

From Your Principal

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Dear Parents,

Did you know research shows writing has a powerful effect on one's intellectual skills? To write well, students must think clearly and critically, increasing their engagement and achievement in all subjects. Additionally, students must be able to write effectively in order to meet the demands of high school and college. These are just a few of the reasons why one of our school goals is to become more proficient in writing. To gauge where our students are with their writing skills all students in grades K-8 will be taking a writing assessment on Tuesday, September 13th from 8:30-9:30am.

Our scholars participate in intellectual conversations every day in class. However, we as adults do not always have the time in our busy schedules to enjoy conversation among our peers. Therefore, we would like to provide that opportunity. Do you enjoy reading? Have you ever read a novel that was so engaging, you just couldn't keep it to yourself? Would you like to share your reading experience with other parents? On September 16th at 6pm, Bronzeville Lighthouse Charter School will host its first Book Club for BZLCS parents. Please join us. For more information on the Book Club or to RSVP, please call Mr. McClain or Ms. Adams. See you soon!

So much happening at BZLCS and there is more exciting news to share!! If you haven't heard yet, we were selected as one in 12 schools throughout the city of Chicago to participate in the WAY to Wellness program! Through the WAY program, we are getting a salad bar and additional instructional materials to teach our scholars about healthy choices. The salad bar, if goes as planned, will be ready Wednesday, September 14th! In addition, BZ was chosen as a model school to host the WAY Kick Off Event! Mayor Emanuel, Alderman Dowell, and Superintendent Brizard, are just a few of the community members that are invited to BZ for the WAY Kick Off Event! We are looking for 20 parents to join us as well. If you are interested in being part of this exciting event please e-mail me at aplauche@lighthouse-academies.org or you can leave a message with Ms. Lacey at 773-535-1460.

Lastly, I just wanted to send out a friendly reminder about our SES Fair. On September 13th from 4:00-6:00 we will be hosting a SES (Supplemental Education Services) provider fair. The tutoring services will begin in October. Everyone should have received information about SES from Ms. Coomes this week. If you did not receive information and you are interested please speak to your child's teacher. Some of the organizations that will be in attendance are Brian Hurricane, Sylvan Learning, Huntington, Cambridge Education, and Progressive.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Ms. Plauche

Calendar

September

- 16 Dismissal 2:00p.m.
- 19 Scholastic Book Fair
- 23 No School-PD day
- 23 Last Day for Scholastic Book Fair
- 30 I CARE Feedback forms are due

October

- 4 Parent Meeting at 5p.m.
(Meeting will consist of Title1, Homework Assistance and I CARE session)
- 7 Dismissal 2:00p.m.
- 10 Columbus Day -No School
- 14 School Photos for K-7
- 27 ½ day noon dismissal
- 27 Report card pick
- 28 No School-PD Day

Drop off and Pick up for Scholars

Parents please be considerate and safe when dropping your scholar off and picking up in front and in the back of the school.

1. DO NOT double park in front or in back of the school
2. Turn your music down in your vehicle.
3. If you park in the residential parking lots in the back of the school you will be towed.

Important Information-

Entrance Time : Doors open and breakfast begins at 7:30a.m. Breakfast ends at 7:45a.m. School Begins at 8:00a.m. you are tardy at 8:01a.m.

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

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