

# THE QUEST EXPLORER



## The Quest Center

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Greetings Parents and Community Members:  
 The month of May has rushed in like a lion and I can't believe the school year is almost over. The first week of May we celebrated Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. Our Teachers & Staff were showered with small tokens of appreciation to show just how much they are loved!! It has been wonderful to see so many of our students who have been learning remotely from home who have come in for testing. We have missed them, and it was clear that they have missed seeing their teachers and their friends in person. We look forward to summer and fall when we will all be together in person again. I hope everyone has a wonderful month ahead and before we know it, it will be June 9th and we will be officially in summer.

Thank you in advance,  
 Michelle Laurent



### IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 14, 2021 – Job Fair/Senior Day
- May 21, 2021 – School Prom
- June 9, 2021 – Graduation Day

The Quest is happy to announce our 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year; Ms. Niccole Lacey and the School-Related Employee of the Year is Mr. David Robinson, Behavior Technician.



## THE ELEMENTARY TEAM



The Elementary Team celebrate Autism Awareness in the month April. Our Team is excited about the penny war. Remember, "It isn't over until it's OVER". We are done with FSAA testing...Yay!

Our students learned about protecting the environment at home, school, and in the community for Earth day.

All year our Students have been busy learning about phonics and word recognition, print concepts and phonological awareness in English/Language Arts. In math, they have been learning to build flexibility using whole numbers, fractions, and decimals to understand the nature of number and number systems. Science includes simple hands-on experiments that students can participate in, and in social studies students are learning about geography, history and current events.

"If they can't learn the way we teach, we teach the way they learn" -O. Lvar Lovaas

## THE SECONDARY TEAM

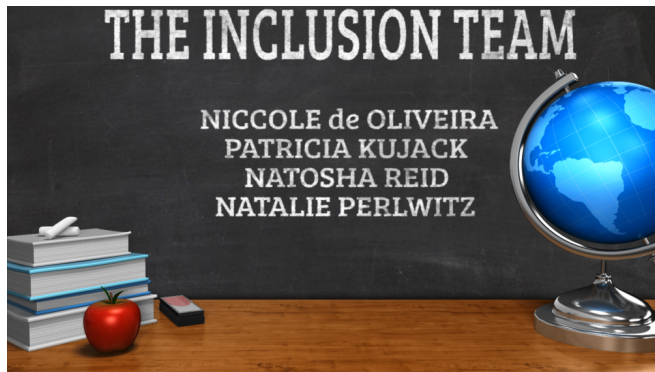


The Secondary Department has also been learning through play, reinforcing their math and social skills through board and interactive games using the Promethean board/computer. This is a creative way to make learning fun for our students.



**"To be successful,  
the first thing to do is fall  
in love with your work."**

~ Sister Mary Laretta



## THE INCLUSION TEAM

The Inclusion Team is working expeditiously and purposely on preparing the students for the FSAA. The team delivers engaging and innovating instruction and helps solidifying opportunities for the students to succeed. We recently spearheaded the Science Fair in which all students participated in experiments following the steps of the Scientific Method. The Inclusion Team will also lead the Multicultural Fair that will take place May 11<sup>th</sup>.

## THE TRANSITION TEAM

Welcome to the Transition Program. This program is designed to teach independent living skills, employment skill, and vocational skills to students between the ages of 18-22. The goal of the Transition Program is to help students become as independent as possible in order to seek employment or transition to day program.

What we for the month of April:

The Transition Team would like to thank everyone for purchasing Valentine's Day Grams last month. We had an amazing turnout. This month we will be working on Citizenship and Community Involvement. We will focus on accessing community resources, arranging transportation, and rules in the community.



# SUPPORT STAFF NEWS

## THE AUTISM CORNER

By Leigh Townley, Autism Coach

April was Autism Awareness Month and The Quest Center celebrated! Our students and teachers participated in a Penny War, a Walk-and-Roll-a-Thon, Random Acts of Kindness, and wore blue on Fridays for Autism. It was a busy but fun and rewarding month!!

As the Autism Coach here at The Quest, it is my responsibility to support students and teachers throughout the school. I help by making visuals, Social Stories, and other supports that students can use throughout the school. Throughout Covid-19, I have been helping making sure that our students and teachers have the supports needed to participate safely in school wide and classroom activities.



## SUPPORT FACILITATION SPOTLIGHT

By Niccole Lacey, Support Facilitator

Hello to our Quest Family! My name is Niccole Lacey de Oliveira and I am the Support Facilitator at The Quest Center. I have to pleasure of working with all our students and teachers at our school in order to promote academic success. This spring, we have been hard at work preparing for the FSAA. Our students have been participating in a pull-out/push-in program to prepare for the test. They have been working on remediation in the areas of ELA and mathematics with the support of the Instructional Coaches and the Specials Team. With the help of this program and the awesome work our teachers are doing within the classroom, we know our students will ROCK the FSAA!

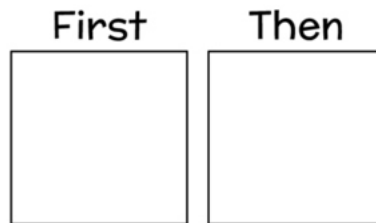
*"Books are like the plane and the train, and the road... They are the destination and the journey. They are home."*



# THE BEHAVIOR CORNER

By De Anna Nieves, Behavior Specialist

Teaching Compliance with **First/Then** (Premack Principle) ... The Premack principle states that if high-probability behaviors (more desirable behaviors) are made contingent upon lower-probability behaviors (less desirable behaviors), **then** the lower-probability behaviors are more likely to occur.



## KIA MOORE, ESE SPECIALIST

In the month of March we celebrated the awareness of Intellectual Disabilities. This included individuals with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and Down Syndrome. The goal was to raise awareness about the barriers people may encounter, as well as awareness for inclusion of

people with intellectual disabilities across all areas of community experiences. The Quest Center celebrated by wearing our “We see the able not the label shirts” with pride, along with our “lots of socks”.



## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The School Advisory Council is a group composed of the administrators, teachers, parents, partners, 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. The SAC committee meets monthly in the media center. 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 De Anna Nieves, SAC Chair [deanna.nieves@browardschools.com](mailto:deanna.nieves@browardschools.com).