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## October 2021 Newsletter

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Dear Families,

As we head into October, we are into our routines and schedules. Our school will focus on Conscious Discipline to support our classroom management and our Social Emotional Learning. This is part of a 3 year study with BPS. Each month our teachers and school will focus on one of the Seven Skills. I am attaching a flier to help explain them more fully. With the COVID pandemic, interruption in educations, upsets at home, and illness with family members, we need to address the well-being of our students, staff, and families. Take time to go over some of the materials coming home with your child. The Conscious Discipline site has many free resources for parents and families.

Wishing you a healthy October!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Turner, Principal and Administrator

### UPDATE on Mask ruling and COVID

The BPS School Board voted to extend the emergency mask mandate to October 29th. They also changed language in the emergency mask mandate to allow people to remove masks while indoors if they are socially distanced by at least **six feet**.

The Florida Department of Health issued an emergency rule that gives parents more power to decide whether children go to school after being exposed to people who have COVID-19. The new rule says schools “shall allow parents or legal guardians the authority to choose how their child receives education after having direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19... so long as the student remains asymptomatic.” Parents also have the option of quarantining their students for up to seven days. The updated FLDOH flow chart on contacts to cases is attached with this email.

With this ruling we ask every student and staff member to be vigilant with hand washing, wearing masks that fit, and staying home if ill. We are running out of children’s sized masks. Please consider donating some to your child’s classroom. Students will be reminded as they get out of the car to have a clean, well fitted mask. This is becoming a burden of the teachers to keep up with supplying and reminding children about wearing a mask. Let’s help them out for the month by following the ruling, decreasing the spread of ANY germs, and letting teachers focus on teaching and not finding masks for students. Thank you for help in this matter. See attached flier for clarification.

### **Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Teacher WORK DAY, Student Holiday**



Our teachers will be here working on plans, cleaning, and preparing for their students. Families from Grades 1 & 2 (Room 8) will graciously provide a luncheon for our staff. Thank you in advance for letting our staff know they are appreciated! Mrs. Connell and her helpers have arranged the day and set up a sign up genius for families of this room. You may access it at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4DA9A82EABFA7-teacher>

Students who participate in our before and after care program may use this service on this day. Please sign up with Natalie at Country Day for Children to be included. Rates vary depending on your program.

For concerns about school operations, contact Dr. Erik Thorson, School Manager, 321-779-0031



## PTO News

Thank you to parents and family who attended our September ZOOM meeting. Attached are the minutes from the meeting. Mr. Capote has volunteered to be our secretary for the school year. We will welcome him and help him share the message from PTO. Our next meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 via ZOOM. Meeting ID: 306 554 4821 Passcode: PTO9.12.21

<https://zoom.us/j/3065544821?pwd=d0Y3bkJxa2ZjaEt0RER5VEtmL1p2Zz09>

Don't forget to use our SMILE Amazon and digital BOX TOPS to help out our school. If you want to donate to the school water fund, send in monetary donations to PTO in the office. As we prepare for Red Ribbon week, look at the activity schedule in the attached flier. This event will be October 25-29<sup>th</sup>. It is a nationally recognized week to say "NO" to destructive behavior, understand the consequences of drugs and alcohol, promote anti-bullying, and making good choices daily. Help us share this message with your child at home. Together our home and school group of PTO can continue to support our students.



A Florida Statute states that we teach our child skills to stay safe. Along with BPS, we use the Monique Burr Foundations program designed for students K-5 (we decided to use this for grade 6 as well). We will "lightly" touch on some of the topics for PreK. The goal is to prevent child trafficking which is high in the state of Florida. We have completed the first lesson with the children and will visit the second one in the future. Please see the attached flier for more information.



Timeline will be Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in our classrooms. Each room is receiving directions for the fun activity. It is a chance to focus on positive contributions from historians from our past. Due to COVID restrictions, we will not have an audience to see the presentation. Our goal is to try to take pictures of the students to share with families, if possible. With that in mind, if you want to send in FALL decorations (pumpkins, mums, hay bales, sunflowers....) we will use them around the school and then set up the outdoor stage area for teachers to take their students.



### Art To Remember

Brochures should be coming home soon for you to order products with your child's art. If you do not like the picture, you can upload an original piece of art to their website. Deadline for orders is October 29<sup>th</sup> for items to arrive for the holidays. Proceeds from sales go to our PTO. See flier for more information.



Thank you families, students, staff and teachers for making us an "A" school in the state of Florida. You can see other school scores at:  
<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>



### Women in space

BPS shared an opportunity for girls to attend a symposium. It is attached to the email if you are interested. Please refer questions to the address on the flier. The deadline is Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Spirit Day- Friday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

Grades 1 & 2, room 7 will lead us at 9:00am to help us look at our "Peaceful Character".