



alighieri ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note from Principal Jess

6/13/21

Dear Alighieri Families,

As I complete my first full year as Principal of the Alighieri Montessori School, it is with a deep sense of gratitude for the staff, families and students who have guided me throughout. We persevered together, and together we will learn from the lessons of this past year and continue to grow even stronger. Our hiring committees have selected talented staff members to join our team, and we have several new initiatives that we believe will allow us to support our students more comprehensively than ever before. Your partnership has been instrumental to our work thus far; I hope I can continue to rely on your support for what I hope will be many years to come! Below are several important announcements for the weeks ahead. Please let me know if you have any questions. And thank you, as always, for your partnership!

Best,
Principal Jess



Important Dates

**Thursday,
June 17 @
8am**

Alighieri Virtual
Talent Show [[Zoom
Link](#)]

**Monday -
Friday
6/14-6/18**

Student Council
Spirit Week
See details below

**Thursday
6/17 & 6/18**

Last Days of School
- Dismissal @
11:40pm

ALIGHIERI + BPS updates

Alighieri Shout Outs to Students and Families

We Appreciate You!

At our recent staff meetings , students and families received the following shout outs:

- The Balderston Family and Rowley Country Club for their donation of wooden chairs made from felled trees for our garden.
- Donna Nugent for donating 3 trays of seedlings for our garden spaces.
- Families for coming to publishing party in upper el.
- Students who participated in the MCAS pep-rally video - love that the friends and children' house and lower el sharing their joy with middle and upper el
- Valentina Bozzetti for her magnificent Tiramisu class as part of our Alighieri Cooks program. Mille grazie!
- Ms. Hubbell and the Student Council for curating texts for our Little Free Library.
- Student Bathia Valencia for writing the text accompanying our Little Free Library.
- 5th grade parents Megan Balderston, Desiree Patten and Brooke Machado for volunteering to support our 6th Grade Moving On Ceremony.



See [Alighieri Staff Shout Outs to Students and Families](#) for past shout outs!

[New] Plans for SY22

Thank you to families who attended last Thursday's SPC Meeting where Principal Jess presented plans for SY22. Here is [the presentation](#). At the meeting we discussed ideas for what our school should prioritize in terms of spending potential additional federal funding. Please take a minute to write your ideas on [this form](#). We will consider family input as we create our proposal this summer.



[New] BPS Family Survey

Please complete before Friday, 6/18!

You should have received an email with their unique survey link. Each family will have the opportunity to take a survey about the Alighieri. If you did not receive an email with your unique link, you can complete the survey at [www.bostonpublicschools.org/climate survey](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/climate_survey). Please contact [Madelin](#) with questions!



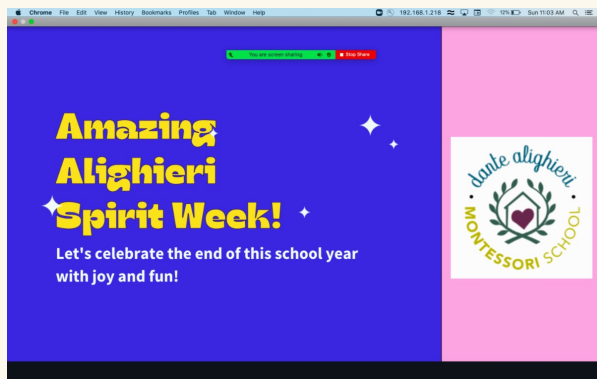
[New] Little Free Library - Read in Color!



Our Library Has Arrived!

The Alighieri was selected to receive a Little Free Library, as well as a year's supply of free books as part of their "Read In Color" Initiative. Ms. Hubbell and members of the Student Council have curated selections of titles to be made available throughout the year. Please feel free to borrow, lend and enjoy!

[New] School Spirit Week!



Amazing Alighieri Spirit Week!

Our Student Council has worked with staff to plan a week of activities to end this school year with joy and fun! We'll be tie-dying t-shirts, wearing our pajamas to school, dressing like our favorite book character and more! Please see [this slideshow](#) for details!

[New] Introducing New Staff

Welcome to the Alighieri!

Though we are sad that Ms. Kirk, Ms. Madelin and Mr. Rivera will not be returning to the Alighieri in September, we are excited to [introduce several talented new staff members](#) for the coming school year! We are also delighted to announce that our Family Liaison will now be full-time, instead of two days per week, and we will have a part time Social Worker on staff as well.



[New] Garden Spaces



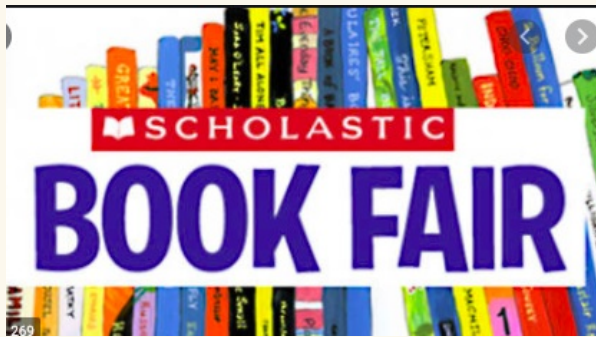
A most sincere thank you to parents JoAnn Cox and Lindsay Falewicz for their tireless efforts on behalf of our garden spaces. Our **Peace Garden** will be 90% complete this week! The funds for this space came from our last Bee Hive event, with a \$1000 donation from City Realty. We also had 5 yards of compost delivered from City of Boston, and a shed has been donated by Eastie Farms. All plants in gardens currently were donated by various community members. The Alighieri recently a gift of \$250 to support our **Forgiveness Garden**, inspired by one of this year's Social Justice texts, and we found out this weekend that Mr. Achala and Lindsay's grant proposal for an additional \$250 was accepted, which will allow us to complete the project. Funds from last year's Scholastic Book Fair will be used to purchase a reading bench for this space, which is also located near our Little Free Library.

[New] BPS Summer Transportation Letter

BPS is asking schools to share this letter regarding your child's transportation for SY22, available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Arabic](#).



[New] Scholastic Book Fair Gratitude!



Thank you, Families!

Thank you to parent Lilliana Arteaga for organizing, the many families who volunteered, and the many who purchased books at our Scholastic Book Fair. The fair was a tremendous success, raising over \$3,000. The Alighieri will receive over \$1,200 in Scholastic dollars as a result, and will purchase student-selected texts for our school library.

Alighieri's Got Talent!



It's not too late to send in your entry to our Virtual Talent Show. The Talent Show is this Thursday at 8am [\[zoom link\]](#). Post your entries to Seesaw or email to [Principal Jess](#) by Tuesday in order to be included in our all-star line up! Thank you!

Alighieri/ Adams Summer School

The Alighieri and the Adams received a grant to host a joint summer school for 30 students from each school. This camp will be for students currently in grades 2-5 and will include a partnership with Eastie Farms and Piers Park Sailing. Students currently in Children's House and 1st grade are eligible for BPS' Summer Early Focus camp at the EEC. [Sign up here!](#) Reach out to [Madelin](#), our Site Coordinator, with questions.

[New] End of Year Assessments



Students and staff worked diligently and patiently to complete End of Year assessments, the results of which we will analyze to support instructional planning for the coming school year. We will share results of our MAP testing with families this week with your child's report card. MCAS and ACCESS for ELs results will not be available until the Fall, but we will share once they become available.

BPS Weekly Updates for Families



Stay Up to Date with BPS Programs for Families

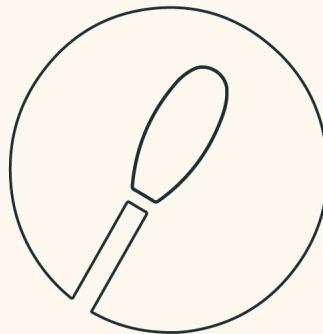
BPS updates families with a weekly newsletter. Click [here](#) for important information about BPS specific programming.

COVID-19 TESTING in Boston

Do you want to get tested for COVID-19 but don't know how or where? There is free testing at our mobile testing sites in the City,

available to all regardless of symptoms.

Visit boston.gov/covid19-testing-map to find a testing site near you.



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**Contact Us
Today!**

