A Word from Principal Morris

As a sports coach and fan, I’ve been thinking about a quote that we can all use in teaching our children both at school and home. “I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.” – Michael Jordan

Show your child how to deal with failure in positive ways. In life, we all experience failures. The way we deal with failure can help shape your child’s character. Here are ways to help you and your child deal with failure positively:

- Think about the positives. Mistakes are really opportunities for learning. What can your child learn from the experience?
- Praise what you can. “You got three problems wrong on that test but you got seven correct. Let’s find out where you made your mistakes.”
- Always let your child know you love them unconditionally.
- Be realistic. If your child is doing their best, do not let them think you are disappointed.
- Be a role model. Handle your own mistakes and failures in positive ways.
- Don’t solve every problem for your child.

We are all human beings and we all make mistakes. Mistakes are a part of life. Let’s teach our children how to learn from their mistakes. Progress and growth are the goals.

FUN FACT: Bees have 5 eyes. There are 3 small eyes on the top of a bee’s head and 2 larger ones in front.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE: “Believing in yourself is the first secret to success.”
Save the Date

IB Showcase

**When:** Thursday, December 13, 5:30-7:00 pm  
**Where:** Benjamin E. Mays IB World School 560 Concordia Avenue  
**Who:** 3rd Grade: Where We Are in Place & Time  
4th Grade: How We Organize Ourselves

Join us for an evening of academic **INQUIRY** at school. Through the Showcase, families will gain an understanding of what, and how, their students are learning in their IB classrooms. Learn how to support inquiry at home.

Pizza from 5:30-6:00. Student work exhibited from 6:00-7:00. Transportation is available on request. Contact Karen Shanahan at (651) 325-2492 or karen.shanahan@spps.org

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**Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**  
Join Us at the Upcoming Benjamin E. Mays PTA Meeting Tuesday, December 4 from 6:00-7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to meet, discuss ideas, and participate in the education of your child(ren).

Some of the things we will be looking at:
- Mays CAFE. Reviewing our September CAFE and planning for the January event.
- Movie Night. A fun way to enjoy a night out with your kids.
- SCIP (School Continuous Improvement Plan) Implementation at Mays. Parents will get an overview of Mays goals and the strategies for reaching those goals. We will discuss what the implementation of the SCIP looks like and how it is going. **What are we doing at Mays to reach our goals in reading, math, and school climate?** Come to the PTA meeting to find out.

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**Picture Retake Day**  
**Wednesday, November 14**

Order online before Picture Retake Day with your Picture Day ID at mylifetouch.com

**Picture Day ID: MI218030Y1**

A retake picture day is set up for any new students, students who were absent on fall picture day, or for students who are not 100% satisfied with their picture package and want their portrait retaken.

Please bring your original picture package with you to the camera if you wish to have a retake. This ensures the correct order is printed for the retake picture.

Uniforms are required.

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**Basketball Game/Cheerleading**  
Thursday, November 29, games begin at 4:00pm  
**Jackson Elementary** 437 Edmund Ave. W.

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