



Ramadan Information and Outline of Supports

Dear O'Bryant Family,

With Ramadan beginning on May 15th, here is information as well as an outline of supports we will provide during the religious holiday.

Ramadan Information

- ★ Over one billion Muslims throughout the world (and 50,000 Muslims in the Boston area) will begin celebrating the holiday at sunset on Tuesday, May 15th.
- ★ Ramadan is from May 15th – June 14th.
- ★ On June 15th Muslims celebrate Eid ul-Fitr (Festival of Breaking the Fast) with prayer, visiting each other's homes, and special meals and gifts for children.
- ★ During Ramadan, Muslims fast. This means they don't eat or drink anything from dawn to dusk.
- ★ You can extend greetings by saying: "Happy Ramadan," "Ramadan Mubarak," or "Have a great fast."

Outline of Supports

Assessments - O'Bryant staff will not schedule assessments on June 15th (Eid ul-Fitr). Teachers will provide additional time to any student observing Ramadan during assessments given between May 15th - June 14th if a student requests it.

Lunch - Students observing Ramadan have the option to study and pray in the library during their assigned lunch period. A safe space for prayer has been reserved in the back of the library.

Music Classes - Students observing Ramadan have the option to be excused from participating in their music classes. Mr. Gazzola - Program Director - will reserve a safe space in the music building for students that choose to pray during that particular period.

Physical Education - Students observing Ramadan have the option to be excused from participating in physical education if they choose to do so. Alternative assignments will be provided.

Senior Prom - Students observing Ramadan may enter prom following the break of fast after sundown with their families. Students must contact Ms. Sutton at asutton@bostonpublicschools.org if they plan to arrive to prom late for this reason.

We want to wish our Muslim community a happy, healthy, and safe Ramadan.

