

Read Boston Newsletter

Boston College Neighborhood Center

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Upcoming Holidays

- Monday, Nov. 12th- Veterans Day, no school for BPS and St. Col's
- Nov. 21-23- BC Thanksgiving holidays

Maddie's Office Hours

Wednesday: 12-3

Thursday: 12-5

Friday: 1-5

*If you would like to meet outside of office hours, shoot me an email

Travel tip

If you have a smart phone and you take the MBTA 1 or bus to tutor, look into getting an MBTA alerts app. It tells you how many minutes until the bus gets to your stop in real time. It's a life saver!

"Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers." --Josef Albers

Congratulations on beginning tutoring at the Read Boston Program! Thank you for your patience throughout the hiring and placement process. We have over 80 tutors this semester!

I will be sending out Read Boston newsletters every few weeks. In each newsletter, I'll remind you about upcoming holidays, provide tutoring tips, solicit tutor feedback and provide any other relevant info.

Now that you have started tutoring, my role is to provide support to tutors and handle administrative issues. Your main contact for schedule changes will be your teachers and site facilitator. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I am here to help!

I would love to hear from you and get your feedback. Please respond to at least one of the following questions. Thanks!

- What is your favorite part about tutoring so far?
- What do you struggle with in your weekly tutoring?
- Would you be interested in a get-together with other tutors from your school (with free food provided)?

Tutoring Tip

Here are some reading strategies to help students:

- **Modeling**- For example, you might stop and say, "Wow, this character's face looks excited. Why do you think she's so excited? Let's keep reading to find out." *This strategy shows students how a good reader thinks when reading.*
- **Make predictions**- Do a "picture walk" or "chapter title walk" through the text and ask students what they think will happen next, based on the pictures/chapter titles. As you read, stop and ask the student if those predictions are coming true or if their ideas have changed. *This strategy helps engage the student and monitors their understanding.*
- Check out readingrockets.org for more reading resources

Who are the Site Facilitators?

Some tutors asked about our site facilitators and their role.

- The site facilitators are City Connects coordinators who provide comprehensive student support.

- Coordinators work with families, classroom teachers and community agencies to assess children's strengths and needs in four areas- academic, social/emotional, health, and family. They are busy people!
- City Connects is a project of the Center for Optimized Student Support at BC's Lynch School of Education.

<http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/lsoe/cityconnects.html>

BC Neighborhood Center

The Boston College Neighborhood Center was founded in 1995 as an agency through which Boston College could provide resources to the Allston-Brighton community.

Located in the heart of Brighton Center, the Neighborhood Center offers opportunities that enhance students' college experiences while also serving the Allston-Brighton community.



The BC Neighborhood Center programs include:

- Read Boston
- Tutoring Program
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Strong Women, Strong Girls

With the exception of Read Boston, the programs are all on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in volunteering, check out our website bc.edu/neighborhood

Allston-Brighton

Here are some facts about our Allston-Brighton community

- Allston-Brighton refers to 2 interlocking Boston neighborhoods.
- Once the meatpacking epicenter of New England, the community is now a mix of residential areas and commercial centers, such as Allston Village and Brighton Center.
- 29% of Allston/Brighton residents are between 20-24 years old. (U.S. Census, 2010). BC, BU and Harvard Business School contribute to the large student population in the neighborhood.
- More than 1/3 of Allston-Brighton residents were born outside of the U.S.

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