We first off want to welcome all of our new tutors into the BUILD family, and to welcome back those of you that were studying abroad or pursuing other work last Fall. It’s great to have you all with us. We also want to thank you all for making last week’s trainings such a success, especially Saturday! The presentations were all well-attended and the presenters were thrilled with the level of engagement from all of you. Thank you!

As we move forward into the Spring semester, please be aware of cold and flu season, which is still very much in full swing. Especially since you all work in elementary school settings, which are breeding grounds for illness, remember to wash your hands and faces often and do some things to take care of yourself. Sleep, hydration, and nutrition are crucial for staying healthy.

If you do come down with something, please communicate with your Lead Tutors and do what you need to do in order to get healthy again. Don’t spread it around! Student Health puts on free flu shot clinics often. Check their website for dates and times; below is a link to a great BU Today article with lots of info.

| Take care of yourselves out there! |

Important Dates

2/16: WORK STUDY DEADLINE

2/19-2/23: Presidents’ Day Monday and BPS February Vacation
NO BUILD
**BU has 2/19 off; 2/20 is a BU Monday.

3/5-3/9: BU Spring Break
NO BUILD (unless approved w/GCs)

3/12: BUILD 20th Anniversary Celebration
CILSE (610 Comm. Ave)
4:00-6:00pm
**Stay tuned for more info!!

3/19 - 3/22: Mid-Semester Workshops
**Stay tuned for dates & times.

4/16 - 4/20: Patriots Day Monday and BPS Spring Break
NO BUILD
**BU has 4/16 off; 4/17 is a BU Monday

• Hiring is coming to a close. The work study deadline is Friday, February 16th. It’s not too late to get some referral swag by sending friends to us!
• Communicate with your GCs and LTs regarding absences and schedule changes.
• Submit information for your weekly report and hours on time.
• Check the important dates section to note when BUILD will not be in session.

Office Reads
Check out what the GC’s are reading! Located in the BUILD Library.
“Rosa,” by Nikki Giovanni

Rosa Parks was an African-American Civil Rights activist, whom the United States Congress called "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement." She began a non-violent movement by refusing to give up her bus seat due to her race. Her leadership influenced the desegregation of public spaces.

Pre-Read questions to reflect on:
What inspired Rosa to resist authority?
What was the underlying cause for boycotting the buses?
Do you believe that a non-violent approach to social change is effective?
Does Rosas’s leadership inspire you to make any positive changes within our society?

Activity of the Month!
Basket of Rhymes

Materials Needed: A basket full of toys. You’ll want to make sure that there are toys in there that rhyme when stating the object name.

Instructions: The game is simply to pick one object, say its name out loud, then look through the basket for another object that rhymes with it. The goal will be to clear the entire basket and find all of the rhymes!

Inspired By: http://www.massliteracy.org/three-literacy-movement-games-students-can-play-today/