



THE QUEST NEWSLETTER

The Quest Center

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Greetings Quest Explorers,

This month marks the fifth year of my principalship. Time surely flies. As I reflect on where we started, I am extremely pleased with the status of the faculty and staff. We continue to learn and grow together. During these five years, more ESPs have advanced to positions such as teacher, security specialist, and behavior technician for both schools and departments. Our ESPs are the best in the District, our ESPs are familiar with instruction and behavior comparable to none. Our teachers have soared to positions outside the classroom and even become managers in other industries. The clerical staff at The Quest Center exemplifies professionalism and customer-focused practices. The facilities service team, although they are small, they have a huge heart for our students. The security staff's number 1 priority is to keep students and staff safe each day. I am proud to be the principal of the Quest Center because of the people and employees I work with. The Quest is the Best, because of YOU. I look forward to continuing to learn, share, and grow with each of you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2	Transition Night @ 6:30 pm
November 5	Daylight Savings Time
November 6-10	Anti-Bullying and National School Psychology Week
November 7	Employee Planning
November 9	Picture Day
November 10	Veteran's Day-No School
November 13-17	American Education Week
November 14	Report Cards
November 15	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 3:30 pm
November 15	National Educational Support Professionals Day
November 20-24	No School/Thanksgiving
November 28	Interim Reports

HERITAGE AND CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH




November is Native American Heritage Month

November's Character Trait is Citizenship. Citizenship is defined as being law-abiding and involved in service to our school, community, and country.

APPRECIATIONS

November 11, 2023, is Veteran's Day. We appreciate all U.S. uniformed services all of the time! This month, we especially take the time to remember our military families and thank them for their sacrifice and generosity. The School Board of Broward County and the Quest Center invite family members of students who are U.S. veterans or active military to enjoy a free breakfast with their students on Thursday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. inside the cafeteria.



BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
is pleased to celebrate
OUR VETERANS
with a complimentary breakfast
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

The School Board of Broward County, Florida invites family members (parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, etc.) of students who are United States veterans or active military to enjoy a free breakfast at **select** schools with their student. We would like to thank you for your service.

To participate, the veteran must be invited by their family member and bring proof of service which may include:

- U.S. Uniformed Services ID Card
- U.S. Uniformed Service Retired ID Card
- Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
- Veterans Organization Card (American Legion or VFW)
- Photograph of yourself in uniform
- Wear your uniform
- DD241
- Citation or commendation



***Only one of these is required to participate.**

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You must RSVP by Wednesday, November 1, 2023 so we can let you know your student's breakfast time.

Student's Name _____
Grade _____
Family Member _____
Phone _____

Breakfast is available at select Broward County Public Schools.

November 6-10, 2023 is School Psychology Week. During the week of November 6-10, 2023 schools throughout the United States will celebrate National School Psychology Week to highlight the important work school psychologists and other educators do to help all students thrive.

November 13-17, 2023 is American Education Week. This nationwide event honors the dedication and hard work of educators and education support professionals.

November 15, 2023, is National Educational Support Professionals Day. We thank all of our ESPs for their hard work and services to our learners and school.

TRANSITION NIGHT AT THE QUEST

The Quest Center hosted its annual Transition Night on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Transition Night aims to provide parents of students with disabilities (ages 12 and older) with personalized time with community service providers. District, county, and state service providers share pertinent information about guardianship, community agencies, adult day training (ADT) programs, and community resources that will aid in students with disabilities' transition from school to community. During Transition Night, parents schedule tours to view ADT programs, learn of community/ agency program availability, complete applications for Vocational Rehabilitation, and meet with Guardianship Attorneys. Transition Night provides parents of students with disabilities with the knowledge and guidance needed to ensure their children and families are prepared for a successful commencement after exiting Broward County Public Schools. BCPS prepares ALL our students for meaningful postsecondary experiences.



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 Nitsu Louis or Sherena Johnson, SAC Co-Chairs, nitsu.louis@browardschools.com and sherena.johnson@browardschools.com to join.

CAFETERIA NEWS



During the 2023/24 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!***

ELEMENTARY CORNER**Pasta for All!**

Pasta dishes are a great early introduction to cooking. Dishes, such as spaghetti, are a great introduction to simple skills, including chopping, stirring, seasoning, and cleaning as you go. Our Elementary Team taught our students how to cook spaghetti and meat sauce.



