



# THE QUEST NEWSLETTER

## The Quest Center

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Greetings Quest Families,

This starts our fifth week of the 22-23 school year. During Meet and Greet and Open House, I was excited to see so many happy faces and introduce our community to a few new members that have joined our Quest family. As administration and support staff visit classrooms, students are diving deeper into content and teachers are integrating engaging strategies.

Upon arriving to campus, you may have noticed some changes to ensure we maintain safety as our number one priority. Effective immediately, the following safety procedures will continue or have been added:

- **All staff and visitors are required to wear identification badges while on campus**
- **All visitors must be processed through the RAPTOR system (parents and caregivers must bring ID)**
- **All open gates will be monitored by a staff member and cars will be stopped**
- **All classroom doors will always remain locked**

If you attempt to enter the campus and the gate is locked with no staff member near the gate, please contact the front office at (754) 321-7500 and a staff member will immediately come to allow you onto campus. During the early dismissal process, parents are still expected to bring their ID and sign their child out. Students will not be released to anyone who is not on the registration card as an authorized pickup person. I apologize for any inconvenience these processes may cause you or your family. Please understand these measures are necessary to ensure the safety of all students and staff at The Quest Center.

Despite small inconveniences, this year brings about many promising opportunities to build upon the initiatives and accomplishments of last school year. According to the 2022 Florida Standards Alternate Assessment given to students in grades 3-10, The Quest Center received a **Maintaining** School Rating. Although we are proud of the hard work it took to receive a Maintaining Rating, this year we are aiming for a **Commendable** School Rating, the highest rating for Center Schools.

As we begin this new journey, we are challenged to strengthen our efforts to make a difference in the lives of our students. Our array of talents, as a family, have far-reaching effects toward enhancing a rich, stimulating, and nurturing learning environment for our fabulous students.



## 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](mailto:mame-diarra.fall@browardschools.com) to join.

## CAFETERIA NEWS



During the 2022/23 school year, Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services (BCPSFNS) is pleased to announce it is now operating under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to provide breakfast and lunch meals at no cost for all students at 167 eligible Broward County Public schools.

## 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/>.

## 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!**



Learning Knows No Bounds

## THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

Welcome back! The Elementary Team is off to a great start. This year we will be using cooperative learning strategies to enhance learning, social skills, independence, and teamwork. We are exploring new ELA and Math concepts. The students are so eager and ready to learn. All of Ms. Johnson and Ms. Christian's students are amazing but check out Grace checking her schedule and our new student Gabriel working independently. Kudos to them. Elementary team rocks!



## THE SECONDARY TEAM

The Secondary Team is off to a fantastic start! Our new teachers have brainstormed with a few of the old to ensure our students continue to receive high-quality instruction. Collaboration and accessible resources continue to be a priority to ensure each student reaches their maximum potential! We anticipate another incredible year and welcome it.



## THE INCLUSION TEAM

The students in the Inclusion Team are thriving. They are getting comfortable with their routine, and their attention span is increasing. The data shows an upward trend, their post-test performance is indicative of their active engagement during small group centers. The teachers are looking forward to the beginning of Cycle 2 and celebrating PEACE WEEK.

