

Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

Ms. Hardcastle's Weekly Letter Home

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February 14, 2014

Greetings BLCS Families,

Happy Valentine's day, to all our families and their scholars.

Reminder: February Events

- There will be no school the week of 2/17/2014. School will resume on 2/24/2014
- There will not be a parent night, since we commenced Report Card Conferences in February.
- There will be a Parent's Association Meeting on 2/27

Launching Afterschool Tutoring Program: Starting 2/24

I have attached a tutoring permission slip to this newsletter. Please fill out this form if you are requesting tutoring for your scholar.

Note that schedules and plans for students recommended for tutoring will be communicated to families on 2/20.

All tutoring requests will be evaluated on 2/25, and additional students can be enrolled in tutoring by 2/26.

Progress Reports: Coordinated Send Home Effort (reminder)

We will be coordinating a weekly progress report send home with students, each Monday. This will start on 2/10/2014, and continue through the end of the year. Additionally we will be sending out family log-ins to power teacher grade books, so that families can monitor the progress of their students. In our March parent night program, I will take time to show families how to log in and check student progress.

Conversation with the Board of Trustees: Rescheduled

The BLCS Board of Trustees is committed to answering questions and hearing feedback from families. The planned event for 2/13 will be rescheduled and communicated as soon as possible.

Schedule Changes: Starting 2/24

When we return from the break, students will have a new schedule. Schedules will be sent home with scholars on Monday, 2/24. Please reach out with questions or concerns.

Strategic Planning Reminder: Feedback Requested

No parents showed up for the 2/11 planning feedback session—please make sure that your input is shared.

Thursday, Feb. 13: 8:00 – 9:00am

Tuesday, Feb. 18: 12:00 – 1:00

SHINE on,
Ms. Hardcastle

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BLCS Student Tutoring Request Form

Summary

Starting on 2/24/2014, students at Bronx Lighthouse Charter School will be eligible to participate in a tutoring program. This program will be organized to give priority to the following scholars:

- Our first priority for tutoring support will be students who are failing courses (assigned by 2/24)
- Our next priority for tutoring support will be students who received scores of 1 and 2 on state exams (assigned by 2/24)
- Our next priority for tutoring support will be students who have requested tutoring, or whose parents have requested tutoring (assigned by 2/26)

Who will be tutoring our scholars?

CPA scholars, who have completed an application and meet academic eligibility requirements, will be tutoring K-7th grade scholars. The CPA scholars will be trained to support students, and implement systems to support and communicate about student progress with teachers and families.

Tutors will be sending out a short info sheet which includes contact information and other important info.

Questions regarding the tutoring program can be shared with me, via email at dhardcastle@lighthouse-academies.org.

When will tutoring happen?

Tutoring will happen from 4:15 until 5:45, based on a schedule which will be shared with families when students are assigned to tutoring groups on 2/20.

Students who sign up for tutoring are required to maintain adequate attendance in the program.

Date _____

I am requesting tutoring support for my scholar, _____ for the following reasons (check as many as apply):

- My student has received failing grades in the following courses: _____
- My student received a low score on the state test in the following subjects: _____
- I am requesting support because _____

Parent Name

Parent Signature

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