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a BGA Student and Family Newsletter



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January 6: Three Kings' Day

January 17: Martin Luther King Day  
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# EDITORIAL HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Boston Green Academy Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! On behalf of everyone at BGA, we hope you had a safe and restful holiday season. Now that we are back, we are all committed to helping our students succeed despite the recent surge in COVID cases in our city. We know this is a challenging time and we are working hard to keep everyone at BGA focused, safe and healthy.

Thank you for taking precautions every day to help stop the spread of COVID. This allows BGA to stay open for in-person learning, which we all want to see continue. We ask everyone to please do the following:

- Use the BPS Health Checklist every day and do not come to school if you have any symptoms
- Participate in weekly pool testing at school so we can help identify any COVID cases. If we don't test, we don't know. If you are not yet signed up, please contact Mr. Becker, Mr. Cabrera or Nurse B at school to sign up.
- Wear a mask at all times when in school and carry extras if needed. We have extra masks at BGA if you need them as well.
- Get vaccinated and receive a booster shot if you are eligible. COVID vaccines are safe, free, and available everywhere. For a list of vaccination sites in Boston, [click here](#).

Unfortunately, BPS is not allowing visitors into BPS buildings at this time, including parents and caregivers. All meetings will be on Zoom until further notice and you can pick up your students outside the front door (please call the office to dismiss them). We want to see you back at school as soon as we can and appreciate your understanding.

It has been such a joy to see so many students back at school this year, reconnecting with friends and staff and helping to knit our community back together again. The many clubs, sports, activities and celebrations have been wonderful to see. Despite COVID, we will keep these parts of our school culture going so that our students have positive reasons to come to school, in addition to the important work of learning they are engaged in. Thanks for supporting them to come to school everyday and participate. It matters to everyone.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy start to the New Year and please reach out to your students Advisor or any BGA staff member if there is something you need. Together, we will face the challenges of COVID and help our students move forward. We look forward to all the amazing things they can do in the days ahead.

Best wishes,  
Matt Holzer, Head of School





# Booster Shots: What You Need to Know



Vaccines provide safe and powerful protection against COVID-19.



Getting the vaccine reduces your risk of serious illness, hospitalization, and death.



If you are fully vaccinated, you may be eligible for a booster shot.



Booster shots provide added protection from COVID-19 and its variants.



Millions of people have been vaccinated for COVID-19 and booster shots provide an added layer of protection against the virus.



Looking for a booster or vaccination site?  
Click on the link below!

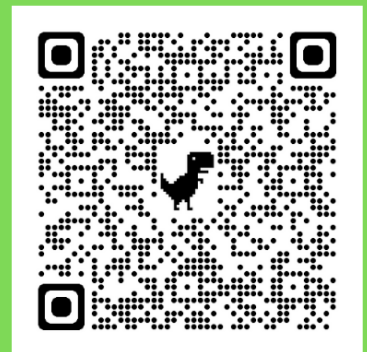
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# HAVE YOU BEEN IN OUR FREIGHT FARM YET?



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