



Student and Family Bulletin for April 16, 2020

Headmaster's Message

You can find the weekly Headmaster's message [here](#).

Resources

- Remote Resources for Families and Youth from the Boston Public Library: Links to storytimes, e-book lists, and recreational education can be found [here](#). **(New)**
- Paid Summer Opportunity: The Hyde Square Task Force is currently taking applications for their summer paid opportunity in our Jóvenes en Acción program where **rising 9th-11th graders** train in an Afro-Latin art form (either Dance, Music, or Theatre), and have education and civic engagement workshops throughout the summer. Students can apply [here](#). **(New)**
- Teen Book Cloud: is an online database of eBooks and educator resources perfect for your middle school, high school, or public library. They offer a robust selection of Graphic Novels, Enhanced Novels, eBooks, classic literature, National Geographic videos, educator resources, and audiobooks. The collection is available online around the clock. No downloads, no waiting! If you can access the internet, you can be reading, watching, or listening to fantastic content. The username is: blalibrary. The password is: login. Contact: Ms. Estrada (mestrada@bostonpublicschools.org) **(New)**
- The Bluford Series is a collection of twenty-one young adult novels that focus on the lives of a group of high school students and their families. The series draws its name from the school which many of the characters attend: Bluford High, named after [Guion "Guy" Bluford](#), America's first black astronaut.
To access the series in audiobook format for free click here:
<https://www.bluford.org/audiobooks/>
Contact: Ms. Estrada (mestrada@bostonpublicschools.org) **(New)**
- Article on promoting your mental health during quarantine: [article](#)
- Tips for parents on supporting your child during quarantine: [article](#)
- Free [Audiobooks](#) for kids and teens
- Read almost any comic book for free [here](#).
- Visit local, national, and international parks, museums, and zoos [here](#).
- Resources for Undocumented Students and Families: The Unafraid Educators and the BTU Immigrant Rights group shared these resources for undocumented students and families:

- [COVID-19 Resources for Undocumented Communities](#)
- [Wellness Virtual Gatherings for Undocumented Young People](#)
- 5 Things to Know ([Español](#)) and [English](#) from United We Dream
- [Mental Health Resources](#) gathered by BPS
- *Tech Resources and Links:*
 - For students with **tech needs**, BPS is offering free [chromebooks](#), and the city has shared low-cost [options for Internet connectivity](#).
 - [Home Learning Tips for Students and Families](#) (English, Spanish, for families) - other translations, including ASL, are forthcoming and will be on this page
 - [Tips for Healthy Habits](#) (English, for families)
 - [Protecting Student Privacy Online](#) (website, for teachers)
 - [Using Video in Google Classroom](#) (website, for teachers)
 - [How to Access Google Classroom from Home](#) (website with videos in English, Español, Português and Français)
 - [How to Access Clever at Home](#) (English)
 - [Clever Login Tutorial](#) (visual step-by-step tutorial)
- *City of Boston Informational Coronavirus Website* (In Many Languages): “Information is rapidly changing, and the Boston Public Health Commission will update this post as new and relevant information becomes available. The text includes information in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, and Russian. The city offers guidance and information on the new coronavirus in additional languages at [Boston.gov/coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus), through the Mayor’s Health Line at 617-534-5050, and through interpreters available through the city’s 311 telephone service.
- *Boston Public Schools Coronavirus Website:* The Boston Public School website [here](#) is one resource that is comprehensive for BPS. bostonpublicschools.org/coronavirus
- *CDC Guidelines around Coronavirus:* The decision to close schools is an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. It will only be effective if people also take steps to follow [CDC](#) recommendations. The [CDC](#) is asking people to do their part or the school closure will not be as successful in limiting the spread of the virus.
- *How to find help & access resources:* See [this article](#) with links to organizations that can provide help and services.
- *Access to Meals:* The City of Boston in partnership with Project Bread, YMCA of Greater Boston, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and other community organizations will also be providing **free meals to school-aged children** at various locations and times across the city. These sites are shown in red on [this map](#) and the specific BPS food locations are [HERE](#) with BLA being one of them. More locations will become available soon. If you need additional food resources, you can contact Project Bread’s Food Source Hotline at (800) 645-8333.
- *Mental Health Resources:*

- If your child or someone in your family experiences a mental health crisis, please feel free to call **B.E.S.T. (Boston Emergency Services Team) at 1-800-981-4357** for guidance. This toll-free number can be used 24 hours a day, seven days a week to obtain services. Staff at the 1-800-981-HELP Call Center will provide support, information, referral, or arrange an in-person evaluation.
- Please check out the [CDC guidelines](#) for managing stress and anxiety as students navigate through this new virtual learning experience. Here is another helpful document: [How to take care of your Emotional Health](#).
- *2020 MLK Scholars Summer Internship Program:* If you are a resident of Boston, age 16-18, who loves working with young children and is interested in the field of early childhood education, apply now! You can work with Dimock's Head Start program with infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers.
 - This is a paid internship program from Monday, July 6th to Friday, August 14th, approximately 25 hours/week. It includes four leadership training seminars. Deadline for all applications is Monday, May 4, 2020.
 - Application link: <https://dimock.org/john-hancock-mlk-scholars-program/>
 - If there are any questions, please reach out to Katie Mandosa-Hayes at kmandosahayes@bostonpublicschools.org
- *Summer Programs:* Please see this flyer with information on dozens of summer programs available for students. [Summer Stuff 2020](#) If there are any questions, please reach out to Mary Sullivan at msullivan10@bostonpublicschools.org

Academic Updates

- *MCAS Testing* - is cancelled for this year. We are awaiting information from the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education to see how this impacts schools in the upcoming year and moving forward. Contact: Ms. Carvalho (mcarvalho@bostonpublicschools.org) **(New)**
- *AP Update:* All BLA students enrolled in AP courses are expected to take the exams (or submit portfolios for pertinent subjects). Students are able to take exams online from home.
 - Teachers are currently completing the abbreviated curriculum with students through their online instruction and we are confident that they are well-positioned for success. Please encourage your student to connect with their AP teachers with regard to “need to know” content.
 - To learn more about the exams as well as the College Board's free on-line services , please visit <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>.
 - Any family with a particular concern around AP exams should email our AP coordinator, Mr. Ekholm-Jacobson, at cekholmjacobson@bostonpublicschools.org
- *SAT Prep:* BLA will continue to offer SAT Prep this spring. [Here is a link to additional information about the prep program](#). If there are any questions, please reach out to Mr. EJ at cekholmjacobson@bostonpublicschools.org.
- *College and Career Center:* The College and Career Center will continue to support all students, especially juniors and seniors, virtually. Here is more information for [juniors](#) and [seniors](#).

Additional information can also be found at the [College and Career Center Website](#). If there are any questions, please reach out to Mr. EJ at cekholmjacobson@bostonpublicschools.org.

- BLA staff (the climate and culture team) will be holding *grade level virtual meetings/gatherings* for students who have academic concerns or need ideas for making use of this time. Students will receive an email with the Zoom meeting information. If there are any questions, please reach out to Mr. Martyn at rmartyn@bostonpublicschools.org.
- If families have questions about a specific content or any other area, [please complete this form](#).

Events and Activities

- *BLA Virtual Choir*: The virtual choir class will begin Monday March 30th at 2pm and will continue to meet every Monday and Thursday at 2pm for the remainder of the academic year.
 - For those of you unable to join during the beginning of the semester, feel free to tune in as we will be starting fresh from the beginning. Keep in mind that we are starting this virtual classroom in hopes that many of you can join and have something fun, take your mind off of your other stresses, and find this music class to be relaxing.
 - Again, we will meet every Monday and Thursday at 2pm. You will find the zoom link here: Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/838382566> (Meeting ID: 838 382 566)
 - If you have any questions, please reach out to Josaphat Contreras, NEMPAC, Boston Latin Academy, After-School & A Capella Choir Director
 - Call: 281-639-5086
 - Email: musicjrc1@gmail.com
- *Christian Club Weekly Meeting via ZOOM*: The Boston Latin Academy Christian Club will be meeting every Thursday afternoon beginning at 2 PM via Zoom. The link is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9834049419> The meeting ID is 983 404 9419. The Zoom password is: 689216. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Cole (Student Club Lead) at fcollection2@bostonk12.org.

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Staff and students can submit new announcements for the Student & Family Bulletin at the following address: <http://latinacademy.org/announcements>. If there are any questions, please reach out to Mr. Martyn at rmartyn@bostonpublicschools.org.

FAMILIES THAT ARE NOT RECEIVING THIS BULLETIN

If you know of a family that is not receiving this bulletin, please ask them to send an email to Ms. Carvalho at mcavvalho@bostonpublicschools.org so that we can try to update their contact information.