

BZ Knights News

Bronzeville Lighthouse
Charter School

From Your Principal

With self-discipline most anything is possible.
~ Theodore Roosevelt

Dear Parents,

The SHINE quality for September is Self-Discipline. Your scholar(s) will be learning about self-discipline and working to model this quality throughout this month in their classrooms. You may ask, "How can I help to build my child's self-discipline?" Dr. Cordelia Fine suggests that willpower [self-discipline] is a "moral muscle". The key is to start early in life. Here are three things that you can teach your child that will help him/her strengthen their "moral muscle" and achieve self-discipline.

1. **Self-discipline takes work.** Achieving good grades, refraining from hitting back or excelling in a sport all take self-discipline and work. Refrain from doing everything for your child. Allow him to work at it. If your child wants a toy pause before making a choice to gratify him/her. Let him work at home and earn money to buy it himself.
2. **Self-discipline is a choice.** At an early age teach your child(ren) that they choose their actions. If your child does not do his/her homework, it is a choice he/she has made. Dr. Fine often reminds her son that no one can make him angry, he chooses to become angry. And with that anger comes consequences that he does not get to choose. As your child practices self-discipline she will discover that she is in charge of her life and her actions. This empowers her and gives her self-confidence in her own abilities and choices.
3. **Self-discipline brings rewards.** Picture the child who studies hard for a test and earns an "A". Or the child that practices batting over and over and scores a home run. Help your child realize that many of the rewards they receive in life are because they worked and used self-discipline to achieve them.

Building Self-Discipline In Children by Teresa McEntire

Please model self-discipline at home with your children to help build this positive characteristic.

In other business: The management company of the residential buildings around our school has complained about parking in the resident parking lots on Dearborn. If you do not have a permit to park in these lots, please do not park there. They will begin towing vehicles.

Did you know our families rock?! I would like to thank you all for following the rules of using the cross walk and not double parking. The safety of our scholars is in your hands during entry and dismissal and every day you help to ensure they are protected. Also, I would like to thank Ms. Radcliffe and her mother for providing breakfast for our staff this past week. It was such a good surprise!

Remember, we do not have school Monday. Enjoy a long, relaxing weekend!

Happy Labor Day!

Ms. Plauche

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Calendar

September

6: Labor Day-No School
14: Parent Meeting at
5p.m
15: 12:00pm Dismissal

October

11: No School
20: 12:00pm Dismissal
28: 12:00pm Dismissal
Parent Teacher
Conferences
29: No School

November

10: No School
17: 12:00pm Dismissal
24-26: No School
Happy
Thanksgiving

Important Information

-Late Fees: Dismissal is a 4:00pm, a late fee of \$1.00 per minute will begin to accrue at 4:11pm.

-Early Dismissal: Early dismissals are not allowed after 3:15pm. Parents will be asked to return at 4:00pm to pick up their child(ren).