



THE QUEST NEWSLETTER

The Quest Center

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Greetings Quest Explorers,

I hope each of you started the new year with a renewed sense of clarity and dedication to your personal goals. We are approaching the second month of the 2024 year. We have a festive February on the horizon. We have begun planning for MSD Day of Service, the Black History luncheon/show, and the Valentine's Day Dance. We began January strongly, by renewing our commitment to our bone-deep beliefs centered around student learning and independence.

We will continue our extended learning opportunity, Explorer Excel Station. Sessions resumed on January 9, 2024. This is "crunch time" for us. We are scheduled to begin the Florida Alternative Assessment (FAA) for 3rd through 8th grade students on February 26, 2024. The FAA is our summative evaluation of our students' learning from one year to the next based on B.E.S.T Standards at access points. Parents, we need your support and collaboration to ensure our students demonstrate their growth. Please review the concepts and materials sent home for remediation/enrichment.

We are always looking for a few good men and women. Please come and volunteer to partner in your child's education. We need you! Apply at [Get Involved with BCPS / Volunteer Application \(browardschools.com\)](https://www.browardschools.com/get-involved) Thank you for partnering with us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 8	Classes Resume
January 15	No School / MLK Holiday
January 15-19	No Name-Calling Week
January 16	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 3:30 pm
January 17	Chat N Chew @ 8:30 am
January 22	Employee Planning
January 23	Begin 3 rd Quarter
January 26	Character Awards@ 2:00 pm
January 22-26	Literacy Week

HERITAGE AND CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH



January is Caribbean Heritage Month

January's Character Trait is Respect. Respect is showing consideration, understanding, and regard for people, places, and things.

PARENT NIGHT AT THE QUEST CENTER

Our Parent Night event held at The Quest Center in December 2023 was a great success! We had several participants who watched demonstrations provided by our wonderful instructional support staff and teachers. Later, they made behavior and communication tools that were designed to ensure our students have academic and behavioral structure during the Winter Break. We encourage you to listen to our future parent links and visit our website for upcoming training workshop dates and times.



CHAT N CHEW's AT THE QUEST CENTER

The Quest Center is thrilled to announce that it will be hosting six Chat N Chews this school year. These meetings are an excellent opportunity for parents to learn about various community resources that can benefit their children. Mrs. Pratt will send the flyers home in students' backpacks, so parents are requested to keep an eye out for them. We urge all parents to attend the remaining meetings, so please clear your calendars. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Ivy Pratt at 754-321-7500.

**WELCOME
TO CHAT N CHEW**

QUEST
Home of the
Exceptional Explorers

Wednesday, January 17
Wednesday, February 28
Wednesday, April 17

If you would like to attend the meeting
virtually please write your email address
below: _____

Time: 8:30-10:00
Location: 6401 Charleston St.
Hollywood, FL
Room 136

For additional information, please
email Ms. Pratt at
ivy.pratt@browardschools.com

Learn about
community services

AOD
Agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

TIPS
Broward County
Transition and Independent Planning Services

**Vocational
Rehabilitation**

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council is a group composed of the school principal, teachers, parents, community members, business partners, and other staff members. The committee reviews overall school operations and monitors student achievement. Each year the SAC team generates several school-wide objectives for the following year. These objectives are the cornerstone of our School Improvement Plan. The School Improvement Plan outlines our objectives along with the actions being implemented throughout the school aimed at assisting us in attaining our goals. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome and invite all to participate. If you are interested in participating in our SAC meetings, please contact Nitsu Louis or Sherena Johnson, SAC Co-Chairs, at nitsu.louis@browardschools.com and sherena.johnson@browardschools.com to join.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IN A CRISIS

Every school has an individualized Emergency Plan that is updated annually and reviewed with staff members, and county and city police. The plans include responsibilities before, during, and after an incident.

If an evacuation to an alternate site is required, information for parents will be: 1. Sent via an automated phone message to the student's emergency numbers listed in their files. 2. Available by calling the hotline at 754-321-0321. 3. Posted on the school website.

If an emergency occurs at our school, please use the methods above to obtain information. There will be instructions about the incident, parking, parent reunification sites, etc. Emergency vehicles will always receive first access to the building.

Under certain circumstances, it may be necessary to lock down the building until it is safe to release students. Visitors to the school will be directed to a separate area to await direction from emergency personnel. In rare circumstances, it may be necessary to prohibit anyone from entering or leaving the building or campus.

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS:

- Adults will always stay with your child until you can safely be reunited with your child or they can safely be transported home.
- Your child will ONLY be released to those persons listed on your emergency information card. This information must be correct and updated, as needed. Please bring identification with you if the school must dismiss children earlier than the scheduled time.
- It is necessary that all medical information is accurate if your child takes medication at school or if there is a special medical situation.

The Broward School Board Police Department has a 24-hour Emergency Hotline for parents, teachers, students, and community members. This is one way to provide information about a potentially dangerous situation. Another method available to parents and students is the Free FortifyFL app that can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information (anonymous or non-Anonymous) to appropriate Law Enforcement Agencies and school officials. You can also include photos or videos with your information or tips. All information is reviewed and relayed to the proper authorities. The EMERGENCY HOTLINE is 754-321-0911.