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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

Greetings Ouest Explorers.

We are embarking upon another month and coming closer to the end of the year. As we move forward and into the holiday season, I want our families and community to know that safety is still our number one priority, and we will remain vigilant and conscious of the unique needs of our students and our responsibility to keep our students safe. Our students depend on us to provide them with quality care and high-quality instruction year-round and that is always the aim of the faculty and staff at The Quest Center.

Parents, we need your support and collaboration. Please come and volunteer to partner in your child's education and join The Quest Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We can't do it without our amazing parents. Please come with your ideas and interests. Together we can ensure our students receive the best. Please also feel free to come to the front office to join the Quest PTO. We need you!

Please note the following important information.

The Quest Center is thrilled to announce that it will be hosting six Chat and Chew events throughout the school year. These events are an excellent opportunity for parents to learn about various community resources that can benefit their children. The next Chat and Chew is scheduled for December 13th at 8:30 a.m. in the media center.

Additionally, we have organized a Parent Night event on Tuesday, December 19th, at 6:30 pm. During this event, parents will have the opportunity to participate in a hands-on activity that will enable them to create communication and behavior tools and take them home. The objective of this event is to provide parents with resources that they can use during the Winter Break to maintain successful behavior. Please note that a spaghetti pasta dinner will be served promptly from 6:30 pm until 7:00 pm, after which, 3 rotations will follow beginning at 7:05 pm until 8:15 pm. Happy Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year!

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 9	Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 4- 8	Inclusive Schools Week
December 9	Senior Picture and Makeup Day
December 12	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 3:30 pm
December 13	Chat and Chew @ 8:30 am – 10 am
December 14	Character Awards @ 2:00 pm
December 15	Winter Sports Bash
December 19	Parent Night: Behavior & Communication Tools @ 6:30 pm
December 20-21	Winter Show
December 25 <sup>th</sup> – January	5 <sup>th</sup> Winter Break – No School
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Classes Resume

# **HERITAGE AND CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH**



December's Character Trait is Kindness. Kindness is being helpful, thoughtful, caring, compassionate, and considerate.

### 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.

### SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION

The 2024/25 School Choice Phase 1 window is open from **December 1, 2023, 8** am to February 2, 2024.

For the 2024/25 school year, if your student is new to Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), a **student number** & **24-hour wait** are required *before* you can apply for School Choice. Visit any <u>BCPS school</u> to request a student number – no registration required

### 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 <a href="https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/">https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/</a> for more information about the SaferWatch app. For more information about the FortifyFL app, visit <a href="https://www.getfortifyfl.com/">https://www.getfortifyfl.com/</a>.

#### **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!** 





Get Ready, Get Set, Go with the resources provided in the ISW Padlet:

https://padlet.com/esebcps/Inclusive\_Schools\_Week