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NEWSLETTER
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Dear members of the Bigelow community,

Happy Spring!

Ramadan Mubarak (Have a blessed Ramadan) to those who celebrate! **Ramadan** (3/22/23-4/21/23) is a holy month of worship, study of the Quran, prayer, and fasting. It began on the evening of **March 22nd and ends on the evening of April 21st**. For more information, please visit this link: https://ing.org/resources/for-all-groups/calendar-of-important-islamic-dates/ramadan-information-sheet/

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BIGELOW FORJ DISCUSSION NIGHT:



Please join us for a discussion based on Boston Globe article series ***Nightmare in Mission Hill: The Untold Story of the Charles and Carol Stuart Shooting*** and the Boston Globe and HBO/Max docu-series and podcast ***Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage & Reckoning.*** The discussion will explore themes of race, class and the criminal justice system in Boston.

The discussion will be facilitated by **Amy Cook, PhD,** Bigelow parents and Associate Professor and the Department Chair of Counseling and School Psychology Department, College of Education and Human Development, at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

When: Thursday, April 11th, 7 -8:30 pm
Where: Bigelow Middle School Library (snacks and drinks will be provided) AND on Zoom
Please RSVP HERE

SAVE THE DATE!

Nubian Square Walking/Bus Tour

Please join Bigelow FORJ and the Bigelow community on a walking/bus tour of Nubian Square. Learn about the rich history of African American culture in the heart of Roxbury. We will end the tour with a pizza lunch at the Museum of NCAAA, National Center of Afro-American Artists.

When: Saturday, May 11, 2024
10 am - 1 pm
Where: Nubian Square, Washington & Dudley St
Roxbury, MA
Price: Free

Please scroll down for additional meaningful, educational, and entertaining experiences for you and your family in LISTEN, DO, READ, & WATCH!

Angela Brooks and Jeanne Choe-Arrieta
Co-Leads, Bigelow FORJ

LISTEN:

Murder in Boston Podcast: Boston Globe columnist Adrian Walker and a team of award-winning investigative reporters "reveal hard truths, unveil explore new findings, and change of narrative of a story long cemented in Boston's lore." Click HERE to listen.

READ:

Boston Globe Article Series: The Boston Globe's two-year investigation into the Charles Stuart Case: "**The Untold Story of the Charles and Carol Stuart Shooting**" HERE. This piece explores class, race, and the criminal justice system: "The shooing hits at the heart of Boston's most bitter divisions and reopens a wound around race relations that was just beginning to heal."

WATCH:

Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage & Reckoning:

"On October 23, 1989, Charles Stuart places a frantic 911 call reporting that he and his pregnant wife — a white couple — have been shot by a Black man. The ensuing investigation ignites decades-old tensions and brutal racial profiling amidst a media firestorm and skepticism about Stuart's story. This three-part docuseries…chronicles the complex history of race-based hostilities Boston and how the rush to justice brutalized a community." Available on HBO/Max. Watch the trailer HERE.

DO:

Hallyu: The Korean Wave: Go on an immersive and multisensory journey through a fascinating history and learn how South Korea has become a global trendsetter. The exhibit features approximately 250 objects—costumes, props, photographs, videos, pop culture ephemera, and contemporary works. Learn more HERE and get your TICKETS now!

When**: March 24 – July 28, 2024**

Where**: Museum of Fine Arts,** Boston
465 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02115

Price (*included with a general admission ticket*):
Adults**: $27**
Children (7-17): **$10**
Children under 7: **FREE**

If you are interested in getting involved with Bigelow FORJ to help build an anti-racist community or if you'd like publicize any future events, recommend videos, movies, podcasts, or books, please email bigelowforj@gmail.com.

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