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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have a busy February at WOC! This month we will be celebrating African American History, American Heart Day, the 100th Day of School, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Service and Love Commemoration, and Valentine's Day. We invite you to stay involved in all of our special events.

Since Winter Break, we have had an increase of students returning to face to face learning. As a reminder, if you would like your child to return to the building for face to face learning, please let your child's teacher know a few days ahead, so we can prepare for a successful transition. If you need bus transportation, please call Ms. Wendy in the front office. Due to the increase of students returning to school, a janitorial service has been sanitizing classrooms two days every week in addition to the daily cleaning by our amazing facilities team.

As a reminder, all parents are asked to perform temperature checks as part of a daily self-assessment each morning before sending your child to school. **If your child does not feel well or is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, please keep him/her at home.** If a child exhibits symptoms while on campus, staff will escort the child to the school isolation room where the school nurse will perform an assessment and contact the parent to pick up the child. Based on the assessment, the Florida Department of Health and the Broward County Schools Coordinated Student Health Services Department will be contacted. Families are asked to report all suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 using the District's online Coronavirus Notification form. For more information on COVID-19, please visit www.browardschools.com/coronavirus. We are here to make sure our school is as safe and healthy as possible. Your support is needed and appreciated!

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 and through the MS Teams App. Please call the school at 754-321-6850 if you have any questions or we can help in any way!

In Love and Kindness,
Ms. Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3rd: Report Cards & Statewide Tornado Drill
February 5th: National Wear Red Day for American Heart Month and 100th Day of School
February 8th-12th: FTE Week & MSD Service of Love Week
February 9th: Interim Reports
February 12th: MSD DAY-Wear Maroon/Silver/Red, Moment of silence at 10:17am
February 15th: No School-Holiday
February 18th: Early Release Day @ 1:15pm
February 24th: Virtual SAC/SAF Meeting @ 8:15am

February's Character Trait is Honesty. Honesty is telling the truth, admitting wrongdoing.
Being trustworthy and acting with integrity.



February is African American History Month

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, U.S. presidents have proclaimed February as National African American History Month. At WOC we plan on celebrating with a door decorating contest, virtual fashion show, and several additional curriculum activities planned throughout the month. See the attached flyer.

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT TEAM

This month we acknowledge our Behavior Technicians. We have three amazing technicians that keep our learners safe and motivated to transition to the next level. Chandler Poole has been with Wingate Oaks for eight years. He constantly uses his behavior management skills to maintain the student's level of excitement during daily transitions. Edina Carriadge has worked here for over 10 years and manages to keep the little ones active and clean following every activity. Finally, Darrell Thomas has over 20 years of experience and is a novice at enabling the learners to focus on their schedules and routines. Three of our strongest lions are dedicated to the learners in our den! Thank you, Behavior Support Team!



SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION WINDOW

Broward County Public Schools offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of diverse learners. The 2021/22 School Choice application window is open through **February 8, 2021**. Go to www.browardschools.com for more information. During the School Choice application window, parents and guardians may submit applications for: magnet programs, Nova schools, and school reassignments.

FTE WEEK

Regular student attendance is important for learning and progress throughout the school year. The state's financial support for schools is directly linked to attendance. To ensure our attendance records are counted for maximum state funding, please have your child attend school from February 8-12, 2021.

MSD ANNIVERSARY/SERVICE OF LOVE WEEK

Broward County Public Schools will be participating in “A Week of Service and Love” activities February 8-14, 2021 in honor the of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School commemoration. At WOC we will be, sprucing up our school gardens, conducting kindness activities, and encouraging members to wear maroon and silver or red on MSD Day on February 12, 2021. We will also have a Districtwide moment of silence at 10:17am.

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SAF-SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM

SAC is responsible for developing and monitoring the school improvement plan. We always want input. Please join us at our next virtual meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 8:15am. We look forward to your support. If you have questions, please contact our SAC Chair, Mrs. Seeburger, or SAF Chair, Mr. Way at the school.

WOC NURSE TEAM LEADER

Do you need have questions regarding Covid-19? The Broward County Public Schools Coordinated Student Health Service Department has provided an additional layer of support to our students, staff and community in health and wellness during this unchartered time of the Covid-19 pandemic. Feel free to reach out to her if you have any questions and/or need support Monday-Friday during school hours: **Dania Telemaque RN @ 954-319-0350 / danialtelemaque@browardschools.com**.