



## May Family Newsletter

*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.**

Dear Families,

Happy May! As we move into the final stretch of the school year, our classrooms are filled with energy, growth, and a strong sense of accomplishment. Students are continuing to build on the skills they've developed throughout the year while also preparing for end-of-year celebrations and transitions. May is a busy and exciting time in our school community, with special events, learning milestones, and opportunities to come together.

We encourage all families to stay engaged, support strong attendance, and take part in the many activities ahead. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping make our school a positive and supportive place for every child to learn and grow.

#### Upcoming Important Dates

<b>May 7, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Family Council zoom meeting</b></li></ul>
<b>May 10, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Mothers Day</b></li></ul>
<b>May 12 &amp; 14, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>3rd Grade Math MCAS</b></li></ul>
<b>May 18, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Friends of LAPS Color run fundraiser launch</b></li></ul>
<b>May 25, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Memorial Day: No School</b></li></ul>
<b>May 29, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Last Day for Family Survey's</b></li></ul>
<b>May 31, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>3rd Grade Assignment Notification</b></li></ul>
<b>June 4, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Family Council zoom meeting</b></li></ul>

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

<p><b><u>Family Council Meeting</u></b> <b><u>April 2, 2026</u></b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Join us for our monthly meeting: First Thursday of the Month at 6pm.</p> <p>Where: Zoom-<a href="https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/85150860331">https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/85150860331</a></p>
<p><b><u>Friends of LAPS Color Run fundraiser</u></b> <b><u>Launch: May 18 2026</u></b></p>	<p>Family Council is hosting our biggest fundraiser of the year—the Friends of LAPS Color Run! At this exciting event, students will participate in a fun run with a colorful twist at the finish. Family and friends can support by sponsoring a student through the “Donate Now” link. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to support clubs, activities, and family engagement as we approach the closure of our dear school. Thank you to all of our generous donors!</p> <p>More information about the fundraiser will be shared as we approach the launch date of May 18th. The Color Run will take place during Lee Academy’s Field Day on June 12—be sure to mark your calendars for this fun-filled event!</p>
<p><b><u>Spring Family Survey’s Closes on May 29</u></b></p>	<p><b>Spring Family Survey</b></p> <p>Reminder: Take the Spring 2026 BPS Family Climate &amp; Culture Survey now! To submit the survey online, please visit <a href="https://bostonpublicschools.org/survey">bostonpublicschools.org/survey</a> and click on your preferred language to open the survey.</p> <hr/> <p>Dear BPS Families,</p> <p>The Boston Public Schools invites you to share your feedback on your child’s experience with BPS so that we may better serve all our students and families as we look ahead to the 2026-2027 school year.</p> <p>To submit the survey online, please visit <a href="https://bostonpublicschools.org/survey">bostonpublicschools.org/survey</a> and click on your preferred language to open the survey. The survey takes about ten minutes to complete, and will close on Friday, May 29, 2026.</p> <p><i>**The Family Climate &amp; Culture Survey is anonymous; and is administered by the district. If you have already completed the Family Climate &amp; Culture Survey, please disregard this message**</i></p> <p>If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Office of Data and Accountability at <a href="mailto:surveys@bostonpublicschools.org">surveys@bostonpublicschools.org</a>.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback and for being a valued member of the BPS community.</p>

## Health & Wellness:



### **How You Can Stay Safe and Healthy During the Winter Months**

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 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.
- Vomiting — Two or more times during the last 24 hours, especially if the person feels ill.
- 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.

## Attendance Reminder

**All students who have perfect attendance during any given month would be put into a drawing for a chance to win a special prize.**

**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

**5th Quarter  
Summer &  
Beyond.**

Registration for the 5th quarter is now open. This is a great opportunity for students to continue learning and enrichment beyond the regular school schedule. The first round of lottery placements took place on May 1st. If you haven't registered yet, no worries—registration is still open, and additional placement rounds will continue. We encourage families to sign up as soon as possible to secure a spot. In the [BPS 5th Quarter Website](#) you will find essential information about our programs, enrollment procedures, important dates, and resources for students and families. Additional updates will be shared as 5th Quarter Summer 2026 approaches. We encourage you to revisit this page regularly to stay informed of the latest updates.

How to Register: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IM7haZsUruI&feature=youtu.be>

Fliers in different languages are available on the 5th quarter BPS page: <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/students-families/family-community-advancement/expanded-learning-opportunities-and-partnerships/5th-quarter-summer>

**Priority Registration: April 1, 2026**



**Transportation  
Reminder:**

We ask families to be prepared for potential transportation delays. You can download and use the [Zum App](#) to track your student's bus. BPS Transportation will also proactively communicate to impacted families in the event of any transportation disruptions.

Families with transportation-specific questions should contact the Transportation Team at 617-635-9520 or by using the [Zum App](#).

**Resources**

Special Olympics

Free and inclusive opportunities for athletes and partners coming up!

[Dorchester](#)

- Young Athletes – Saturdays 9am-10am at DotHouse Health Clinic starting April 11 through June 13. Free and inclusive introduction to sport for 2-7 year olds. Sign up [here](#).
- Basketball Skills Center – Saturdays 10am-11am at DotHouse Health Clinic starting April 11 through June 13. Free and inclusive basketball skills center for people age 8-15. Sign up [here](#).

**Roxbury**

- Young Athletes – Saturdays 10am-11am at the Dewitt Center starting April 11 through June 13. Free and inclusive introduction to sport for 2-7 year olds. Sign up [here](#).
- Basketball Skills Center – Saturdays 11am-12pm at the Dewitt Center starting April 11 through June 13. Free and inclusive basketball skills center for people age 8-15. Sign up [here](#).

**South Boston**

- Young Athletes – Sundays 9am-10am at the Edgerley Family South Boston Boys and Girls Club starting April 12 through June 14. Free and inclusive introduction to sport for 2-7 year olds. Sign up [here](#).
- Basketball Skills Center – Sundays 11am-11am at the Edgerley Family South Boston Boys and Girls Club starting April 12 through June 14. Free and inclusive basketball skills center for people age 8-15. Sign up [here](#).

**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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