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## Lion Times Monthly Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

May continues to be a busy month at WOC as we wind down the school year! May promises to be full of fun, celebration, and KINDNESS!

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK is May 3<sup>rd</sup> --7<sup>th</sup> and National Teacher Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Select middle and high school learners continue to take their state assessments. Thank YOU to the entire WOC team for your perseverance! Test scores will be shared with parents when available. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Way, Testing Coordinator.

Our final SAC/SAF virtual meeting for this school year will take place on May 19th at 5:15pm. Your input is valued. Get involved, help your child, and help our school! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Seeburger, SAC Chair and/or Mr. Way, SAF Chair.

We are busy planning our end of year celebrations. Please find the "Save the Date" section in this newsletter and mark your calendars now to celebrate our PreK matriculating learners and 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 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**

May 3-7 Staff Appreciation Week  
May 4 National Teacher Day  
May 6 Last Day Spring ELO Camp  
May 7 School Lunch Hero Day  
May 9 Mother’s Day  
May 12 National School Nurse Day  
May 19 Virtual SAC//SAF Meeting @ 5:15pm  
May 31 No School/Memorial Day



May is Haitian and Jewish Heritage and  
Mental Health Awareness Month



**SAVE THE DATES**

**CDC and District guidelines will apply**

- June 7: 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation @ 10:00am (cafeteria)
- June 10: PreK Promotion Car Parade @ 9:30am-10:30am (front loop)
- June 10: Device Collection (those not graduating) 11:00am-2:00pm (front office)

**WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST FACULTY MEMBERS**

Facilities Service Personnel – Ms. Vilma Gomez Morales  
Part Time Facilities Support Personnel – Ms. Tia Nelson



## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Be sure to congratulate Mrs. Tasha Evans and Mrs. Keri Porter for receiving grants and funding for our learners. Mrs. Evan's classroom project "Expression with Materials" was recently funded through DonorsChoose. Mrs. Porter was awarded the 2021 Innovative Teacher Disseminator & Adapter Grant. The grant is for classroom teachers who want to create or adapt award winning programs in their classrooms. Way to go!



## **RETIREMENT**

Congratulations Security Specialist, Mr. Ed Faulkner, on your retirement from the School Board of Broward County the end of May! The Wingate Oaks family would like to thank you for being a tireless professional and a helpful coworker. You will be remembered for your approach to maintaining the overall safety of our school and keeping the staff, learners, and visitors safe each day. Enjoy retirement!



## **KID AND STAFF CHARACTER AWARD WINNERS**

Each year Broward County Public Schools and the Sun-Sentinel recognize students and staff who have been nominated for outstanding character. The Kids and Staff of Character Award ceremony provides a platform for selected nominees to be celebrated. The ceremony will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021, virtually. Congratulations to our WOC winners, PreK learner Nehemie Docteur and PreK teacher, Mrs. Lam. Way to go!



### **ESE SURVEYS**

The FL Department of Education Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Parent Survey is now open. The online version of the survey is also available to all parents at [www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com). The deadline to complete the survey is **May 31, 2021**.

### **BCPS COVID NOTIFICATION**

As a reminder, if you think your child or household member have been exposed to COVID-19, have symptoms, are awaiting test results, or have tested positive for Covid-19, it is important to fill out the BCPS notification online form and let the school know. This information is needed to provide support to you and to monitor the potential presence of COVID-19 in our school. This information will not be used for any punitive or other negative consequences. This information will remain confidential and only shared with the few individuals needed to maintain a safe environment in our school. Thank you for completing this form. Information on the BCPS response to COVID-19 is located at: <https://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus>.

### **SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SAF-SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM**

Thank you to the parents that completed the annual customer surveys for feedback to help our school. Once results are received, we will share them at a future SAC meeting. Please get involved with the great things going on at our school. Research shows students do better when their parents are involved at home and at school. Grades are higher, test scores rise, self-esteem grows, and schools improve. Special thanks to our SAC and SAF members who served this year! We will be taking names for SAC and SAF elections at the final virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm. If you have questions, please contact our SAC Chair, Mrs. Seeburger, or SAF Chair, Mr. Way at the school.

### **GRAB AND GO MEALS**

As a reminder, our families will be able to pick-up food from the car loop at Larkdale Elementary. Meals are NO CHARGE the rest of this school year! Meal distribution days and times are Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-11:00am and 12:00pm-1:00pm. Weekend meals will be included in the Thursday bundle. Identification badges must be shown to assist with allergies and special requirements.