



Newsflash, October 2009

New Job Opening at Boston Public Schools

With funding from Thrive in 5's W.K. Kellogg grant, Boston Public Schools (BPS) is hiring an Early Childhood School Readiness Data Manager.

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Questions Answered at Community School Readiness Wiring Bidders' Conference

Answers available for download

On October 13, potential applicants gathered at the Boston Children's Museum to ask questions about the recently released Request for Proposals (RFP) for Community School Readiness Wiring (CSRW) grants. People raised questions about the eligible organizations and neighborhoods; the budget and funding; collaborative proposals; the proposal review process; data collection and evaluation; and much more.

[Click here](#) to download the answers to these questions and [visit our website](#) for more information and resources about the RFP - be sure to check back often for updates!

Don't forget, proposals are due November 2.

Community Events & Opportunities

Boston Public Schools' Parent University

Opening session, October 31

Parent University is a series of free learning sessions for Boston Public Schools parents that empower them to be leaders and advocates for student learning and school improvement.

The University offers 3 day-long Saturday learning sessions in October, January and May, with

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additional sessions offered throughout the year at schools, libraries, and community centers. The first session is on October 31, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard. In June, there will be a Parent University graduation for parents who have completed a set of learning sessions.

By participating in the University, parents can increase their understanding of:

- How children learn and develop;
- What their children should be learning;
- How to help their children get what they need to succeed; and
- How to bring other parents together to work for school improvement.

For more information about Parent University visit: www.bostonpublicschools.org/parentuniversity email: parentuniversity@bostonpublicschools.org or call: (617) 635-1683

Early Childhood in the News

[Third Grade Reader - Boston Globe](#)

Margaret Blood and Richard Weissbourd - September 16

Blood and Weissbourd emphasize the importance of promoting language development at home, from birth, and highlights the work of [ReadBoston's Early Words program](#).

[Can the Right Kinds of Play Teach Self-Control - New York Times Magazine](#)

Paul Tough - September 25

Tough discusses the Tools of Mind program that uses "mature dramatic play" to develop self-regulation skills in children, which are linked to both short-term and long-term success in academics and other areas. > [Visit our website for more articles about self-regulation](#)

[From Birth, Engage Your Child with Talk - New](#)



York Times

Jane E. Brody - September 28

Brody underscores the significant impact parents can have on their children's language development by beginning to talk, read, and sign to their children early and often.

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