Spring is Coming...

...and BUILD is getting ready to celebrate its 20th Anniversary! Massachusetts Congressman Michael Capuano, BU President Robert Brown, SED faculty and staff, site coordinators and teachers, and current and former tutors and graduate coordinators will get together to acknowledge the success and the positive impact of two decades of stellar, meaningful literacy work in the BPS community. All current BUILD tutors are welcome to join us (see right for event info), as long as: 1) You don’t miss time at your site; 2) You understand that this is not a paid work function; and 3) You can dress appropriately (business casual). If you have questions about what that means, please go here. PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 5TH. You should have received an e-mail with the invite. We look forward to celebrating the excellent work that you’re all doing!

We also would like to remind you that flu season isn’t over yet, so continue to wash your hands often and take care of yourselves. If you feel like you’re getting sick, please let us know, and DON’T GO TO YOUR SITE!

Lastly, we have activity books in the BUILD office. If you’re looking for ideas for literacy activities, games, or new ways to teach and tutor, please come in and check out a book. They’re full of great ideas! Have a fun and safe Spring Break, and we’ll see you soon!

Important Dates

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

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

3/30: Good Friday, BPS is closed.  
NO BUILD

4/16 - 4/20: Patriots Day Monday and BPS April Vacation  
NO BUILD  
**BU has 4/16 off: WEDNESDAY 4/18 is a BU Monday.

5/2: Last Day of Classes

5/4: Last expected work day for BUILD (tutors can work until 5/18)

5/7-5/11: Final Exams

5/18-5/20: Commencement Weekend
• Communicate with GCs and LTs about absences.
• Submit weekly reports and hours on time.
• Tutors must attend 2 mid-semester workshops.
• Check the important dates section of this newsletter for important information on workshops and other events.
• Check your work study balance to make sure you have enough to get through the end of the semester. If you don’t, please let the GCs know ASAP.
• There will be no BUILD summer work study. If you would like a summer work study job, positions will be posted April 9th through the Student Employment Office.

Office Reads
Check out what the tutors are bringing to Book Clubs!

Pre-Read:
• What do you think this book will be about?
• Have you ever seen anyone be mean to someone else? What did you do? How did you feel?

Post read:
• Discuss the themes of friendship and belonging found in this book. What do you think belonging means to each character? What do you think friendship means to each character? What do belonging and friendship mean to you?

Activity of the Month!

Literacy Through Drawing

Materials Needed: Paper, pencil, colored pencils (markers or crayons can be used as well)

Instructions: Have the child read a book that the child enjoys. After reading the book together, have the child illustrate an interesting part of the book and write a few sentences underneath the illustration to describe what is happening in the picture that was drawn.