



Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

Lower Academy Principal's Newsletter

February 29, 2012

Dear Families,

As you may have noticed, each break gives a chance to reset and make sure that our policies are in place. The six week period between the February break and Spring Break is possibly the most important time of the year. We only have 35 more days until the New York State Tests. That means that **TODAY IS THE DAY WE MAKE IT HAPPEN**. Here are two ways we are working on maximizing learning time at BLCS.

- **Arrival Uniform Checks:** Each morning, scholars will now have their full uniform checked before they enter the atrium. Ms. Valentine will immediately contact the families of scholars who do not meet our expectations for uniform compliance. Please ensure your scholar is dressed for success each day before they leave the house!
- **Attendance:** It is essential that your scholar is here on time every single day, especially in these next 6 weeks. Ms. Valentine will be making calls to the families of tardy and absent scholars frequently as we work to increase our attendance rates.

Please read below for announcements:

- On **Thursday, March 8**, we will be opening the school for a Black History Month celebration. The projects that Lower Academy scholars completed will be on display and there will be special presentations by some Upper Academy scholars.
- The next parent night is **Wednesday, March 14th** at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendars.
- **The following announcement will run every week until the test!** Although it seems far away, the New York State Assessments occur immediately after spring break this year. The ELA test will be administered April 17 -19 and the Math Test will be April 25-27. Students cannot be absent on testing days. Please plan your return from spring break with enough time that there is no risk to students being absent.

Shine On!

Meghan Kimpton
Lower Academy Principal