus transportation from various points in the city. Please click the flyers below for more information about Showcase and where to access the shuttle buses.

LAPS School Movie Night December 19, 2025

Join us for a cosy and family friendly Holiday Movie night at the Lee Academy. Bring your blankets, wear your comfiest pajamas, and enjoy a magical movie evening with classmates, families, and friends.

Admissions will be 2\$. This event will be held in the Lee Academy's cafeteria B. Starting at 5pm.

We will be fundraising to support family engagement events throughout the year. We understand some families may need support. We want to mobilize any members of our community who would like to donate to give admissions to those who may not have it. <u>preview:</u>

<u>December 18,</u>

2025

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





Join us to learn more about our school and ask questions before you register for the 2026-2027 school year!.

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

Information Sessions

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

Zoom Link: https://k12bostonpublicschools.zoom.u s/j/88989284336

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Attendance Updates



As we prepare for the upcoming December winter break, we want to share how grateful we are for each of you. Together we have worked to establish routines of showing up to school and create a school community for everyone.

We know the winter season is busy, and we appreciate your efforts to avoid taking extra days off around the winter break. Our teachers will be teaching and our students will be learning right up until vacation starts on December 22, 2025 and the first day back on January 5th, 2026.

Every school day matters. When students are healthy and able to attend, it gives them the chance to keep learning, connect with friends, and grow both socially and academically.

Your support makes such a difference in helping children feel connected and prepared.

If your family or your child needs support, please reach out to us at 617-635-8618 for help.

We look forward to seeing you again when school resumes on Jan 5, 2025

Thank you for partnering with us!

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



How You Can Stay Safe and Healthy During the Winter Months

As winter approaches, we want to share some easy practices to help you, your families, and our community stay safe and healthy. We expect to see rises in COVID-19, flu, and RSV cases this winter

If a student or staff member feels sick, please stay home and immediately notify the school of the absence. The BPS community is encouraged to check out our BPS Respiratory Illness Home Health Checklist to help determine if they should go to school or work when feeling sick.

We encourage our students, families, educators, and staff to maintain good hygiene practices, like washing hands often and avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

We also remind all BPS community members to keep their vaccinations current, including flu, COVID-19, and other childhood vaccines like MMR.

Please consult a healthcare provider if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste/smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Cough (not due to another known cause) or nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, fatigue, headache, or nasal congestion- when in combination with other symptoms

If you notice these symptoms, consider getting tested for COVID-19. If your test is negative but your symptoms persist, consult a healthcare provider for further guidance.

We also provide additional guidelines below to help students and staff decide whether they should stay home. Community members displaying any listed symptoms are asked to stay home for at least 24 hours after all symptoms have resolved:

- Fever Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Students need to stay home for 24 hours after their **temperature** has returned to normal without the use of fever-reducing medications, such as Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen.
- Diarrhea Three or more loose or watery stools in 24 hours, especially if the person feels ill. Students or employees should stay home for 48 hours after the last watery stool.
- Vomiting Two or more times during the last 24 hours, especially if the person feels ill. Students or employees should stay home for 48 hours after the last time they vomited.
- Persistent Coughing Could be caused by many illnesses. Students or employees
 experiencing persistent coughing should consult their primary care provider and stay
 home until the cough is resolved.
- Fatigue Symptoms include lingering tiredness, paleness, lack of appetite, difficulty waking, confusion, and irritability. Students or employees should stay home until they are well or have seen their primary care provider.
- Strep Throat or Bacterial Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) Illnesses for which primary care providers have diagnosed and prescribed treatment. Students or staff members must stay home for 24 hours after receiving the first dose of antibiotics.





If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse or a healthcare provider. You can also contact the Boston Public Schools Helpline at 617-635-8873 or via email at helpline@bostonpublicschools.org. The Helpline is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Family Engagement

(Family Council)

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://kl2-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/85434154328



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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