We’ve had a great start to Spring Semester BUILD!

It’s hard to believe that it is already the end of February! However, we have had a very successful Spring semester, with most of our sites filled to capacity with tutors and CORI approvals running smoothly and quickly. We have continued with our implementation of our pilot programming of Book Clubs at Mason and Tobin, and we look forward to watching them grow and evolve as we continue throughout this semester.

It has been so great to see the work you have been able to do at your sites, and I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings us!

We also have some exciting events to look forward to as we move into the second half of the semester. Mark your calendars for our Spring Workshops, led by your Lead Tutors. Also make sure to mark your calendars for our end of the year gathering. Although it is a few months away, it is a very special event where we gather among food and good company to recognize your amazing work this semester!

Important Dates

2/20-2/24: BPS February Vacation NO BUILD
3/4-3/12: BU Spring Break NO BUILD (unless approved through GCs)
3/20-3/23: BUILD Mid-Semester Workshops
4/17: Patriots day, No Class NO BUILD
4/14-4/21: BPS Closed NO BUILD
4/19: BU Monday
5/3: Last Day of Classes
5/4: BUILD End of the Year Gathering
5/5: Last expected work day for BUILD (tutors can work up to 5/19)
5/8: Final Exams Begin
5/12: Final Exams End
• Be on the lookout for early payroll deadlines
• Communicate with your GCs and LTs about absences
• Submit information for your weekly report and hours on time
• Check the important dates section of this newsletter to note when BUILD will not be in session

**Reminders!**

**Office Reads**

*Check out what the tutors are bringing to Book Clubs!*

**Pre-Read:**
- What do you think this book will be about?
- Think of someone who has been a great friend to you. What qualities make someone a good friend?

**Post read:**
- How does the author let you in on the characters’ secret thoughts and feelings without using words?
- Are the turtles good friends to one another? What actions make them good friends (or not)?

**Activity of the Month!**

*Outdoor or Gym Time Literacy Activity: Magic Ball*

*Materials Needed:* A ball

*Instructions:* Have the students stand in a circle. For the first round, one student will name an adjective to describe the ball, for example “heavy.” The students will pass the ball around the circle and act out the adjective, pretending the ball is heavy. For the next round, the student might say “sticky,” and they would pass the ball around the circle as if it were sticky. This continues until each child has had a turn naming an adjective.