

Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

Ms. Hardcastle's Weekly Letter Home

**La Traducción en Español sera enviada cada Martes.*

March 17, 2014

Greetings BLCS Families,

April 4th will mark the end of Quarter 3, so make sure you are connecting with your scholar's teachers around their academic progress and support they may need as the quarter draws to a close. The state tests are also fast approaching and will begin on April 1st. For more information on the state tests, please refer back to information that was sent with last week's letter.

Reminder: March Events

- The NYC School Survey will be sent out this week. Families will be eligible for a prize once they complete the survey and return it to your scholar's teacher.
- There will be a Board of Trustees Meeting on Thursday 3/20 at 6:00 pm in the CPA Media Lab
- There will be a Parent Association Meeting on Friday 3/21 at 6:00 pm

Charter Renewal

Bronx Lighthouse has received a 2 year renewal recommendation for our charter! The maximum term awarded this year is 3 years, and unfortunately we didn't get this as a result of the emails and negative publicity/allegations from anonymous senders. This negativity causes harm to our community and we hope we have seen the last of these emails. The 2 year recommendation means that we will have a high school progress report for our next renewal application and the CPA will continue the amazing work that has been taking place over the past two years, which will help us in the renewal process.

Scholar Character Reports

Starting next week, all scholars in K-7th grade will receive a weekly character report. Teachers will input behaviors daily and this will keep families informed of how your scholars are doing in the classroom. We hope this will help further the lines of communication between teachers and families.

Engage NY

A huge shout out to Engage NY's family portal as a source of information about the state tests and providing ideas for families to help you support your scholars.

Complaint Procedure

Here at BLCS, we appreciate family communication and feedback. If an issue arises that you would like to address, we ask that you please follow the complaint procedure. The procedure can be found in the Scholar Family Handbook, but here it is again should you need to reference it.

1. Go to the source (for example, for a question about something that happened in the classroom, you should contact the teacher)

We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

2. If after speaking with the source you are still not satisfied, go to the next person in the chain of command:
 - a. If you are unsure of the next person you should see, contact the Coordinator of Family and Community Partnerships (CFCP), Ms. Beckles-Canton
 - b. For scholars in 4th-7th Grade, contact Mr. Hoard; for Specialists and Arts, contact Mr. Golden, and for K-3rd Grade, contact Ms. Hardcastle.
3. If that still doesn't work, you should contact the next person in command (Ms. Hardcastle)

SHINE on,

Ms. Hardcastle

We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.