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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At WOC we are springing into March! This month promises to be full of laughter, love, and learning! To assist our learners with an increase in achievement, we have started our after school extended learning opportunities for all matriculating PreK students and select K22 students. We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity to help our learners succeed!

One of the ways parents can help their child(ren) succeed is to encourage independent work. Building self-reliance can help your child(ren) achieve. Below are some tips:

1. Help your child break down problems into smaller, more manageable pieces.
2. Tell your child that you believe he/she can figure it out.
3. Remind your child of all the things he/she has learned to do in the past.
4. Ask questions to help your child think instead of providing easy answers.
5. Praise your child when he/she solves a problem on their own.


Early literacy is another way to help our learners succeed. The Florida House of Representatives has partnered with Age of Learning to bring FREE access to its online digital library to every Florida child from now through 12/31/2021. To take advantage of this initiative, visit [ReadingIO.com/newworlds](https://www.readingio.com/newworlds) and create a free account. Children will have access to books at their current reading level. It also contains a feature that reads the books to the child. A win-win!

Finally, please make sure you stay connected to our school announcements and news. We are sending important information via Parent Link and email. We also post 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

March 2	Dr. Seuss Day 
March 8-12	School Social Worker Appreciation Week
March 14	Day Light Savings Begins
March 18	Early Release Day @ 1:15pm
March 19	Planning Day-No School
March 22-26	Spring Break
March 31	Virtual SAC/SAF @ 8:15am

The Character Trait for March is Self-Control.
Self-Control is having discipline over one's behavior or actions.



March is Women's History Month

FAMILIES EXCELLING IN eLEARNING



Congratulations to Zaniyah Malcom, Caleb Douglas, and their families for being recognized by Wingate Oaks Center for success with eLearning during the pandemic. We recognize the outstanding work you have put in this year during this challenging time! Thank you to the teachers of Zaniyah, Caleb, and The Exceptional Student Learning Support Department for hosting "We Did It... Families Excelling in eLearning Awards Program." We are proud of you!



ANNUAL CUSTOMER SURVEYS

Broward County Public Schools will be administering customer surveys March 1-April 30, 2021 in an effort to improve system practices in our school and District. Your opinion is important to us and we ask that you take the time to complete the surveys. We will be sending home information or you can go to our website at www.browardschools.com/wingateoaksctr and take the annual survey. Thank you for your support!

ESE PARENT SURVEYS

The Florida Department of Education Exceptional Student Education Survey is now open. The online version of the survey is available to all parents at www.esesurvey.com. The deadline to complete the survey is May 31, 2021. We will also be sending home hard copies once they arrive.

BCPS COVID NOTIFICATION

As a reminder, if you think your child or a 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. 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 negative consequences. This information will remain confidential and only shared with 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>.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER APPRECIATION WEEK

School Social Worker Appreciation Week is March 8-12, 2021. Wingate Oaks Center truly appreciates our School Social Worker, Ms. Mary Johnson. She goes above and beyond for our families. If you ever are in need of food, clothing, counseling services, etc. please call the school. Ms. Johnson is at WOC every Friday during school hours. She is here to help YOU!

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SAF-SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM

SAC is responsible for developing and monitoring the school improvement plan. We always want input. Please join us at our next virtual meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 8:15am. We look forward to your support. 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.



MSD WEEK OF SERVICE AND LOVE / NEVER FORGET

On Sunday, February 14, 2021, Broward County Public Schools and communities across Broward County observed the three-year commemoration of the 17 lives lost and those injured at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018. From February 8-12, schools across the District engaged students in *A Week of Service and Love* activities.

The staff and students at Wingate Oaks Center participated in weekly kindness activities and chose to maintain Marjory's Garden and improve the campus with campus beautification. Mrs. Sam Seeburger received a Grass Roots Grant and ordered plant beds, sand, soil, seeds, and plants. Our Art Teacher, Keri Porter, painted and decorated the plant beds with the learners and placed the bed in front of our NEW digital marquee. Stop by and check it out! Never Forget.