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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall! We have been busy getting ready for eLearning Phase 2. Thank you very much for your patience as things are changing very quickly! The School Board of Broward County voted today to allow for face to face eLearning at Wingate Oaks Center beginning on **Friday, October 9, 2020. School hours will be 9:15am-3:15pm.** We plan on continuing with our modified schedule with lunch, recess, and nap at the end of the day. The School Board of Broward County also approved for additional Planning and Early Release Days. Please refer to the important dates section below! As a reminder, we release at 1:15pm on Early Release Days. I will be sending home a letter next week dedicated to our reopening plans. To help you plan, I am attaching the Suggested Supplies Lists for both PreK and IND programs for those learners that will be coming back to face to face eLearning in the school building. For more information on the District reopening eLearning Phase 2 plans, please visit <https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschoolFAQ>.

Learning to read begins at home through everyday parent-child interactions. Check out the Early Literacy Tips for families in English and Spanish on our school website at www.browardschools.com/wingateoaksctr. They support children as they practice early literacy skills at home.

As a reminder, our school theme this year is, *"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."* Parents can help reinforce our theme at home by teaching your child about being kind to others and how little things can make a BIG difference! Try filling a bucket or cup with kind words on paper! You can either write the words down or cut them out of magazines. You can also "gift" the bucket or cup of words to a loved one, friend, or neighbor. I am sure they would enjoy some extra kindness these days!

In closing, please make sure you stay connected to our school announcements and news. We are sending important information via Parent Link, email, and have been posting information on our website and through the MS Teams App. We need to continue to work together to keep everyone kind and safe! Please call the school at 754-321-6850 if you have any questions or we can help in any way! We are here to serve you and your family!

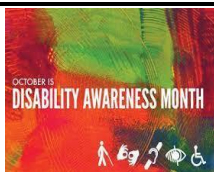
In Love and Kindness,

Ms. Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2	National School Custodian Appreciation Day
October 5-10	Fire Prevention Week
October 8	Planning Day-No School
October 9	First Day of eLearning Phase 2 for Wingate Oaks
October 12	Early Release Day @ 1:15pm
October 14	Early Release Day @ 1:15pm
October 16	Early Release Day @ 1:15pm
October 19	Planning Day-No School
October 20	2 nd Quarter Begins
October 23-31	Red Ribbon Week
October 28	Virtual SAC /SAF Meeting @ 8:15am
October 29	Read for the Record
October 31	Halloween

HERITAGE AND CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH



October is Disability Awareness, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Hispanic/Italian Heritage Month. October's Character Trait is Responsibility Being accountable in word and deed. Having a sense of duty to fulfill tasks with reliability, dependability and commitment.



TEACHER AND SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

We are proud and honored to announce Wingate Oaks Center's 2020-2021 Award Winners!

Teacher of the Year

Ms. Amy Robinson

School Related Employee of the Year

Ms. Tracy Wyche

Congratulations! The staff appreciates your dedication and commitment to our learners and we know that you will represent our school well throughout this school year! Colleagues and friends, please be sure to congratulate them, as well!



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

This month the Support Staff would like to highlight Ms. Ameteen and Ms. Marin. Ms. Ameteen is an Educational Support Personnel and has done an amazing job catering to all the different learning abilities in the classroom! She successfully reinforces skills and help students who are struggling with academic concepts. Thank you for the continued support and guidance. Ms. Marcel, Speech Language Pathologist, is new to Wingate, but is already committed to our students and increasing their communication! Ms. Marcel can be seen working with teachers, attending circle time activities, working with small groups of students, and pulling students out of class to implement language therapy! Ms. Marcel is working very hard to help our students increase their language and communication skills, be sure to say "hello" when you see her! *Way to go Team Awesome, Ms. Ameteen and Ms. Marin!*



FACULTY RETIREMENT



Wingate Oaks Center bids farewell to a longtime employee with the retirement of Facilities Serviceperson, Mrs. Cynthia Thompson, on Wednesday, September 30th, after a 35-year career of working behind the scenes and maintaining the cleanliness of our facility. On Tuesday, September 29th, the school staff organized a retirement car parade in honor of Mrs. Thompson as an expression of gratitude for all she has done. Mrs. Thompson's life and career have reflected one major philosophy she has expressed, "always treat everyone with respect and how you want to be treated." On behalf of everyone at Wingate Oaks Center, we wish Mrs. Thompson all the best in retirement and thank her for her selfless work.

**Happy National Custodian Appreciation Day, 10/2
WOC Facilities Team! We appreciate YOU!**

This Month....

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Each year the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) promotes “Fire Prevention Week” from October 5-10, 2020 to emphasize fire safety at home, work, play, and at school. This year’s theme is “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” Since unattended cooking is the number one cause of fires in the home, please help us promote this important message. Below are a variety of links providing videos and activities that promote fire safety. During the month of October, it is recommended that you test your smoke detector and conduct a fire drill at home.

<https://www.facebook.com/SparkyTheFireDog/videos/267826967751475>

*<https://sparkyschoolhouse.org/> **ELEMENTARY GRADE LEVELS: Sparky.Org Activities***

<http://www.sparky.org/games> <http://www.sparky.org/videos> Sparky Firehouse Games

<http://www.sparky.org/games/sparkys-firehouse-game> Firefighters On The Way

<https://youtu.be/gfA32dgNDVk> Additional Videos: <http://www.sparky.org/firetrucks> Games

<http://www.sparky.org/games/sparkys-firehouse-game>

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

For assistance with technology, please call Ms. Andrea at 754-321-6850, Monday to Friday, from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Also, internet discounts are available at internetessentials.com or call toll-free 1-855-846-8376.

READ FOR THE RECORD

Through a partnership between the Children's Services Council and Broward County Public Schools, we will be participating in a virtual read of the book, *Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away* by *Meg Medina*. The book is a celebration of lasting friendship, the power of connection, and encountering change. Read for the Record Day will be on October 29, 2020 as part of the world’s largest shared reading experience in order to raise awareness about the importance of early literacy and access to high-quality books.

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We had our first SAC/SAF meeting on September 30, 2020 at 5:15pm. We had over 21 participants, which is a school record. Special thanks to all staff and community members for participating in our virtual SAC meeting. The next virtual SAC meeting will be held on October 28, 2020 at 8:15am. SAC is responsible for developing the school improvement plan and must have at least 51% parent and community membership. If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact Mrs. Seeburger, SAC Chair. We look forward to your support.

SAF - SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM

The School Advisory Forum is a bridge between the student and parents to the school administration and the District. SAF is designed to help identify needs and recommend ideas or policies to help improve the quality of education. SAF also bring back information from the District, to keep parents informed. If you are interesting in being a part of SAF, please contact Mrs. Seeburger.

PARENT UNIVERSITY

This webinar series was created to provide step-by-step guidance to help parents assist their children through the school day and eLearning. Through the links below, families can access recordings of the live webinar sessions where District staff and administrators supply information and answer parents' questions. All four webinars are available in Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian-Creole, Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese through closed captioning. Go to browardschools.com/parentuniversity for more information.

CAFETERIA NEWS

FREE Grab-and-Go meals will be available every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00am-1:00pm and from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Parents can drive or walk up to Larkdale Elementary to receive meal bundles that contain multiple days of meals. Parents must bring identification for their child, such as a student ID or report card. BCPS will be following the National School Lunch Program beginning January 2021, so meal prices will be based on each student's meal eligibility status.

Submit your free and reduced application at www.myschoolapps.com. All applications must be done on the computer. We will have access for parents to complete the online application at school. Please call Ms. Wendy at 754-321-6850 for assistance.

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The Code of Student Conduct Handbook is virtual! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the Back to School Forms link found on the Broward Schools' webpage at: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38091>. If you need support, please contact the school during office hours at 754-321-6850, Monday-Friday from 8:00am-3:30pm.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR PAPERWORK

Please return your beginning of the year paperwork Monday – Friday from 8:00am-3:30pm at your earliest convenience. You have the option of returning the completed items via email @ wingateoaks@gmail.com or leave them with security at the front gate. We need to have the forms and paperwork completed in case of an emergency. Also, please notify the school during the year if your phone number(s) / address or email address change and include proof of address.



IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Students must provide a Florida Certificate of Immunization (DH 680 form) documenting that all immunizations are current and up to date, or exemption requirements are met. If you received a letter in your first day packet stating that your DH 680 form was out of compliance, please make sure to bring in the updated form on or before the date listed.



PILOT TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Wingate Oaks Center participated in a pilot transportation program for two weeks with the other center schools. We were able to deliver instructional materials to approximately 25 homes per week. The Pilot Transportation program ended to allow transportation to get ready for Opening Day! Thank YOU to everyone involved, especially Ms. Wendy!

