



THE QUEST NEWSLETTER

The Quest Center

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Greetings Quest Explorers,

May continues to be a busy month at The Quest Center as we wind down the school year! May promises to be full of fun and celebration!

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK is May 8th --12th. We hope that our teachers and staff always feel appreciated, but to help them feel **extra** special, this week is dedicated to them. Personalized letters and tokens of appreciation are always appreciated for their hard work.

Thank YOU to the entire Quest team for your perseverance during testing! Test scores will be shared with parents when available. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Nieves, Testing Coordinator.

Our final SAC/SAF meeting for this school year will take place on Tuesday, May 9th at 3:30pm. Your input is valued. Get involved, help your child, and help our school! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fall, SAC Chair. We are busy planning our end of year celebrations. Please find the "Dates To Remember" section in this newsletter and mark your calendars now to celebrate our senior graduates. Finally, please make sure you stay connected to our school announcements and news. We are sending important information via Parent Link, email, and have been posting information on our website. Please call the school at 754-321-7500 if you have any questions or we can help in any way!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8-12	Staff Appreciation Week
May 9	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 3:30 pm
May 10-11	Spring Show
May 17	STEAM Day
May 19	Senior Day
May 26	Senior Prom
JUNE 6	Graduation @ 7:00 pm

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

During the week of May 8th through May 12th we will celebrate National Staff Appreciation Week. The Quest Center is fortunate to have a staff that is dedicated to the longevity of our school. Their love for education and devotion to our students shines each day. We celebrate both teacher and teacher assistants this week.

Our administration has several things planned for our teachers and staff throughout the week and we encourage each family to join us as we celebrate our staff. Below are some gift ideas for how you can help us show appreciation for the teachers and teacher assistants during the week. Classes have a teacher and two teacher assistants.

- o Monday, May 8th – Flowers/plant or draw a picture of a flower
- o Tuesday, May 9th – Stickers, notepads, and various school supplies for classroom use
- o Wednesday, May 10th - A special handwritten note from your child to their teacher expressing appreciation
- o Thursday, May 11th - Small snacks such as mints, trail mix, chips, crackers, breakfast bars, etc.
- o Friday, May 12th - Small gift or gift card

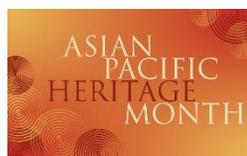
Thank you for helping remind our teachers how much we appreciate their hard work.

May is: Asian American and Pacific Islander Month

Haitian Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month and

Mental Health Awareness Month



The Quest Center Presents



Prom Day 2023 with a Disco Theme

Friday, May 26th @ 1:30 pm



Grades 9, 10, 11, 12, and Transition



Attire:

Boys: Dress shirt and slacks

Girls: Dress or blouse and skirt

OR A DISCO OUTFIT!

ATTENDANCE

A strategic goal of Broward County Schools is that all students will achieve their highest potential. For your child to be successful in school, he/she needs to attend school. *Attendance counts! All day, every day!*

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

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 Mame-Diarra Fall, SAC Chair mame-diarra.fall@browardschools.com to join.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

SaferWatch empowers users to report an incident as they see it happening or submit a tip later. SaferWatch provides real-time two-way communication during emergency and non-emergency situations. Fortify FL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/> for more information about the SaferWatch app. For more information about the FortifyFL app, visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/>.



ATTENTION: STUDENTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CAREGIVERS

ONLY CLEAR BACKPACKS AND BAGS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES IN THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR

As part of Broward County Public Schools ongoing efforts to provide safe and secure learning environments, beginning in the 2023/24 school year, **ONLY CLEAR BACKPACKS AND BAGS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES.**

This proactive measure takes effect on the first day of the 2023/24 school year – Monday, August 21, 2023. As of that date, **ONLY** clear backpacks and bags (purses, duffel bags, fanny packs, lunch boxes, etc.) will be allowed on school campuses for students in grades pre-K – 12.

The only exceptions permitted are:

- A small non-transparent pouch for personal hygiene items.
- Thermal food containers carried inside clear lunch boxes.
- School-approved sport-specific carrying case for athletic equipment.
- School-approved instrument-specific carrying case for band equipment.

**All backpacks and bags must be see-through.
Mesh and colored backpacks are NOT permitted,
even if they are transparent.**

Examples of approved backpacks and bags:



For more information, visit browardschools.com/clearbackpacks.



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CLEAR BACKPACKS AND BAGS FOR THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR FAQs

What type of clear backpacks and bags are permitted?

All backpacks and bags must be clear and made of transparent plastic or vinyl material and must not have any opaque or tinted parts. The backpack or bag may have side mesh pockets, but backpacks made entirely of mesh will not be allowed.

What happens if a student has a non-approved backpack or bag?

Students with non-compliant backpacks will be subject to search and appropriate disciplinary action.

What about personal hygiene items?

A small non-transparent privacy pouch will be allowed for personal hygiene items.

What types of lunch boxes are approved?

All lunch boxes must be clear and made of transparent plastic or vinyl material. Students may bring hot/cold food containers. A thermos for hot/cold drinks is also permitted. These items must be stored in a clear lunch box or clear bag.

What types of bags are approved for athletic equipment?

Student-athletes are required to use clear duffel bags to bring their sporting equipment to school. Exceptions: Bats (softball/baseball) and lacrosse sticks may be carried in their school-approved, sport-specific carrying case.

What types of bags are approved for band equipment?

Band equipment must be carried in a school-approved, instrument-specific carrying case.

Do staff members have to use clear backpacks and bags?

Staff and faculty are exempt from the clear backpack requirement.

Do volunteers have to use clear backpacks and bags?

No, only students are required to follow the clear backpack and bag requirement.

Do school visitors have to use clear backpacks and bags?

Like staff and volunteers, visitors do not have to follow the clear backpack and bag requirement.

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