

September Youth Resources & Opportunities

Here's what's happening for the month of September! Check out the opportunities you can sign up for this fall so you can have an amazing school year!



BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome Back from the Boston Public Schools!: Check out www.bostonpublicschools.org/welcome for information about starting the school year. Access the school calendar, important documents, and more.

Boston Public Schools Calendar: Jot down important dates, school vacations and more. Do not forget that school starts on Sep 8 for grades 1-12. www.bostonpublicschools.org/district_calendar

Back-to-School Parent Hotline: Call for help with school assignments, transportation, and other back-to-school questions. Through Sep 17, 8:30am-5pm. 617-635-9046

Boston Public Schools Free & Reduced Meals: BPS serves nutritious meals at low or no cost to all students. Eligibility is determined by family income. www.bostonpublicschools.org/node/12

Boston Centers for Youth and Families After School Programs: Visit your local community center to find out about after school programs and fall activities. 617-635-4920, www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Youth Spotlight Goes Green!: As part of this summer's Boston R.O.C.K.S!! Goes Green, September's Youth Spotlight is recognizing four young Boston leaders who are leading the way through their actions to REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE!

Joseph O'Neal worked with The Franklin Park Coalition this past summer and set the standard for work ethic, endurance, and positive attitude on the job, which is not an easy task when working in 100 degree heat. As a member of the Franklin Park Coalition Youth Crew, Joe pulled and cut plants, dug ditches and maintained trails. He also assisted in outreach efforts to get the community involved. Joseph has been a great asset in keeping Franklin Park a safe and healthy resource for the citizens of Boston. Joe will be a senior at West Roxbury High.

Jamaica Plain resident, **Rebecca Park**, fights the green fight! She has represented the youth of Boston on the Mayor's Climate Action Leadership Committee and has served as an active member of Boston Latin School's Youth Climate Action Network (Youth CAN). She has even presented some of the work that Youth CAN has done to former Vice President Al Gore. Rebecca is an active advocate for the reduction of carbon footprints and encourages her school to serve as a model through the development of rooftop gardens and solar installations. You may have seen Rebecca at a Youth CAN summit. She is dedicated to a greener Boston. Rebecca will be junior at Boston Latin School.

Larissa Sloan is part of Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE), a Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project (REEP) youth program. While there, she designed and piloted a survey and collected over 2000 responses. She also helped develop the case for transit Youth Pass in Massachusetts, which she brought to the national level by attending the Social Forum in Detroit. At the Social Forum, she co-facilitated workshops and presentations. She strongly believes in the need for affordable passes for young people and will continue to advocate for that. Larissa is a self-motivated leader, who is making a positive difference. Larissa will be a senior at City on a Hill.

Isaiah Willis worked at the New England Aquarium this summer where he was a team player who went above and beyond the call of duty. Isaiah was always working. He pushed carts of squid boxes, recruited other teens to help sort batteries and papers for recycling, fed the animals, and helped out with office work. Isaiah will be a senior in the fall at Trinity Catholic. He hopes to continue to learn more about ocean conservations and looks forward to staying connected with the New England Aquarium.

Blue Man Group has donated two show tickets for each spotlight winner as a prize for their dedication to their community! In addition they will be receiving a Green Boston T-shirt. Congratulations to all and keep making Boston green!

Youth Spotlight Nominations for the Fall: Do you know a teen making a positive difference by volunteering as tutor, coaching a local sports team, helping elderly neighbors...? Then nominate a Boston young person to be featured in the BYZ E-newsletter Youth Spotlight for their outstanding efforts and contributions to a program or their community. If they are selected for the October "Spotlight", they will win 2 FREE tickets to see the Blue Man Group. Visit www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc/spotlight.asp for details. Nominations must be submitted by Sep 15.



FREE FUN FRIDAYS

Grand Finale Weekend: On Sep 3 & 4, Free Fun Fridays will be featuring a weekend full of free opportunities. Visit museums and much more! For a complete list of locations: www.highlandstreet.org

Sports Museum: Visit the sports museum on Sep 3 and have the opportunity to re-live some of the most memorable sports moments in history with actual play-by-play sound clips and anecdotal stories about featured athletes. www.tdbanknorthgarden.com/sportsmuseum

Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame: Since 1959, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame has honored and celebrated the game's greatest moments and brightest stars. Come visit the Hall of Fame center on Sep 4. www.hoophall.com

USS Constitution Museum: Visit the museum, check out interactive galleries and learn the story about the "Old Ironsides". For all ages. Sep 4. www.usconstitutionmuseum.org

New England Historic Genealogical Society: Since 1845, NEHGS has been the country's leading research center for genealogists and family historians of every skill level. Visit them on Sep 3 and learn about your family history. www.newenglandancestors.org



**BOSTON
NAVIGATOR**

Find Youth Programs on BOSTONavigator!: As students head back to school, connect with out-of-school time programs by searching BOSTONavigator. Check out all the opportunities for youth ages 5-18. You can search by a combination of age, activity, keyword and location. You can even e-mail the results of your search to yourself or a friend. Check out www.BOSTONavigator.org today!

Here are some program opportunity highlights you can find in BOSTONavigator:

Homework Assistance Program (HAP) at BPL: Students in grades K-8 can get free after-school homework help at any library branch. Homework help is also available online until 10pm each night. 617-859-2381, www.bpl.org/homework/index.htm

Amplifyme- Youth Media Institute: The Youth Media Institute offers year round opportunities for youth to participate in paid and volunteer programs, which position them for future career and mentoring opportunities in the media. Learn about the history of media, the media's role in shaping history and pop culture, and how the media shapes viewers' perceptions and actions. Free program for ages 14-18. Wesley, 617-557-9200. www.amplifyme.us/programs/index.cfm

Family Services of Greater Boston-Youth Aim!: Youth Aim! is geared toward youth ages 14-19 who are interested in becoming agents of change in their community. This youth led program focuses on providing opportunities for youth to facilitate discussions on topics affecting their community and inspire them to be leaders making positive changes. FREE. Nicole, 617-523-6400 x5939, www.fsgb.org

Sportsmen's Tennis Club - Academic Programs: Sportsmen's Tennis Club provides after school and Saturday academic enrichment programs for grades K-5. Students also enroll in a tennis program. Programming begins in Sep. Prices vary by program, some are free. Parents must complete a registration form which is available on site and online at www.sportsmenstennisclub.org. 617-288-9092.

Northeastern University MathPower-Math*Stars Program: The Math*STARS program is an afterschool program that is offered in conjunction with the Sportsmen's Tennis Club in Dorchester. Math*STARS provides Boston residents with mathematics homework support. The Program is designed for students in grades 6-9. Erin, 617-373-6550, www.mathpower.neu.edu/node/33

Vine Street Community Center Urban Dance Company: The Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury will be offering professional instruction on a variety of dance forms including: Hip Hop, Ballet, Jazz, and Caribbean to youth participants ages 5-18. Registration will begin in Sep. Registration fees vary and scholarships are available for low income families. 617-635-1285, www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Young Actors Acting With a Script: The Wheelock Family Theatre will be offering acting classes to children ages 5-17 beginning in Sep. 617-879-2252, www.wheelock.edu/wft

College Bound Dorchester: Formerly known as Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses, College Bound Dorchester works to ensure that all students view success in college as not just a possibility in their lives but as a baseline expectation. Programs focus on 5 areas: Early Education, Out of School Time, Adolescent Development (including at risk 11-18 year olds), Alternative Education and Adult Education. Infants to 5 yrs old can participate in a stimulating learning environment from 7:30am-5:30pm. After-school activities for 6-12 year olds from 1-6pm and include LAUNCH, Art a la Carte, ESL for Adults and more. Ongoing Enrollment. Vouchers (subsidized/private slots) accepted and financial assistance based on income eligibility. Search BOSTONavigator.org or www.fdnh.org

JA Academy: Register for the fall Junior Achievement semester. JA Academy is an after-school program for ambitious high school students interested in running their own company and selling products with the help of business professionals and college students. Sites include: Boston College, Boston University, and MIT. One day a week, 3:30-5:30pm. acunningham@ja-easternmass.org or visit www.jaem.org

Do you need to update your programs in BOSTONavigator.org?: Make sure your information is updated or added to BOSTONavigator.org so thousands of families, other agencies and funders know what your organization offers throughout the upcoming months. To be listed on BOSTONavigator, programs must be located in Boston, provide supervision for youth ages 5-18, and operate during out-of-school time. E-mail Help@BOSTONavigator.org or call 617-720-1290 x210 to register for a username and password, then log on to enter information about your programs. www.bostonnavigator.org



Writers' Express at Copley Branch BPL: Are you a writer who is interested in getting published? Then join the Writers' Express at the Copley Branch Library and meet with other writers every 2nd and 4th Wed of each month at 6:30pm. 617-536-5400. www.bpl.org

FALL PROGRAMS

Salsa Libre at Maverick Landing House: Free beginner salsa lessons every Thurs (except holidays) from 5-6pm at the Maverick Landing House, 31 Liverpool St, East Boston. All ages are welcome and no dance partner is required. Check them out on Facebook! PJ, 617-834-9876

The Peace Drum Project: Currently offering after-school arts and leadership training for 20 teens enrolled in Boston Public High Schools. Activities include music, making personal and group drums, drama, dance, field trips, and visual arts workshops. Tues, 3-5:30pm starting Oct 12. Runs for 30 weeks. Ages 14-18. Susan Porter, 617-524-6378, www.tribal-rhythms.org/teen_application.html

United South End Settlement: After-school program, offering structured, thematic children's activities. Meals available to 5-13 year olds in the South End from 2-6pm. Enrollment is ongoing, EEC & vouchers are accepted. Jerrell, 617-375-8150, www.uses.org

Sociedad Latina's Music Clubhouse: Music classes are open for ages 8-21 in guitar, voice, keyboard, drum, percussion and beat-making. Classes are for individuals or organizational groups and take place during the evenings and on Saturdays. The Music Clubhouse is also available for open studio time at affordable rates. David, 617-442-4299 x142, david@sociedadlatina.org

Mission Enrichment Program (MEP): Sociedad Latina's after-school program is now accepting applications for middle school students. The program focuses on homework, numeracy skill-building, and enrichment clubs, with field trips two Fridays per month. The program meets Mon-Thurs from 2:30-6:30pm. Jimmy, 617-442-4299 x120, jimmy@sociedadlatina.org

Fall Art Workshops and Courses for High School Students: The Art Institute of Boston's Pre-College Program is offering 7 week courses for college credit along with 4 week non-credit workshops in the visual arts this fall. Scholarship deadline Sep 15. All levels welcome. Saturdays, Oct 23-Dec 11. Kerri Fisher, 617 585-6724, www.lesley.edu/aib/curriculum/precollege.html



JOBS & SERVICE

Teen Resume Guide: New, improved and fresh off the press! Whether you have had lots of jobs or are getting ready for your first volunteer experience, this resume guide has tips for you. Start off your job or volunteer hunt on the right foot! www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc

Boston PIC: Start preparing and looking for job early! A career specialist can help you build your resume, improve your interview skills, match you to job shadow opportunities or connect you to a job. Boston Public School students should visit their PIC Career Specialist at their school. 617-524-5224, www.bostonpic.org

The 84: Massachusetts' statewide youth tobacco prevention movement managed by Health Resource in Action (HRiA) is seeking interns between the ages of 16-18. Interns will work 5-7 hours per week at the office of HRiA in the South End/Back Bay. Applications are available online and due by Sep 6. www.the84.org/jobs

Sociedad Latina is Hiring: Currently hiring youth ages 14-21 for after-school career exploration internships in music, community organizing and health careers. Hired Youth Leaders will receive a stipend in addition to tutoring and college access support. For more information or to apply for a job, youth should come in person to Sociedad Latina's offices at 1530 Tremont St, Mission Hill.

Boston Public Library Teen Council: Teens can have their voices heard regarding library activities. New members welcome. Takes place once a month. Upcoming dates: Sep 28 & Oct 26 at 3pm. Jesse, 617-859-2334.

Boston Cares: Make a difference in your community by volunteering! Register with Boston Cares and you'll become a part of the many service projects that advocate for community enrichment, health & wellness, homelessness/hunger, environment and so much more! www.bostoncares.org to register.

Leaders through Education, Action & Hope (LEAH): Paid teaching internship for the school-year. LEAH will hire a cohort of BPS High School students to mentor younger students and teach hands-on science activities in afterschool programs. Mon, Wed & Fri, 3:30-5:30pm. Training provided. No academic or work experience requirements, just consistency (no conflicting commitments) and a willingness to learn how to teach. 10th-11th grade and 2-year commitment preferred to create mentoring relationships (potential future summer internship). Application and adult recommendation form due mid-Sep. 617-635-1578, leahcoordinator@gmail.com



Register and Vote! If you are a US Citizen, a resident of Boston and will be 18 years old for the upcoming State Primary, remember to vote on Sep 14! If you are away at college, request an Absentee Ballot early! www.cityofboston.gov/elections

OUR VOTE MATTERS

Our Vote Matters! Just updated!! Find the answers to questions frequently asked by young voters.
www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc/pdfs/youth_voting_guide.pdf



DRIVER SAFETY

New "Distracted Driving Law": Do you know about the new Massachusetts State driving law which takes effect on Oct 1? The new law prohibits all drivers from texting while behind the wheel and bans use of all cell phones by drivers who are 16 and 17 years old. In addition to cell phone use, under 18 drivers are barred from using a variety of devices (TVs, video, PCs) under the heading "mobile electronic devices". Fines for adults: \$100 (first offense), then \$250 and \$500. Fines for drivers under 18: \$100 plus 60-day license suspension and youth traffic school (first offense), then \$250 with six-month suspension and then \$500 with a one-year suspension. www.mass.gov/legis/house/h4795.pdf



PARKS

Landscape Watercolor Painting Workshops: These hands-on workshops enable artists of all skill levels to create their own green space. Materials will be provided. All dates take place from 12-2pm and are for ages 9 and up. Sep 11 at Jamaica Pond, Boat House, Jamaica Plain; Sep 12, 19 & 26 at The Public Garden; Sep 18 & Oct 2 at Franklin Park, Schoolmaster Hill, Dorchester. 617-635-4505.

Boston Pops on the Common: As part of its 125th anniversary celebration, Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops will give a free concert on the Boston Common at 3pm on Sep 26. 617-635-4505



SPORTS

Bikes Not Bombs: Bikers ages 12-18 have a chance to earn your own bike while also learning how to fix it! Go for fun bike rides, learn a lot of bike mechanics and bike safety, and explore some environmental issues. Apply NOW! Registration ends Sep 13. Program runs from Sep 13-Oct 14, Mon-Thurs, 3:30-6:30pm. Elijah, 617-522-0222 x101,
www.bikesnotbombs.org/EarnABike

East Boston Social Centers: After-school program filled with arts and crafts, access to computers, performing arts, sports, swimming, field trips, homework assistance. Ongoing enrollment available for 5-13 year olds at Orient Heights Community Center or Central Square Site. Vouchers accepted, financial assistance based on income eligibility. Johnny, 617-569-3221, www.ebsoc.org/school_age_childcare.html

Sportsmen Tennis Club: Learn the ins and outs of tennis through the Sportsmen Tennis' Junior program for a single \$50 registration fee. Registration due Sep 7 to avoid \$20 penalty. Kern, 617-288-9092.
www.sportsmenstennisclub.org

Mayor's Cup Rowing Regatta: Boston residents, with at least 1 season/summer of rowing experience between the ages of 12-18, can participate in the Rowing Competition taking place on the Charles River on Sep 12, 9am-12pm. Contact G-ROW Boston, 617-779-8277 or Barbara, 617-635-4920 x2136 to register. www.growboston.org



FAMILY FUN

Allston Village Fair: Bring family and friends to the Annual Allston Village Fair. There will be entertainment, interactive activities, and live music. FREE. Sep 12, 12-6pm. www.avsf.info

Rappin' with Raptors Festival: Celebrate the 8th Anniversary of the Boston Nature Center's George Robert White Environmental Conservation Center on Sep 25, 1-4pm. Hike, enjoy live entertainment, see and learn about live raptors, and visit the exhibits and displays in Boston's greenest municipal building. Location, 500 Walk Hill St. 617-983-8500, www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection

Bean Town Jazz Festival: Celebrate the birthplace of jazz during the 10th Annual Berklee BeanTown Jazz Festival. Sep 15-25. This year the festival will play tribute to the music and culture of New Orleans five years after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. www.beantownjazz.org

The Children's Museum: Check out the museum on Friday nights! For a buck, children can enjoy four floors of endless fun. www.bostonkids.org/plan/hours.html

New Bostonians Community Day: The Mayor's Office of New Bostonians was established to meet the needs of the growing and changing immigrant and newcomer communities in Boston. The New Bostonians Community Day assists Boston's diverse cultural communities in understanding how city government works and how to connect to opportunities. Join Mayor Menino on Sep 23 at Boston City Hall Plaza from 11:30am-2:30pm for the parade of flags, live cultural entertainment, free immigration advice, tours of City Hall in various languages, career resources, a college fair, art tables and so much more. 617-635-1961, www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians

6th Annual Hub on Wheels: Ride your bike on a car-free Storrow Drive! Explore hidden pathways and historic neighborhoods, and take in views of the Boston Harbor that you've never seen before. The ride starts and finishes at City Hall Plaza in downtown Boston. Sep 26, 8am. www.hubonwheels.org

Martha Eliot Health Center's 2010 Community Health Fair: Bring your family to this year's community health fair at the Martha Eliot Health Center. Talk with experts about maintaining a healthy lifestyle, win prizes, and enjoy fun, educational activities! FREE. Sep 18, 11am-2pm. Martha Eliot Health Center Parking Lot, 75 Bickford St, Jamaica Plain. 617-971-2320, Kelsey.OTOole@childrens.harvard.edu



WALKS & RUNS

Brian J. Honan 5K Road Race: Be a part of the 6th annual race that supports education, recreation, housing and healthcare. The family-friendly run/walk will welcome everyone from competitive runners to friends of councilor Brian J. Honan. Start at 161 Brighton Ave in Allston Village. Sep 12, 12pm. www.brianhonan.org

Heart Walk: Be a part of The American Heart Association annual walk that aims to prevent, treat and defeat heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. Sep 11, 10am. www.bostonheartwalk.org

MSPCA Angell Walk for Animals: The MSPCA-Angell is a national and international leader in animal protection and veterinary medicine of animals each year. Be a part of this year's walk in Boston on Sep 12, 11am-2pm. www.mspca.org

Ollie 5 Mile Run/2 Mile Walk: Be a part of the 70th Ollie race. Sep 11, 10am. Bank of America Pavilion, 290 Northern Ave, Boston, MA 02210
www.ollieroadrace.org

Ollie Youth Races and Block Party: Bring the family and kids to the Ollie youth race and block party on Sep 12, 9am at the South Boston Neighborhood House, 136 H St, South Boston. www.ollieroadrace.org

The Race for Zumix: This race will start and finish in East Boston's beautiful Piers Park on Sep 11 at 9am, with views of Boston's historic skyline and harbor. Runners will enjoy 3.1 miles of trails down Eastie's wooded greenway and through 2 new parks. There will be prizes for winners and fun goodie bags for all. All ages welcome. Registration fee \$30. 617-568-9777, www.zumix.org



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Parenting in Action on BNN: In September, BNN is re-airing the recent episodes of PIA (Parenting in Action) about raising children with special needs (with a focus on autism) and also understanding asthma in young children. PIA is a new 25-minute show on BNN Live sponsored by Children's Hospital and the Mayor's Office. The show helps parents raise young children ages 0-5 by providing support and information. Airing Thurs at 8pm and Sat at 9am on BNN. www.bnntv.org

Talk Read Play: Boston's children thrive when they talk, read, and play! Find programs for younger children! Also, check out valuable resources and be the first to hear about awesome events. www.talkreadplay.org

Mama & Me: In Jamaica Plain, Mama & Me offers a variety of interactive art and creative movement classes for toddlers and their parents. Now accepting registrations for fall classes. 617-372-7448. www.mymamaandme.com



FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Compass for Kids Paid Internships: Currently looking for college students and/or high school students to fill two internship positions, Data Management Intern and Marketing and Communications Intern. Qualified candidates will support COMPASS for kid's programs, fundraising efforts, events, and general operations. You will be working 2-4 days (8-15hrs) a week. Open until filled. Paul, 781-862-4446, www.compassforkids.org

Boston Youth Environmental Network: Currently seeking motivated individuals for the AmeriCorps Everyday Explorers program. AmeriCorps is a national network of organizations with the goal of promoting community service at a grassroots level. For more information on AmeriCorps, visit: www.americorps.gov. Open until filled. To apply, send your resume to jobs@environetwork.org. Please put the words "EE - AmeriCorps" in the subject of your e-mail.

BATEC Bridge to Community College Program: This program assists young adults who are looking to transition into college. They provide two credit-bearing technology courses combined with English and Mathematics tutoring. Additionally, career counseling and/or academic support are also provided. BATEC classes will be held at the Codman Square Technology Center on Tues & Thurs evenings beginning Sep 14 and running through May 2011. Apply by Sep 7. Lauren, 617-822-8149. <http://mydorchester.org>

Fall Clothing Collaborative: Re-enter the Work Force with a positive attitude at the Fall Clothing Collaborative. Taking place on Sep 16, 3-4:30pm at Goodwill Atrium, 1010 Harrison Ave. Get the look you need to feel confident at any interview! Larande, 617-541-1416. www.goodwillmass.org



The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards: If you've made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Your recognition might inspire other young people to follow your example. Deadline Nov 1, 2010. <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>

**APPLY
NOW**

Teen Arts Council: Are you looking for an experience this coming school year that not only pays you, but allows your voice to be heard within the context of an institution? The Museum of Fine Arts Boston is currently recruiting new Teen Arts Council (TAC) members for this school year. The TAC meets every week on Wed 4pm-7pm. Deadline Sep 15, 11:59pm. Stephen, 617-369-4359. www.mfa.org//master/sub.asp?key=3115&subkey=5941

1st Pressley/Arroyo Young Hero and Hero Award: This award looks to highlight and celebrate the many young heroes and heroes living in Boston. Young people who are grassroots activists, social and political reformers, high achieving scholars, stellar athletes, and good citizens. Nominate TODAY an extraordinary young hero or hero that YOU know. Winners will attend an award ceremony on Sep 29, 12pm. Jackney, 617-635-4217, Jackney.Prioly@cityofboston.gov



**FOR GIRLS
ONLY**

The Massachusetts Aspirations in Computing Affiliate Award (MACAA): The MACAA program's goal is to celebrate the computing achievements and aspirations of young women of Massachusetts. The University of Massachusetts Lowell is pleased to announce that it will offer a \$10,000 scholarship to the overall winner of the 2010 Boston Area NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing. Application opens Sep 6! Visit www.ncwit.org/award. Online applications must be submitted by 11:59PM on Oct 15. Parent/guardian and school endorsement must be completed by 11:59PM on Oct 22. macaa@itasoftware.com

Health Resources in Action- Healthy Girls Healthy Women: Female peer leaders will host series of workshops for other girls at community centers on physical activity, nutrition, body image, etc. These workshops are educational, interactive, and fun at the same time! Share your thoughts and ideas with other girls like you! For girls ages 10-16. Orchard Gardens Community Center, 2 Dearborn St., Roxbury. Hye Won Lee, 617-279-2240 x307

Seekers of Knowledge: Girls ages 6-13 can participate in 'Girl Time' every Saturday from 10am-4pm where they will learn new skills in Karate, Swimming, Chess, and much more. Register NOW. Program begins Sep 18. 617-379-2421, www.seekersofknowledgeboston.net

GRLZ Radio: Check out this nationally recognized radio station and after school program which gives young women a voice in their community. GRLZ radio allows adolescent girls to gain technical skills, build a positive identity, and speak out on issues that are important to them. Currently seeking DJs for their show. <http://grlzradio.org>

BNY Mellon Academy for Girls: This program encourages academic achievement, leadership development, civic engagement and career success in girls in grades 4-12 from communities surrounding Goodwill's Roxbury headquarters. The Academy, which runs Mon-Fri, 2pm-6pm during the academic year. Latoya, lsalvant@goodwillmass.org



SOCIAL NETWORKS

Anti-Cyberbullying Hotline and Facebook: Mayor Menino wants to increase awareness and assist in anti-bullying efforts in Boston. The Hotline, 617-534-5050, allows you to anonymously report online and other forms of bullying- the hotline is staffed by trained public health professionals. You can also become a fan of the "BPS Cyber Safety Campaign" on Facebook!
www.bpscybersafety.org/about.htm

City of Boston on Facebook: Check out all the City Facebook sites such as the Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Library and stay informed about all the programs and events taking place this Fall.
www.cityofboston.gov/news/socialmedia.asp



SAVE THE PLANET

The 2010 Trash to Treasure Competition: This contest challenges kids, ages 5-19, to recycle, reuse, and re-engineer everyday materials into out-of-the-box inventions. Three winners will see their designs built and appear on an episode of Design Squad. Twenty-five finalists will be featured on the series website and will receive a Design Squad t-shirt. Entries will be accepted through Sep 5.
www.pbs.org/designsquad

Renew Boston Residential Program: Mayor Menino launched the Renew Boston Residential Program, which provides eligible Boston residents with free energy efficiency improvements such as air sealing and insulation upgrades to help conserve energy, save money and lower utility bills. The no-cost weatherization services are available for more than 3,000 Boston residents within 60-120 percent median income and only to residents that live in buildings with four or fewer units. To determine eligibility and for more information on how to enroll in the residential program, Boston residents can call 617-635-SAVE or visit www.RenewBoston.org

FREE WORKSHOP!!! Natural Connections: Be a part of a workshop on Oct 6, 10am-3pm at AMC's Camp Ponkapoag at the Blue Hills Reservation in Canton. You will gain a better understanding of the natural world and how to help youth understand their impact on it! Youth workers, administrators, chaperones, volunteers, parents, etc. Transportation from Boston is provided. FREE! For more information or to register contact kpeterston@outdoors.org



COLLEGE PLANNING

Princeton Review with Sportsmen Tennis: Prepare for college with IPREP. You will get 30 hours of SAT prep course. This will help increase your SAT scores, sharpen your test-taking skills and you will become familiar with types of questions seen on the exam. The course will cost \$125 dollars and financial assistance is available. Taking place at 950 Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester. Must register by Sep 7. 617-288-9092, n.houston@sportmenstennisclub.org

Get Started on the Common Application: This college admission application is available online and in print and is accepted at more than 300 colleges!
www.commonapp.org

Opt4College-College Preparation Program for Students with Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs: For sophomores and juniors in high school who are looking to participate in a study designed to help get you on the road to college. Morgan, 617-997-8562, opt4college@gmail.com

Mission Possible! College Access Program: Begins in Sep for high school students in need of homework support, help with standardized tests (SATs, MCAS) and support in the college application and financial aid process. Katie at 617-442-4299 x141 or katie@sociedadlatina.org

MIT ESP-SAT Prep: Looking for a SAT prep program for the fall? MIT has one just for you. This program is held on MIT's campus and is for 9-12 grade students. Test preparation for SAT I starts on Sundays from 1:30-5pm for 10 weeks. Fall 2010 runs from Sep 12- Nov 28. Online registration is open. The cost of the program is \$100. 617-253-4882, <http://esp.mit.edu/learn/SATPrep/index.html>

My Skills Tutor: Do you need to brush up for your SAT's? This online program personalizes tutorials for students so they can "brush up" on the academic content covered on the SAT exam. www.myskillstutor.com

NUMBER 2: Free online SAT courses, preparation, and all the help you need is now available. Create an account and enroll now at www.number2.com

The Princeton Review: If you're looking for a SAT prep site or looking to enhance your test taking skills, log onto The Princeton Review site, www.princetonreview.com

Let's Get Ready: SAT Prep program open to juniors and seniors who have qualifying financial need. Let's Get Ready programs run in the spring, summer and fall. Each program partners with an area college and runs for approximately 9 weeks and meets for at least 3 hours a week. www.letsgetready.org

Talent Search: This program assists high school students who meet low-income guidelines, will be the first generation in their families to attend college, and have the potential to succeed in college. Talent Search advisors work with students ages 11-18, encouraging them to complete high school and continue onto college and other postsecondary education programs. 617-535-6820. Program starts mid-September. Call for more information, 617-535-6820
www.tericollegeplanning.org/who/talent.html

SAT Question of the Day!: If you want to practice for the SAT, quiz yourself with the SAT Question of the Day! Get the questions e-mailed to you and sign in to create a College Board account to track how you do on the questions each day!
www.collegeboard.com



EVENTS

The Boston Youth Zone E-Newsletter includes youth events from the City of Boston Calendar! Now you can search for events, sign up for email or text message reminders; map the location of the event and much more.
www.BostonYouthZone.com/calendar Check out some cool events:

Sat, Sep 4, 10:30am

[**Design Challenges**](#)

Museum of Science, One Science Park, Boston 02114

Mon, Sep 6, 4pm

[**Lightning**](#)

Museum of Science, One Science Park, Boston 02114

Fri, Sep 10, 4pm

[**Teen Game Time**](#)

Mattapan Branch of the BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave, Mattapan 02126

Mon, Sep 20, 9am

[**Penguin Power**](#)

New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston 02110

Thu, Sep 23, 6pm

[Watercolor Class](#)

Hyde Park Branch BPL, 35 Harvard Ave, Hyde Park 02136

Sat, Sep 25, 11am

[Free Family Drop-In](#)

Harvard University Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Boston 02130

Sat, Sep 25, 10am

[Play Date: Getting Out of Trouble](#)

Institute of Contemporary Art, 100 Northern Ave, Boston 02210

Sat, Sep 25, 11am

[Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center\(BCNC\) 25th Annual Oak St. Fair](#)

Josiah Quincy School Playground, 885 Washington St, Boston 02111

Sun, Sep 29, 3pm

[Teen Film Noir Series](#)

Copley Branch Library, 700 Boylston St, Boston 02116

Thu, Sep 30, 2pm

[Girl Gaming](#)

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Are you are Youth Worker, Coach, Teacher, Parent or other Youth Advocate...here is information for you and to share:



YOUTH WORKERS

Do You Want to Add Information to the Boston Youth Zone Newsletter?: If you would like to add information about your program, please email Youthline@cityofboston.gov by the 23rd of each month. Please include details about the program, cost, location and who someone should contact for more information

School Supply Drive!: Quincy Geneva Housing Corporation is hosting a school supply drive through Sep 1, You can drop off school supplies or donations at 320B Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester. itorres@quincygeneva.org

Youth Worker Certificate Program: Sign up for an eight-session training opportunity that will give you an appropriate common language for discussing youth development, which include: childhood and adolescent development, cultural competence, gender and cultural sensitivity and much more. Registration begins Sep 1. 617-451-0049. www.youthworkcentral.org

Girls Initiative Trauma Training: There is a growing consensus among researchers that boys and girls have different pathways to delinquency. The 1998 NCCD study of girls in the California juvenile justice system found that 92% of the juvenile female offenders interviewed reported that they had been subjected to some form of emotional, physical, and/or sexual abuse. Join the Girls Initiative on Sep 29, 9am-12pm to learn how trauma affects the girls you work with and recognize the symptoms so you make the proper referrals. Location TBA. RSVP at khamlett@bmaboston.org

Africa Outreach Program: The program seeks to increase awareness and knowledge of Africa by providing information, materials, and services to schools, libraries, museums, the media, and community groups in New England and throughout the country. It is available for all Boston Public Schools. Dr. Barbara B. Brown, 617-353-7303, www.bu.edu/africa/outreach/who/index.html

Looking for a Boston Scholar Student-Athlete Learning Center Facilitator:

The Boston Scholar Athlete Program is dedicated to improving Boston Public High School Student-Athletes' academic excellence through the vehicle of athletics. Boston Scholar Athlete collaborates with all Boston Public High Schools and is recruiting talented, motivated and educated individuals to lead a Student-Athlete Zone at a designated Boston Public High School. Interested candidates should contact Katy Meade, kmeade@redandbluefoundation.org

The Barnum Award: Ringling Bros. is honoring local youth ages 6-14 who work hard to make their community a better place. Three individuals or groups will win in your hometown and they will be honored with prizes and at a special performance of the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey show! You must be 21 or older to nominate a child. Nominations for Boston accepted through Oct 1, 2010. Visit www.thebarnumaward.com for more information.

The Mayor's YOUTHLINE is a resource for young people, parents, educators and youth workers. Teen listeners offer a variety of referrals to art, athletic, educational, employment, entertainment, health and social service programs and organizations. Call the YOUTHLINE at 617-635-2240/617-635-KIDS or search the online database of youth programs at www.BostonYouthZone.com

The Mayor's Youth Council is involving youth in government to help connect young people in Boston with resources and opportunities. For more information on the MYC and our projects: www.BostonYouthZone.com/myc.

To submit an item for the October **BYZ newsletter**, please email your requests for consideration by September 23rd to youthline@cityofboston.gov. Please include a brief summary, your contact information and a web link. Please make sure your youth programs are listed in www.BOSTONavigator.org database and add events to www.cityofboston.gov/calendar.

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