Newsletter for the globally minded citizen. Transforming Lives Every Day — Together.

A Word from Principal Morris

The month of February is Black History Month. As a black male principal, leading a majority black student population, I’m constantly thinking a lot about my responsibility to our community. In the past, I have talked about the history of our country and the mistakes that have been made. I also talked about how mistakes are learning opportunities. I believe that we must allow our children to make mistakes and help them learn from those mistakes. That is where the most growth happens. We often give, give, and give without allowing our kids to struggle, but the struggle is often needed more than the gift. In addition, the adults need to show vulnerability and allow our kids to see that we are human and make mistakes, too. Let’s teach our kids that it’s okay to make mistakes, and the importance of learning from those mistakes.

As black people, we have had struggles with the educational system. Times are changing and we are attempting to level the playing field so that ALL students can get a great education. Benjamin E. Mays IB World School is a great place to work and go to school. Our students benefit from having a caring staff that has chosen this profession for the right reason - which is to help students become successful. It is my personal goal to knock down the barriers that have prevented many in this community from getting a quality education. My question for everyone reading this is: Can we all work together so that our kids achieve greatness? It really does take a village to raise a child. Let’s work together to make Mays the greatest school possible. Thank you for your partnership!

FUN FACT: Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE: “Keep telling yourself that things are going to work out even when you don’t know how. The positive attitude and optimism will start to change everything that’s happening in your life. Keep having hope and keep believing that things will get better.” ~Unknown

IB Showcase

Grades - K, 1st, 2nd

Thursday, February 21

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 and how to support inquiry at home.

Pizza 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Showcase 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Transportation is available on request. Contact Karen for more information karen.shanahan@spps.org or (651) 325-2492.

President’s Day

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 18

Mays Staff Conference Prep Day

NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 1

“To Build a Learning Community for all Globally Minded Life-Long Learners”
NAAPID
(National African American Parent Involvement Day)

When: Monday, February 11
Where: Benjamin E. Mays IB World School 560 Concordia Avenue

Join us for part, or all of the day, as we celebrate the role of parents in education!

8:30-9:00 Light Breakfast
8:45-10:15 Elder Atum
with performances by the Mays CWC Drummers & Cheerleaders
10:30-3:00 Center for Culture, Family, & Learning (CCFL) Open House
snacks and resources

Classroom visits throughout the day

Save the Date
Family Movie Night
Movie: Trolls
Date: Thursday, February 28
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Place: Benjamin E. Mays IB World School Exhibit Hall

PBIS News
Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports
TEAM JERSEY
Friday, February 8
Due to the cold week with no school, students were not able to find out if they earned their January reward. Students reached their goal of 15,000 PAW tickets and have earned it! We have rescheduled "Wear Your Favorite Team Jersey Day" to Friday, February 8th. Students can wear their favorite team jersey on top, with their uniform pants on the bottom.

For the month of February, students will need to earn 20,000 PAW tickets to receive "Game Hour" in their classroom. Let's continue to encourage our students to be respectful, responsible and safe.

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