



# Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

## BLCS Weekly Newsletter

*\*La Traducción en Español será enviada cada martes.*

Rejoice with your family in the beautiful land of life! ~Albert Einstein

**Date: June 9, 2014**

### **Reminders: May Events**

- June 17, 2014, BLCS Parent Association will be hosting their **End of Year Celebration Event**. It will be held from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in BLCS Lower Academy MPR, please come out and met the New PA Board and celebrate with BLCS Parent Association.
- June 26, 2014, is the **Kindergarten Stepping Up Ceremony**. The ceremony will take place in the CPA Gym (**More information TBA**).
- **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE** will be held on June 25 and June 26, 2014 from 2:30 pm to 6:00pm for grades K-7.

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE (PTC): PROTOCOLS & PROCEDURES**

It's conference time! I know that in the past your scholar's teacher would send an appointment form home, and you would be asked to choose an available time that you could met with the teacher. This upcoming parent teacher conference (PTC) will be different. This upcoming PTC will be held on June 25 and June 26, 2014, from 2:30 pm to 6:00pm.

You do not need to make an appointment with your scholar's teacher. There will be sign in sheets and parents will be served on a first come first served basis. Below is information regarding the New Protocols and Procedures that BLCS families will follow for this upcoming PTC.

### **PTC Protocols and Procedures**

1. **Check In:** You will need to sign in at the front desk. Once you have signed in, you will receive a copy of your scholars NWEA scores and a passport.
2. **Passport:** The passport information will let you know, who you need to see. You will be able to sign up to speak with your scholar's teachers and/ or school administrators at each designated station. You will be seen on a **first come first served basis**.
3. **Achieved NWEA Scores:** Scholars who have met their NWEA goals, parent will be able to go directly to the scholar's teacher or other instructors for their conference.
4. **Failed NWEA Scores:** Scholars who have not met NWEA goals, parents will need to first meet with a Summer School Planning (SSP) administrator. SSP administrator will go over summer school information and summer school performance expectations with parents.

### **Note: Common Questions Asked**

- **If my scholar has not met their NWEA goals will he/ she repeat the same grade?**

BLCS school administrators will not be making decisions regarding retention, until after summer school testing and reassessment of scholars' summer school performance is completed.

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- **What happens at the end of Summer School, if my scholar has not met their NWEA goals?**

Your scholar will have one more opportunity to retake the NWEA test, before school starts on September 2, 2014. Parents can call the school during the week of August 18, 2104, to schedule a time and date for their scholar to retake the NWEA test during the week of August 25, 2014 thru August 29, 2014.

- **During summer school, is my scholar allowed to be absent or late?**

BLCS summer school program for grades K-7 will run for three weeks (**July 7, 2014 to July 25, 2014**). Due to teachers having such a short amount of time to work with scholars, there will be **NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES ALLOWED**. If a scholar has to be out of school for health reason or emergencies, parent will need to provide the school with an official letter (e. doctor, dentist, court). Personal letters are not accepted. **SCHOLARS ARE ONLY ALLOWED 3 ABSENCES AND 5 LATENESS**, if a scholar misses more than three days they will be dismissed from the program.

**PLEASE READ ATTACHED BLCS SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION**, more details will be given out during Parent Teacher Conference for scholars who will participate.

## PARENT ASSOCIATION 2014- 2015

The BLCS Parent Association is still looking for parents who are interested in participating. There is a need for several grade representatives, which will be filled in September, 2014 at the first PA general meeting. If you are interested in becoming a part of the BLCS Parent Association, please contact Ms. Canton at [scanton@lighthouse-academies.org](mailto:scanton@lighthouse-academies.org) or 646-915-0030 ext. 5004. Your voice matters and it is important that you speak up and make a difference for your scholars and the other scholars in your child's school. Become an active member today!



**We will be looking for Parents who are interested in being Grade Representatives for grades:**

- K Grade Representative
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Representative
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Representative
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative

Have an awesome week,

Sanayi Beckles- Canton  
Coordinator of Family & Community Partnership

## BLCS Summer Academy 2014 FAQ:

### Why is my student recommended for summer academy?

Your student has been recommended for summer school because they have not demonstrated adequate growth on the NWEA, an assessment which measures their math and reading skills. You have been given a print out of your scholar's progress, as well as a guide to understanding their progress report.

We have developed clear goals for student achievement, based on their performance in the spring and fall of 2013:

Student is in top quartile (75 <sup>th</sup> percentile and up) Student is automatically recommended for promotion	Student is in second quartile (50 <sup>th</sup> to 74 <sup>th</sup> percentile) Student must make 75% of typical growth goal for promotion	Student in in third quartile (25 <sup>th</sup> to 49 <sup>th</sup> percentile) Student must make 125% of typical growth goal for promotion	Student is in bottom quartile (1 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> percentile) Students must make 200% of typical growth goal for promotion
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Grade level	Typical Growth (yearly)
K	15.1
1	16.9
2	14.6
3	9.0
4	7.1
5	5.3
6	4.1
7	3.4

**1. When is summer academy?**

Summer school for students currently in grades K-7 will run from **July 7<sup>th</sup> until July 25<sup>th</sup>**. The length of the school day will be from **8:00 until 1:00**. Summer testing to measure growth will happen at the conclusion of summer academy. These test results will inform promotional decisions.

**2. What is the goal of summer academy?**

The goal of summer academy is to allow students extra time and practice to achieve their growth goals. At the conclusion of summer academy, students who have reached their growth goals will be promoted to the next grade level. Attendance at summer school does not guarantee promotion; but it does provide a place and time for additional student instruction and practice.

**3. What happens if my student does not attend summer school?**

If your student does not attend summer school, they can still be tested for growth between July 28<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be optional, and families are required to schedule testing one week in advance. Students who make their growth goals will be promoted to the next grade level, provided there are no extenuating circumstances.

**4. Will my student be retained?**

Students will be promoted if we have reason to believe that their achievement will set them up for success in the next grade, and as they enter high school and college. Teacher input and extenuating circumstances are taken into account.

**Students not making growth goals are at risk for retention in their current grade.**